

United Way

The Signs Are Everywhere!

Get Ready For #LIVE UNITED Week, Set For Sept. 4-11

All of us at United Way of Greater Yankton are gearing up to kick off the 2016 Community Campaign where we get to share with the community the incredible works of more than 35 local programs. Once again we will be hosting events to raise awareness during #LIVE UNITED Week Sept. 4-11.

The following activities are planned for #LIVE UNITED Week:

9/4 FRIDAY: YANKTON BUCKS FOOTBALL GAME

Look for United Way at the game tonight and win LIVE UNITED shirts and other United Way gear! Thank you to Yankton Public Schools, Ryan Mors, Becky Tasa and Marc Bies for your partnership and support. Go Bucks!

9/7 MONDAY: YEARLY MARQUEE EVENT

Look for the LIVE UNITED logo all around town! Thank you to all the participating businesses with marquees who will be promoting LIVE UNITED.

9/8 TUESDAY: CAMPAIGN KICKOFF, DONOR APPRECIATION & BIG THANKS AWARD EVENT

We invite you to come learn about the impact your generosity makes on our community, meet program directors, board mem-

bers & staff, and help kick-off United Way of Greater Yankton's 2016 Community Campaign! We will also be awarding BIG THANKS awards to a loyal donor, an advocate and a volunteer whom make our community a better place. Please join us at the Avera Professional Office Pavilion at 5 p.m.

9/9 WEDNESDAY: THE BIG THANKS EVENT

This is where volunteers, wearing LIVE UNITED shirts, will be standing outside establishments who are loyal supporters of United Way, holding signs, thanking them for their support. Keep your eyes peeled!

9/10 THURSDAY

A free appreciation car wash at the Boys & Girls Club, 1804 Broadway, 4-6 p.m.

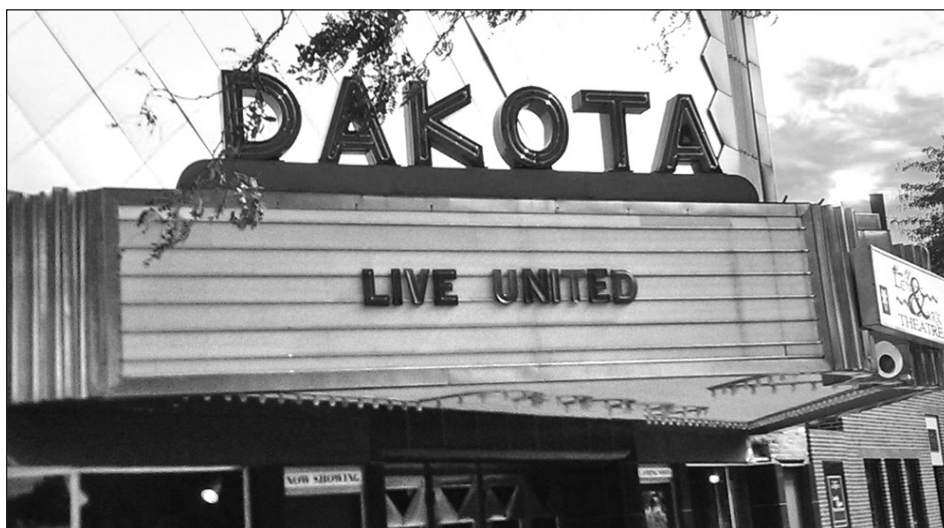
9/11 FRIDAY: #LIVE UNITED DAY

Wear your LIVE UNITED shirt to work today or check us out on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and use the hashtag #LIVEUNITED to win LIVE UNITED gear!

This year's Community Campaign theme, "I can be" asks you to imagine what your gift to United Way of Greater Yankton can become.

Last year, your gifts became ...

- 10,115 hours of mentoring and tutoring



to youth and adults

- 1,510 children receiving a strong foundation of success
 - 198,836 nutritious meals served to children, families and seniors
 - 980 people having access to mental, physical and dental health services
 - 2,709 families receiving emergency assistance and support during a time of crisis
 - 2,904 nights of shelter
 - 66,200 rides to and from a job, medical appointments or before- and after-school activities
 - 685 scholarships for youth to attend after school & summer programming
- Your contribution goes far, but not far away. It stays right here in the Greater Yank-

ton area, improving the lives of our neighbors, friends, relatives and co-workers.

When the United Way of Greater Yankton pledge card comes to your mailbox, please take a few minutes to read it, decide the donation you would like to share, and mail the pledge form and your donation to: United Way & Volunteer Services, 610 W. 23rd Street, Yankton, SD. You can also text the word YANKTON to the number 41444 to donate via credit card or go online to www.yanktonunitedway.org/give for more giving options. Giving has never been easier.

Let your gift be all it can be. Give to United Way of Greater Yankton.

Thank you, Yankton, for continuing to #LIVE UNITED!

MEETINGS

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Toastmaster Fran Kocer welcomed guest Karen Byrkeland, Yankton, to the Club 6217 Aug. 27, 2015, meeting in Pavilion Room 2. Kocer then asked Eileen O'Connor to lead the invocation. O'Connor's prayer was that with God's help and the Club's support of each other, we all can be "all that we are able to be".

Table Topics Master Gale Vogt asked Joyce Stevens about Guards deploying; she mentioned supporters lining Hwy 81 to wave to Charlie Battery when they left. Steve Anderson praised the Americans who stopped the European train terrorist. Guest Byrkeland had a demanding professor, who taught her the "most about life."

Speaker Sandy Spady, Crofton, presented "72 Hours of Faith." Her goal was to use descriptive words instead of jargon to enhance her meaning. Spady's narrative dealt with her arrest by the Serbian Border Patrol when her passport was recorded as stolen. Her use of hand gestures and vocal variety brought the audience into her emotional state at the time. She mentioned the fair treatment of the foreign officers compared to the harsh, demanding treatment of the US Border Patrol.

Spady was evaluated by Kary Beltz, who felt "caught up in the story" and liked Spady's descriptors and vocal variety. Beltz was one part of the meeting's evaluation team with Greg Stach as Master Evaluator. The rest of the team included Chelsi Hames, timing; Jesse Bailey, tracking unneeded fillers; and Muriel Stach, grammarian with "a la" as her word of the day.

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, Club 6217's next meeting is Sept. 10 at noon in Pavilion Room 2 and guests are always welcome.

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On Aug. 31, 2015, there were 17 members in attendance and five guests. This week Rita Wentworth was featured for the "Member Spotlight."

Rita spoke of her upbringing in Viborg and the various jobs she held including teaching, directing 300 volunteers at Avera Sacred Heart and most recently, prior to retiring, she worked at Majestic Bluffs.

Nancy Sternhagen, CPA, was the hostess. She introduced Lauren Hanson, Executive Director of United Way. Lauren shared how United Way had exceeded their \$500,000 goal last year, the many partner agencies and programs United Way supports and how Beadle and Lincoln elementary schools participated in a 10 week after school program for girls called "Girls on the Run" which focuses on healthy lifestyles. She was proud to share that this year all four elementary schools and Sacred Heart will participate and they expect 80 girls. Lauren turned the floor over to Sherri Duke who explained a new eight-week program to introduce coding to fifth graders. The program is being made possible from a grant. Lauren then alerted everyone to the Campaign mailer which is being sent out to all 57078 addresses and introduced Marc Bies. Marc is a counselor at YHS and serves on the United Way Board of Directors and is the 2016 United Way Campaign Chair. He extended an invitation to Interchange to attend the Campaign Kickoff and Donor Appreciation Event on Tuesday, Sept. 8, from -7 p.m. at the Avera Pavilion. The United Way goal this year is \$525,000.

UPCOMING HOSTESSES/PROGRAMS MINERVA'S BANQUET ROOM A, NOON

* Sept. 7: No Meeting due to the Labor Day holiday.

* Sept. 14: Member Spotlight: Lyndall Cornette Hostess: Deb Overseth. Deb will be telling us all about Ruby Ribbon!

* Sept. 21: Member Spotlight: Colleen Craig-Davis Hostess: Linda Stephenson.

* Sept. 28: Member Spotlight: TBA Hostess: Susan Schavee

* Oct. 5: Member Spotlight: TBA Hostess: Michele Tycz

Upcoming Hostesses: Joyce Stevens, Paula Tacke and Gert Thomas

If you are not yet a friend on Facebook, please send a request to become one by searching FB for Interchange. Yankton!

Yankton College Carries The Ward Family Legacy Forward

"Joseph Ward was a Pilgrim of the later day." So starts George Harrison Durand's book Joseph Ward of Dakota, which chronicles the life of Dr. Joseph Ward from Perry Center, New York, including his arrival in Yankton Dakota Territory with his young bride, Sarah Frances Wood, in 1868. Their arrival was the culmination of an "appointment to missionary service" designed to reach the people and preach the Gospel.

The struggles were many and the successes were few but faith and perseverance conquered all obstacles. Joseph Ward established the concept of education in the Territory by building schools; he worked to gain Statehood for the widespread Dakota Territory and he founded and established

Yankton College in 1881. He was named the first President of the College in 1883 and was followed by 14 others, making a total of 15 Yankton College Presidents to date.

Many members of the generations of Wards to follow were students at Yankton College and did well, going on to have careers and raise families. Some were more attention-getting than others. One, in particular, son of Joseph Ward II and Lorene Tucker Ward, came to campus in 1962 bearing the "ill" after his name and looking remarkably like his great-grandfather. He excelled, gathered many awards and friends and graduated Magna Cum Laude, then went on to earn a doctoral degree at Indiana University and devote his

professional life to advising those in the educational sector on matters of protocol and personnel policies.

Joe Ward III became active on the many Boards of Yankton College more than 30 years ago and soon it became obvious that he would one day take the role of President of the College, established in 1881 and active to this day. The certainty grew and the future held a bright promise of another Joseph Ward at the helm of the College.

That future comes to pass on Sept. 19, 2015, when Dr. Joseph Ward III is inaugurated as the 16th President of Yankton College at an informal ceremony in Yankton College Alumni Hall. After 147 years the Legacy comes full circle.

Also being honored that day is William J. Bobzin who,

as a student, came to YC from Centerville in 1961 and became an outstanding athlete and leader. After graduation from YC he earned a Masters in PE at USD, all the time coaching every sport on the YC campus and eventually becoming Athletic Director. No one has ever surpassed the intensity of his spirit and dedication. He went into practice as a realtor and land developer and continued to garner many awards; he has been a member of the Board of Trustees for 16 years and is known as a giving, caring and flag-waving Yankton College supporter. His contributions to the College cannot be fully counted. Bill will receive the Doctor of Humane Letters Degree Honoris Causa at the ceremony on Sept. 19. "Hail, Yankton College!"

Sears Hometown Store Of Yankton Named 2015 National Premier Store

The Sears Hometown Store of Yankton has been named a 2015 "Sears Hometown Premier Store" for consistently offering the highest level of customer service, as well as outstanding store performance and quality standards.

Located in the Fox Run Village at 29th & Broadway, the Yankton store was one of only 278 locations throughout the company's nearly 900-unit system to receive this national recognition this past quarter.

"We strive to serve our community with the highest-level of customer service, so this recognition speaks volumes to the hard work and dedication of each and every one of our employees," said Toby Woehl, owner and operator of the Sears Hometown Store in Yankton. "To be honored as a Premier Store is a direct reflection of their tenacity as well as the support of our community. We couldn't have

earned this achievement without either and want to thank our customers for their continued patronage."

Approximately 25 percent of Sears Hometown Stores receive this prestigious award. As part of this honor, each Premier Store will be given the opportunity to participate in special events along with other Premier Stores throughout the year.

"Toby and his employees set a prime example for all other stores in our system to follow," said Will Powell, CEO and President of Sears Hometown and Outlet Stores, Inc. (NASDAQ: SHOS), which operates Sears Hometown Stores. "Naming the Sears Hometown Store of Yankton as a Premier Store is a testament to their strong commitment in serving their local community above and beyond what is typically expected."

Sears Hometown Stores are a unique

retailing concept; they combine the value, selection and services associated with larger retail stores but are owned and operated by a member of the local community. Each location provides exceptional customer service along with a wide assortment of appliances, tools, electronics, fitness equipment as well as lawn and garden merchandise.

In addition, Sears Hometown Store associates can order customers any product from the entire merchandise selection offered by Sears Holdings Corporation, including apparel, footwear, jewelry and much more. This unique format allows customers in small communities to have access to the great products and brands usually found only in Sears stores.

To learn more about Sears Hometown Stores, visit www.searshometownstores.com.

Loecker Awarded Child Care Credential

Karen K. Loecker of Crofton, Nebraska, has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children.

The Council for Professional Recognition in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The Council for Professional Recognition (www.cdacouncil.org) in Washington DC awards credentials to early childhood

educators who demonstrate the ability to constructively work with young children in group settings.

"It takes special knowledge, skills and expertise to be an effective teacher of young children," says Valora Washington, CEO of the Council. "It's a great honor to earn a CDA and it shows a commitment to quality early childhood education."

The CDA is a nation-

ally recognized credential for excellence in early childhood education. Each CDA candidate is observed working with young children and is assessed on his/her ability to develop the physical, emotional and intellectual capabilities of young children.

The CDA community nationwide is having a positive effect on the quality of early childhood education by helping preschools, day

care centers and family child care programs hire qualified and competent professionals who ensure for our nation's youngest.

Child care staff and parents wanting more information on CDA should visit www.cdacouncil.org

Karen is owner/director of Karen 4 Kids downtown Yankton.