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Yankton Co. Unveils New Logo, Identity



The new Yankton County logo, which will be deployed in letterheads, signage, name tags and, perhaps eventually, county vehicles.

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Yankton County finally has an identifiable symbol. Slowly, a new county seal has been making its way onto everything from letterhead to the halls of the Yankton County Government Center.

Brian Hunhoff, Yankton County Register of Deeds, told the *Press & Dakotan* the process began early this year when he was asked whether the county has an identifying seal at all.

“(County) Commissioner Debra Bodenstedt was the impetus for the seal project,” Hunhoff said. “She asked me in January if we have a county seal. My research indicated we did not. Some individual offices were using elements like eagles or the Meridian Bridge, but we had no seal or logo that represented Yankton County government as a whole.”

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ALISSA WOOCKMAN/P&D
One of the new teaching additions to the Yankton School District, Abigail Benson, leads her first grade students in an art lesson at Lincoln Elementary. Although new to YSD, Benson is not new to teaching, having taught kindergarten and second grade in both Omaha and Nebraska City.

YSD Sees Dwindling Number Of Job Applicants

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The Yankton School District’s (YSD) search to fill teaching positions for the new year saw fewer applicants than year’s past. With 14 staff openings to fill, the district experienced a significantly lower number of applications for the incoming fall.

“Approximately 12-15 years ago, we would get 150 applicants for one elementary opening, 15-25 for most other teaching openings and, in some areas like PE and Social Studies, we would get 25-50 applicants,” said YSD Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle.



Kindle

“The applicant pool has shrunk considerably in almost all areas.” This year, YSD administrators only received about 35 to 40 applications for all six of the elementary positions open within the district.

“We have seen a great deal of turnover the past five years, due largely to the retirement of staff,” Kindle said. “These retired staff in the Yankton School System have accounted for hundreds of years in the profession.”

YSD also recently reinstated the art

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Scrubbing Action



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Brian Frick of the Yankton Parks Department uses a power sprayer to blast away the algae off the Dakota Spirit fountain located at Fourth and Broadway in Yankton Friday. Frick said the scrubbing is needed about every three weeks during the summer months. While chemicals are put in the water to retard algae growth, the water that blows off the top due to winds tends to see the chemical’s effectiveness reduced. Fellow Parks employee Becky Eskens also took part in the Friday clean-up.

Longtime Friends Team Up To Produce New Book

BY RANDY TRAMP
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Two longtime friends have pooled their talents to produce a new book.

Yankton author Marilyn Kratz and Beverly Behrens, water color artist, have achieved success in their fields. Now, they have collaborated on a new book, “Quilts and Country Gardens — Remembering a Simpler Time.”

A book talk and book signing will be held Sept. 13 at the Yankton Community Library, starting at 2 p.m.

Kratz and Behrens met at Southern State Teacher’s College in Springfield in 1956. Kratz went on to be an elementary teacher for 31

years, while Behrens became a successful artist in Chicago, where she lives.

“Quilts” is Kratz’s sixth book and contains full-color illustrations by Behrens.

“It felt good to be sharing a project with her,” Kratz said. “We had talked about doing a book together over the years, but we don’t get together often because of the distance.”

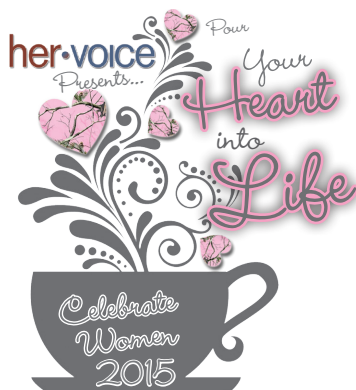
The book contains stories about growing up rural in the middle of the 1900s. The stories touch on farm animals, rural school memories and holiday traditions. The last three stories are related to Christmas; one of them tells of



COURTESY PHOTOS

Yankton author Marilyn Kratz, left, has teamed up with longtime friend and water-color artist Beverly Behrens of Chicago for the new book *Quilts and Country Gardens — Remembering a Simpler Time*. The two women met back in the 1950s while both were students at Southern State Teacher’s College in Springfield.

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