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Program on March 18, 2016. 'Teen Maze 2016'



Laura Bell, Eastern Story County center coordinator for Youth & Shelter Services, asks for a volunteer to wear an orange vest during her presentation. The vests are worn by area students participating in the Teen Maze law enforcement exhibit to identify them as “inmates” who have been “arrested” at a make-believe party. Gary Wade volunteered to wear the vest, while Bill Boon offered to become a young father in charge of the life-like baby doll Bell later took from her blue tub of props.

Photo by Lauris Olson

Seventh-grade students from area high schools will get to compete for “Employee of the Month” perks during an employment simulation at Teen Maze 2016.

Youth & Shelter Services staff member Laura Bell and Jennifer Schmidt provided the club with a preview of the activities at year’s role-playing, life-imitating workshops. Students from every middle school in Story and Boone counties with the exception of the Gilbert school district spend a half-day moving among over 20 exhibits.

The opportunities to earn top employee designations will occur in the job interview exhibit. Students will apply for jobs by answering a few interview questions. Depending on their answers, they will either be “hired” or “not hired.” Students who score above the minimum needed to be hired will receive a button saying “Employee of the Month.” The button allows them to sit on a chair in a few of the exhibit areas while the rest of their group must continue to stand.

Changes are also being made to the body image exhibit. This year, the students will stand before mirrors and, while looking at their bodies, make positive statements about their bodies.

The party and tobacco rooms will be staged again this year, complete with, *(cont. page*

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respectively, real attorneys and smoke damaged lungs. The suicide prevention room is also making a return, headed by YSS employee (and our own club secretary) Geri Derner.

Teen Maze will be held April 4 to 8 at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Boone. It takes about 260 volunteer shifts to stage Teen Maze. There were about 100 shifts left to fill as of Bell and Schmidt's presentation on the 18th. Volunteers may register at

Below: Youth & Shelter Services employees Jennifer Schmidt (middle left) and Laura Bell (middle right) accept a \$1,000 grant from Ames Noon Kiwanis Club members Nancy Kaltenheuser (left) and Ronnie Lindeman (right) to help cover costs of the 2016 Teen Maze program. *Photo by Lauris Olson.*



Guests

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Heather Clark was a guest of Geri Derner.

Program for March 25. 'Good Friday Social Time'

March 25 is Good Friday, a significant Christian religious day that is observed by many of the Ames area churches at noon, the same time as our club meeting. Traditionally, we do not schedule a speaker on this day, making time instead for friendly chatter and lighthearted games. This year, we answer questions focused on famous bunny rabbits.

Location change for the April 1 meeting.

The tour of the Brunner Art Museum scheduled as our April 1 meeting has been postponed. We will be meeting at noon at the Ames Golf & Country Club instead. (This is NOT an April Fool's Day joke.)

'Courtside at the NCAA men's tourney in DSM.'



Who is that dude in the middle of the screen listening to a conversation between the scorer keeper and a referee? It's our own Ames Noon Kiwanis member Gary Wade. Gary is a long-time sports audio-video journalist, retired Drake University journalism professor and the announcer for all Cyclone men's basketball games at Hilton Coliseum. *Photo by friend of Gary Wade.*

Gary Wade set a personal career record last week during the first and second rounds of the 2016 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship games held in Des Moines. The man who has been calling Cyclone men's basketball games for the crowds at Hilton for decades at a usual one-per-day rate called four games in a row at Well Fargo Arena Wednesday, March 16.

Gary has been a member of the Ames Noon Club for decades, serving at various times as the secretary and the historian, as well as holding

positions on the district and above level. He also is celebrating his 50th year as a sports broadcaster.

Gary gave our club a quick overview of his tournament duties at Friday's meeting. He said that despite preliminary rounds being held in several locations around the United States, the games in in Des Moines held national interest since four of the "blue chip" teams were from schools with long traditions of producing NCAA tournament winners. One of those teams – Indiana – played in a game that had 75 fouls, eating up much of Gary's break time that day.

"I only had an hour break scheduled before announcing the next game," Gary told us. "The fouls kept coming and it ended up my one-hour break went down to eight minutes."

In all, he announced games from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday.

Thursday brought another first for Gary as he announced practices for the teams headed into the weekend's second round matches.

Gary backed up his verbal report with an array of team background reports and scoring sheets he used during the conference to keep the crowds at Wells Fargo Arena updated during the games. Announcing was far from an easy task, he explained, since there was plenty of activity surrounding him as he tried to keep his eyes on the court action.

"I had seven people feeding me information including scorekeepers on both sides talking over me."

Interclubs

This Kiwanis year, we hope to repeat our accomplishment of attending all clubs in Division 11.

Carl Anderson, Nancy Kaltenheuser, Ed Gillott, Paul Domoto, Jerry Chase and Bill Bossenberger attended the March 15 Cyclone Country Club AKtion Club meeting.

Announcements

Town & Country Kiwanis Club 50th anniversary

The Town & Country club will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their charter during their regular meeting time of 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 2. Our club would like to make sure we have at least one interclub there to help them celebrate, so please mark your calendar. More details should be provided Friday.

Cyclone Club AKtion Club Food Drive

The AKtion Club will hold a food drive for the MICA (Mid-Iowa Community Action) food bank from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at the Lincoln Center HyVee. Advisors are needed to work with the club members. Shifts are:

- 9:30 to 10 a.m. (set up),
- 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.,
- 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and
- 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. (includes loading the truck.)

Two people are also needed about 3:15 p.m. to drive the delivery truck.

Sign-up at Friday's meeting or contact Ed Gillott at edg813@gmail.com.

Knicks for Kids

We are postponing our collection. The next collection for redeemable bottles and cans will be before and after our April 1 meeting.