The Yankton Domestic Violence Shelter was selected as the recipient of a $287 donation from the Yankton Community Work Center inmate fund raising events on 11/10/15. There were two events this fall where the inmates could purchase meals from an arranged outside source: Aviand's provided a burger night and Godfather's provided a pizza night. The inmates also donated a dollar for each meal purchased which then was donated to the Domestic Violence Shelter.

Present to receive the check were Yankton Police Detective O'Farrell, Executive Director Warren-Johnson, Coyle and MDSP Associate Warden Susan Jacobs.

MDSP staff members delivered more than 400 bicycles to the Law Enforcement Appreciation Game Feed in Sioux Falls November 4.

The bikes from the Pedal Power program at MDSP are made available to law enforcement agencies to be taken back to communities across the state and given out to children in need.
Inmates from the Yankton Community Work Center delivered pumpkins to third grade classes in Yankton October 13.

The pumpkins are grown in the YCWC garden on the grounds of the Human Services Center.

Produce grown in the garden is distributed to several organizations in Yankton and the surrounding area.

Inmates from the Rapid City Community Work Center are assisting in cleaning up the SDSU Cottonwood Range and Livestock Field Station near Philip. Inmates are falling dead trees and cleaning debris from a shelterbelt.

New trees will be planted in that area once the shelterbelt is cleared.
SDSP Major Steve Baker is pictured presenting a check for $225 to Tracy Vik from Project Warm Up. The money was raised earlier this year at a Senior Staff training session in Sioux Falls. Project Warm Up makes and collects blankets for children in need in the Sioux Falls area.

SDSP Warden Darin Young and Associate Warden Troy Ponto present a check to Kerri DeGraff, Feeding SD Development Director, in the amount of $3,285.50. The money was raised from inmates purchasing pizza with their commissary funds, with proceeds going to benefit the charity.
SDWP Inmates and staff assisted with the Missouri River cleanup in Pierre July 8.

A total of 2.38 tons of trash and debris were pulled from the river and the shoreline in less than 3 hours.
Yankton Minimum Unit inmates helped unload more than two tons of debris from the Missouri River on May 2.

More than 120 volunteers took part in the annual clean-up.

Inmates also assisted with setting up and taking down educational booths that were erected for the Watershed School Festival event on May 1. More than 400 students attended the Festival.

Rapid City Minimum Unit inmates and staff completed clean-up of a section of Highway 44 over the course of a week in April. The crew of six inmates walked roughly six miles of highway picking up large items that were discarded along the road.

A total of 48 50-gallon bags were filled along the southeast side of Rapid City.
SDWP Unit Coordinator Scott Mees presents a check to Tanya Krietlow from the American Cancer Society (Relay for Life).

The money was raised during pizza fundraiser where the inmates were allowed to order 1 to 2 pizzas with $2 per pizza went to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

A $520 check was presented Mrs. Krietlow.

SDSP Warden Darin Young and Associate Warden Troy Ponto recently presented a check for $3,684.50 to Amy Carter, Director of the Children’s Inn.

The money was raised as part of an inmate pizza fundraiser, in which inmates can order food from their commissary funds with the proceeds going to charity.

Children’s Inn provides free services for women, children and men who are victims of family violence, elder abuse, child abuse, neglect or sexual assault.