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Our statewide GFWCW Conference is quickly approaching. Please find it in your heart to contribute some time to making this an awesome event. Help us prepare for our guests and please attend all or part of the conference. It should be fun. Set aside Saturday evening, April 27, to attend our banquet and installation of Karen Bard as GFWCW President. Let's celebrate her success. There is also an after party to continue the celebration.

"Behold, my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love." Sitting Bull

1st Vice President

Lynda Hidalgo

**EVER WONDER WHAT KIND OF CRIME IS
PREVALENT IN LARAMIE?**

The guest speaker for our April meeting will be LARAMIE POLICE CHIEF BRIAN BROWNE. He will talk about his plans for the police department and update our group on what crime(s) are trending in Laramie.

NOTE: for you newcomers, a few years ago we made 47 children's backpacks — one for

each police car — filled with crayons, color books, and storybooks for children caught up in whatever crisis the police might have where children were involved.

Interfaith/Student Support Team/

Tabs/April Earth Month

Annie Nelson

Interfaith: Wow! We collected 46 pounds of food last month! THANK-YOU! If you have a little extra in your budget, here is what Interfaith identified as needs in their recent newsletter: spaghetti sauce, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned chili, canned fruit. Remember, the first Thursday of the month is Senior Day at Ridley's... you can get an additional 10% off your cart. Make someone else's day by donating a little!

Student Support Team: We're still in winter but spring is coming! Please consider: hats, gloves, gently used outerwear, travel deodorant for both males and females, regular size shampoo, conditioner any kind. Bring it to a meeting, we'll get it to Lisa Theis for the kids.

Tabs: Keep collecting those soda, soup or can tops and many thanks!



- The month of April has Earth Day on April 22, 2024. Three ways to help out right here in Laramie!

1. Consider switching to floss in a tiny cardboard box rather than all those useless plastic containers! Available at Big Hollow Food Coop on Second Street.

2. Buy "If You Care" paper and cleaning products available at Ridleys and Big Hollow Coop.

3. Save your bread bags, just shake out the crumbs and donate them to your closest public park for the dog walkers. They ALWAYS need a steady supply of bags and it costs you nothing but a little time. Some members just put the bread bag in their cupboard and add other bags till it's full then donate!

Honoring Florence Duffek

Florence Duffek, long-time member (23 years) of LWC, moved at the end of March to Phoenix, AZ to be closer to family. Ina Buckner (pictured), Polly Wade and Annie Nelson were able to visit her before she left and gave her a photo showcasing some of Florence's involvement in LWC. Do several of you ladies remember wearing purple to an October meeting to show support for Premature Birth babies? We wish Florence the best as she starts a new chapter in her life.



GFWCW ESO Chair

Deb McCann



GFWCW ESO Greetings

To GFWC Clubs Across Wyoming

Please note that we will be having a "statewide" book exchange at the GFWCW Annual Meeting in Laramie on April 25-27, 2024. Please consider bringing a book for the exchange. All attendees may participate in the exchange if they bring a book. Imagine all of the books to choose from! We will also be collecting children's books for a GFWCW ESO donation to a school or organization in Laramie.

The Laramie Woman's Club will select the donee. Please consider donating a children's book. If you aren't attending the convention but would like to donate a book, please ask a member who is attending to stuff it in her book bag and bring it! It is appreciated!

RAFFLE: Remember to bring your \$1 bills to purchase raffle tickets for a cute, fun, and useful item! Further details to follow in the April Newsblast. If you have any questions, contact me by email at debmccann841@gmail.com or call at 307-631-0352. See you in Laramie!

Happy Reading

Deb McCann GFWCW ESO Chair