

GIFT OF MEALS



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First United Methodist Church, Missions Committee, Yankton, donated \$500 to The Center for its March for Meals Campaign. Pictured: Todd Strom, Chairman; Director, Tammy Matuska and Jan Lyso, member.

LUCKY LEPRECHAUNS



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The Royal Neighbors of America Camp #572 presented a check to the VFW and Auxiliary Leprechauns at the performance they put on at the Avera Yankton Nursing Home on March 17, 2011. All proceeds go to the Special Olympics.

HITTING A HOME RUN



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"Area Farmer Receives Check from America's Farmers Grow Communities Program" Dean Vaith, Menno, was selected as the winner in the Monsanto Fund's America's Farmers Grow Communities program from Yankton County. Under this program, eligible farmers in more than 1,200 counties across 38 states, including South Dakota, could enter to win a \$2,500 donation for a local nonprofit community group of their choice. The purpose of this program is to recognize the vital role that America's farmers play and to help them grow their communities by supporting a local organization that is important to them. Dean chose the Lesterville Baseball Association to receive the \$2,500 award. Pictured left to right: Dean Vaith, Winner; Lesterville Baseball Association Board Members Roxanne Ellinger, Mike Pavel, Myron Fischer, Mary Kulish, Richard Hauck, Craig Hlavac; Curt Ulmer, Great Lakes Hybrids/Monsanto Representative.

SUPPORTING EDUCATION



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Mount Marty College recently received a donation from Wells Fargo Bank of Yankton. President Larry Young, presented a check to MMC Vice President for Institutional Advancement Dr. Derek Wesley. Wells Fargo Bank supports many of the programs at Mount Marty College on an annual basis.

MEETING MINUTES

SHANNON TRAIL

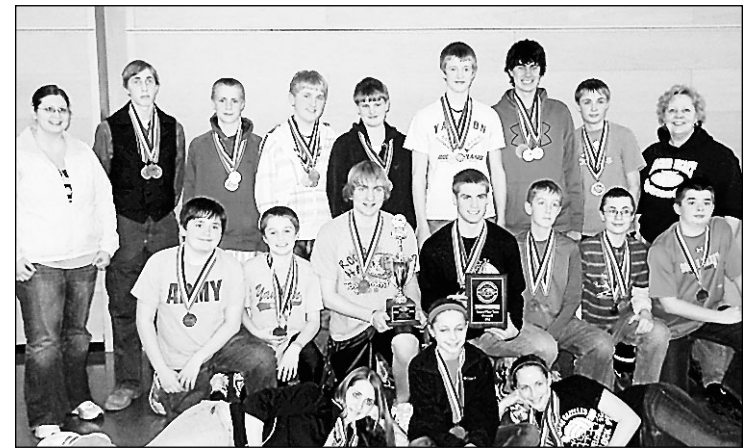
The Shannon Trail Promoters met at Center's Cattails Eatery on Tues. March 1, 2011. In attendance were Gil and Laurie Larsen, Herb & Susan Bengston, Sally Gubbels and Shirley Kehne. Bills paid have been for ads in Nebraska Life, \$450 and Northeast NE travel guide, \$375 and the Hartington Monopoly board, \$200. Also those for the Dancing for Tourism insurance, ticket and poster printing, 3000 brochures printing at 1/2 actual cost by Affiliated Foods, \$650. T-shirts have been purchased, \$788 and youth sizes ordered for those taking part in demonstration dancing. These were funded by a donation from the Dental Wellness Center of Norfolk. The Meet & Greet for Dancing for Tourism in Yankton on Feb. 26 went well. March 5 the same is being held in Norfolk at Divots. Sponsorships of \$200 have been received from Verdigre, Bloomfield and Crofton and a vote for the same has passed in Hartington and Wausa. St. Helena gave \$75 and Winnetoon has promised \$50. Ten dollar donations from businesses supporting our tourism efforts are being collected. All communities are asked to check their geocaches. Marlin Braun will set up more on request. If supplies are needed for your ammo box the group will help out. The Hwy 81 sign will go up just north of the Pleasant Valley Corner as soon as the ground thaws. All

necessary paper work is complete. The Shannon group are paying \$600 of the replacement costs on Lindy's Shannon Carving. Photos of the original have been sent to Randy Erb the Royal carver. Annually the group offers part payment of replacement to the communities needing such. Herb and Susan attended the Nov. meeting of Friends of Lewis and Clark at Ft. Atkinson near Ft. Calhoun. The speaker was on Grant Writing. The Mid Mo group hadn't a meeting place for Aug. 26. The Bengston's made arrangements with the St. James Market Place as co-hosts with the Shannon Trail. The State of NE and the Northeast NE Travel guides were distributed at the Jan. meeting of the Northeast Travel Council. Shirley reported that the annual meeting is to be traveling on the Fremont Dinner Train. This will be in April. A notice will be sent out when we learn of the date and directions. Just a portion of the requested amount was received from the 2010 Cedar Co. lodging tax. Paper work will now be done for the 2011, some in Knox Co. A letter of support has been written for a grant for a visitors center-museum wine tasting room at the Nisson Winery, Inc. near Hartington. Their wines are labeled for several outlaws that once hid out in the area. Laurie has suggested naming one for Pvt. Shannon (not that he was an outlaw). Local Historian, Charles Mulhair, of Niobrara was

Middle School Science Olympiad Teams Tops At State



Yankton Middle School's Science Olympiad Team (Division B) repeated as State Champions (27th time) with 53 points at the 27th Annual South Dakota Science Olympiad Tournament, held Saturday, April 2. There were eight teams that competed in the "B" division. The advisors for the Yankton Middle School Team are Tom Merrill, Brooks Schild and Cheryl Schaeffer, along with the expertise of a number of members of our community. Team members and their results from state are: Layne Droppers: Solar System 1st, Towers 1st, Battery Buggy 2nd Amber Livingston: Compute This 2nd, Microbe Mission 2nd, Dynamic Planet 3rd, Experimental Design 3rd. Alyssa Schild: Meteorology 2nd, Experimental Design 3rd, Optics 3rd, Road Scholar 5th. Garrett Adam: Microbe Mission 2nd, Dynamic Planet 3rd, Optics 3rd. Alexa Bryan: Crime Busters 1st, Ornithology 1st, Write It Do It 3rd. Kim Cap: Fossils 1st, Bottle Rockets 1st, Anatomy 3rd. Kess Houck: Solar System 1st, Experimental Design 3rd, Disease Detectives 4th. Story Leshner: Compute This 2nd, Shock Value 3rd, Write It Do It 3rd. Broc Mauch: Ornithology 1st, Awesome Aquifers 2nd, Meteorology 2nd Jade Nelson: Fossils 1st, Anatomy 3rd, Disease Detectives 4th. Callie Pospishil: Bottle Rockets 1st, Can't Judge a Powder 1st, Road Scholar 5th. Erica Westerman: Can't Judge a Powder 1st, Crime Busters 1st, Awesome Aquifers 2nd. Grant Cammock: Ecology 1st, Storm the Castle 1st, Junkyard Challenge 7th. Joseph Kelly: Ecology 1st, Storm The Castle 1st, Battery Buggy 2nd. Sam Gusso: Towers 1st, Shock Value 3rd, Junkyard Challenge 7th. Alternates: Michael Haas, Heather Hauer and Alexis Sejnoha. These students help team members study and prepare for events. They attend all practices and competitions.



The Sacred Heart Middle School Science Olympiad Team recently placed second at the South Dakota State Competition Saturday, April 2, on the University of South Dakota Campus. The team placed first in six events, second in eight and third in five events, with students bringing home a total of 39 gold, silver and bronze medals for the day. Team results were as follows: Gold Medalists: Anatomy—Alex Dangler and David Barnes; Awesome Aquifers—Kristen Rezac and Nate Stephenson; Battery Buggy—Madison Dangler and Kristen Rezac; Junkyard Challenge—Alex Dangler and Matt Fitzgerald; Write It Do It—Charlotte Ekeren and Ben Cameron; Shock Value—Matt Fitzgerald and Jon Barkl. Silver Medalists: Bottle Rocket—Tyler Wenande and Sam Bisgard; Crime Busters—Isaac Althoff and Lucas Rockne; Disease Detective—Lucas Rockne and Cody Praksalis; Dynamic Planet—David Barnes and Charlie Stephenson; Experimental Design—Charlotte Ekeren, Ben Cameron and Madison Dangler; Optics—Isaac Althoff and Lucas Rockne; Ornithology—Lucas Rockne and Jon Barkl; Solar System—Matt Fitzgerald and Sam Bisgard. Bronze Medalists: Ecology—Cody Praksalis and Nate Stephenson; Meteorology—Isaac Althoff and Lucas Rockne; Road Scholar—Alex Dangler and David Barnes; Storm The Castle—Jon Barkl and Charlie Stephenson; Towers—Charlotte Ekeren and Ben Cameron. Team alternates were Hunter Cameron, Jordan Payer, Rachel Rucker, and Shannon McDonald. The Sacred Heart Team is coached by Marcia Olnes and Rebecca Peterson and parents of the team with special assistance from Dr. Marie Steckelberg, Rick Althoff, Kevin Iverson, Wade Dangler, Glenn Ekeren, Jeff Barkl, Lorie Stephenson and Barb Rezac.

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For the second year, kids at Lincoln School in grades 3-5 and 4-5th grade students at Webster School will be participating in the First Tee National School program. The National School Program is a golf curriculum based on national physical education standards, and utilizes equipment, at no cost to the district, that is designed to be developmentally appropriate, safe and fun for children and beginners. It is important for children to learn activities that provide lifetime benefits. Pictured: Amanda Haas Lincoln Fifth Grade.

HOMETOWN BRIEFS

S.H. STUDENT NAMED AMBASSADOR

Brianna of Sacred Heart School has been selected as a student ambassador for the People to People Program. This program was started by President Eisenhower to promote world peace, and his granddaughter continues his legacy today. Brianna was nominated by a teacher, completed an interview, and was then selected to be part of the delegation. She will be traveling to the countries of Italy, Sweden, Austria and France to learn about their cultures, way of life, and to promote peace. To help incur travel expenses, several businesses have made donations and several fundraisers have been held. Her next fundraiser will be a rummage sale to be held in April.



Brianna

PIANO RECITAL/BANDMASTERS HELD

Piano students of Sheila Peterson held a recital on March 13 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton. Performing solos were Thomas Hill, Reid and Walker Hunhoff, Noel Kusek, Cadynce McCloud, Taylor Rothenberger and Patrick Weinandt. Duets were performed by Walker Hunhoff and Sheila Peterson, Cadynce McCloud with Megan McCloud and also Peterson, and Taylor Rothenberger and Peterson. On March 19 three students participated in the South Dakota Bandmasters Association piano festival held in Yankton. Earning superior ratings were Reid and Walker Hunhoff and Patrick Weinandt.

LINCOLN ELEM. GIVES TO MEALS ON WHEELS

The Lincoln Elementary Student Council presented Tammy Matuska with Happy Spring cards for The Center, along with a \$75 check to be used for the Meals on Wheels program.

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