

# Keep Yankton Beautiful Receives Recycling Grant

Keep Yankton Beautiful has received a grant for its recycling efforts from the Coca-Cola Company.

Recycling programs in 70 towns and cities throughout the country received a significant boost to their local recycling efforts when Keep America Beautiful (KAB) and The Coca-Cola Company announced the recipients of the spring 2011 Recycling Bin Grant program. Chosen from over nearly 800 applications submitted, the 70 grant recipients represent a cross-section of community groups, local governments, colleges and nonprofit organizations across the country. Grant recipients receive recycling bins from a pre-set list of options.

Grants were awarded for a diverse range of settings from 31 states, including nine colleges and universities, 25 municipalities and other local gov-

ernment entities, 10 K-12 schools, 26 nonprofit organizations, and additional community groups and Native American tribes. Recipients were chosen by KAB based on a number of criteria, including where bins are likely to have the most impact on recovering beverage containers from the waste stream, ability of recipients to sustain their program in the future, and intention to support collection programs with recycling education and promotion. The Bin Grant is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company and is designed to promote and support community recycling in the U.S.

Keep Yankton Beautiful will lend the recycle bins out to organizations, events and youth and civic groups to support and encourage interest in

resource preservation and eco-responsibility; as well as encourage interest and use in City of Yankton recycling program. Recycle bins can also be used to collect bottles and cans for fundraising opportunities.

"These bins will help us keep thousands of plastic bottles and aluminum cans out of the landfill, extending the life of the landfill and also extending the life of valuable energy resources for our children and their future by recycling them," said Keep Yankton Beautiful Director, Julie Perakslis.

"The entire recycling process begins when a consumer chooses to put their empty beverage container in a recycle bin instead of the trash," said John Burgess, president of Coca-Cola

Recycling LLC. "Through our work with Keep America Beautiful to provide bins to community-based organizations, we can help raise recycling rates by making recycling more accessible to more consumers."

The Bin Grant Program provides recycling bins directly to recipients and leverages the purchasing power and recycling expertise of KAB. Since its inception in the fall of 2007, the Bin Grant program has placed nearly 20,000 recycling bins in 380 communities in 48 states and the District of Columbia. Further information about the grant program and a full list of Spring 2011 Bin Grant recipients is available at <http://bingrant.org/>.

## REGION DIGEST

### Crohn's, Colitis Group Meeting Tonight

There will be a Crohn's and Colitis support group meeting at 6:45 p.m. tonight (Tuesday) at the Avera Sacred Heart Campus Pavilion 409 Summit, Yankton.

This meeting is for patients with Crohn's or Colitis and their family and friends.

For information, call Kathy Ryken at 665-8667.

### Yankton Public Schools Off April 21-25

Yankton Public Schools will not be in session from Thursday, April 21, through Monday, April 25.

April 21 is a parent-teacher conference compensation day, and April 22 and 25 are Easter Vacation days.

School will resume on Tuesday, April 26.

### RBD Board Seeking Clean-Up Crews

The Riverboat Days Board of Directors is looking for a group to run the clean-up crew over Riverboat Days weekend in August. The crews will be paid. Any local group interested should contact the Riverboat Days office at [office@riverboatdays.com](mailto:office@riverboatdays.com) or at 665-1657.

### River Institute Research Symposium At USD

VERMILLION — The science and future of the Missouri River will be explored during the 2011 Missouri River Institute Research Symposium at The University of South Dakota on Thursday, April 21.

Beginning at 9 a.m., posters and presentations documenting Missouri River research will be featured at the Al Neuharth Media Center. Individuals interested in Missouri River issues are encouraged to join researchers from the university and other academic institutions, as well as federal, state and local organizations for discussion of the science, history and policy of the Missouri River. Organizations contributing to the symposium include the National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Missouri River Futures and The Nature Conservancy.

Faculty and students from USD, South Dakota State University and Virginia Tech University will present their research through lectures beginning at 9 a.m. All presentations are free and open to the public.

For more information and a complete schedule of events, visit [www.usd.edu/mri](http://www.usd.edu/mri) or contact Tim Cowman at (605) 677-6151 or via e-mail at [Tim.Cowman@usd.edu](mailto:Tim.Cowman@usd.edu).

### Local 'Dining For Disaster' Benefit April 28

Dining for Disaster is a one-day fundraising event for the Yankton County American Red Cross. It will be held Thursday, April 28.

Several restaurants in the Yankton area have agreed to donate a portion of their sales for a day to the Yankton Red Cross for disaster relief.

The Red Cross provides shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to victims of disaster. All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people.

The event coincides with Severe Weather Awareness Week (April 26-30). All you have to do is buy yourself a delicious meal and the restaurant will do the rest.

The following is a partial list of participating restaurants: Arby's, Burger King, Casey's, Charlie's Pizza House, Godfather's Pizza, Hy-Vee Kitchen, Magilly's Broadway Eatery, McDonald's, Minerva's Grill & Bar, MoJo's, Murdo's Aten Resort, O'Malley's, Pizza Ranch, Quizno's, Starbucks, 7 Beer & Wine Bar and Yesterday's Café.

### GFP, DOH Working To Get Kids Outside

PIERRE — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks and the Department of Health teamed up in an effort to increase the amount of time pre-school age children spend outdoors. The two departments recently awarded nature backpacks, filled with items to encourage outdoor activities, to childcare providers and pre-schools across the state. Based on class sizes provided by applicants, the backpacks will reach more than 7,500 children.

"The nature backpack program is a perfect opportunity for the GFP and the Department of Health to partner with caregivers in getting kids outside," said GFP Secretary Jeff Vonk. "Keeping kids physically active and connecting them with nature is very important, both for the children as individuals and for our society as a whole."

Studies show children who play outside are healthier, have higher self-esteem, are good problem-solvers, have good self-discipline and do better in school. This is the second installment of the grant program.

In 2010, the Game, Fish and Parks reached 4,780 children by awarding backpacks to 180 childcare providers across the state. Follow-up surveys showed that childcare providers were going outside more often and spending longer periods of time outside each time.

Vonk said that the grant provided for 300 backpacks, and a few currently remain unassigned. These will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified applicants. Applications are available at [www.gfp.sdgov](http://www.gfp.sdgov).

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## SDHSAA

# Area Schools, Teams Win Academic Honors

PIERRE — The 2010-11 school year marks the 50th year in which the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) has sponsored the "SDHSAA Academic Achievement Team Award" program to recognize athletic teams and fine arts groups for their academic excellence.

The Academic Achievement Team Award reaffirms the reality that high school students learn lessons and lifetime skills not only inside the classroom but also through participation in school athletic and fine arts activities programs outside the classroom. The SDHSAA "Academic Achievement Team Awards" program has been designed to assist in creating a positive educational environment for school athletic and fine arts "teams" and to also encourage the members of those teams to excel in the classroom. This award recognition program provides all athletic and fine arts participants with the opportunity to prove that they can be successful not only through athletic and fine arts activity participation but in the academic arena as well.

Any high school varsity athletic team or fine arts group in a SDHSAA sponsored activity is eligible to receive the "SDHSAA Academic Achievement Team Award" provided the team or group achieves a combined grade point average of 3.00 or higher.

With the completion of all the SDHSAA 2010-11 winter athletic and fine arts activities, the SDHSAA announces that the following area schools and their teams have received the "Academic Achievement Team Awards":

- **ANDES CENTRAL** — Wrestling Team, Girls' Basketball Team, Boys' Basketball Cheerleaders, Boys' Basketball Team
- **ELK POINT-JEFFERSON** — Vocal Solo-Ensemble Group, Wrestling Cheerleaders
- **FREEMAN ACADEMY** — All-State Band, Girls' Basketball Team, Boys' Basketball Team
- **HURLEY** — Boys' Basketball Cheerleaders, Girls' Basketball Team
- **MARION** — Boys' Basketball Team, Wrestling Cheerleaders, Boys' Basketball Cheerleaders, Girls' Basketball Team

- **MENNO** — One-Act Play Cast & Crew, Boys' Basketball Team, Girls' Basketball Team, Boys' Basketball Cheerleaders, Vocal Solo-Ensemble Group, Band Solo-Ensemble Group

- **PARKER** — Wrestling Cheerleaders, Vocal Solo-Ensemble Group, Band Solo-Ensemble Group, Boys' Basketball Team, One-Act Play Cast & Crew, Girls' Basketball Cheerleaders, Boys' Basketball Cheerleaders, Girls' Basketball Team

- **PARKSTON** — Wrestling Team, Wrestling Cheerleaders, Girls' Basketball Team, Girls' Basketball Cheerleaders, Boys' Basketball Team, Boys' Basketball Cheerleaders, All-State Band, Band Solo-Ensemble Group
- **PLATTE-GEDES** — Boys' Basketball Cheerleaders

- **SCOTLAND** — Wrestling Team, Wrestling Cheerleaders, Girls' Basketball Team, Vocal Solo-Ensemble Group, Band Solo-Ensemble Group

- **VIBORG** — Boys' Basketball Cheerleaders, Girls' Basketball Team
- **YANKTON** — Girls' Basketball Team

## OBITUARIES

### James Thunker

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — Jim Thunker, age 60 of Bloomfield, Nebraska, died of an apparent heart attack on Sunday, April 17, 2011 at the Providence Medical Center in Wayne, Nebraska.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Crofton with Rev. Michael Schmitz officiating. Burial will be in the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery in Crofton.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the church.

The Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton is in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers are Troy Sage, Casey Sherlock, Chris Hartung, Craig Steffen, Denny Allen and



Thunker

Adam Schapmann.

Jim was born on March 9, 1951 at Yankton, South Dakota to Edmund and Frances (K o k e s h ) Thunker. He grew up in the Crofton area, attended St. Rose of Lima Elementary School and graduated from Crofton High School in 1969. He attended the University of South Dakota at Springfield, South Dakota for 2 years. He then returned to the Crofton area to farm with his family. Jim married Candice Johnson Wilken on February 9, 1980 at Crofton. They farmed and milked cows on a farm in the Bloomfield area.

Jim was a former member of St. Andrews Catholic Church in Bloomfield and was presently a member of the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Crofton. He

was a member of the Dolphin Township Board for many years. When he was younger he enjoyed playing softball for the Sodbusters. Jim loved to fish along with hosting his annual fish fry. He also enjoyed bowling and playing Sudoku everyday. He especially enjoyed giving his grandkids rides on his tractor and trying to teach his children how to play sheephead.

Jim is survived by his wife, Candice of Bloomfield; 7 children and their spouses, Kelly and Nikki Wilken of Tea, South Dakota; Michelle and Troy Sage of Sparks, Nebraska; Dawn and Casey Sherlock of Grand Island, Nebraska; Melanie and Chris Hartung of Laurel, Nebraska; Crystal and Craig Steffen of Wayne, Nebraska; Karri and Denny Allen of Brandon, South Dakota; Jessica Thunker and her fiancé, Adam Schapmann of Grand Island, Nebraska, 13

grandchildren, 1 great granddaughter, 3 brothers, Ken and Mary Thunker of Omaha; Terry and Becky Thunker of Crofton; Larry Thunker of Crofton; 2 sisters, Linda and Dennis Lamoreux of Jefferson, South Dakota and Rita and Craig Wilken of Bloomfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edmund and Frances Thunker; and a nephew and godson, Paul Thunker.

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### Michael Sudbeck

Michael Sudbeck, 33, of Arlington (formerly of Browerville, Minn.) passed away unexpectedly at his home on April 14, 2011.

Funeral services for Michael were held on Monday, April 18, 2011, 11:00 a.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church in Long Prairie with Pastor Noah Wehrspann officiating. Burial was held at Whispering Pines Cemetery, rural Browerville.

Michael was born August 1, 1977, in Fargo, North Dakota, to James and Melodie (Larson) Sudbeck. He graduated from Browerville High School and attended St. Cloud State University for four years, majoring in Business. Michael enjoyed fishing, hunting, fantasy sports, taking charge of the remote control, and especially his dog Jake. Michael was a caregiver to the entire family, especially his broth-

er Andrew. He put a smile on everyone's face and lived life to the fullest.

Michael is survived by his parents; James Sudbeck of Browerville, Melodie Sudbeck (Dale Cline) of St. Cloud; brother Andrew of St. Cloud; grandmother Delibes Larson of Long Prairie and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Michael is preceded in death by his grandparents: Hugo and Leona Sudbeck, grandfather Harry Larson; aunts: Marietta Sudbeck, Geryl Collness, and uncle James Gibbons II.

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### Raymond Leibel

BURKE — Raymond John Leibel, 59, of Burke died Sunday (April 17, 2011) at his daughter's home in Parkston following a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Funeral services are at 10:30

a.m. Wednesday at Clausen Funeral Home, Burke. Burial will be at the Graceland Cemetery, Burke.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today (Tuesday) at the funeral home.

A complete obituary may be found at [www.clausenfuneralhome.com](http://www.clausenfuneralhome.com).

### Ernest Hakl

Ernest D. Hakl, 74, of Yankton died Sunday (April 17, 2011) at the Scotland Good Samaritan Center, Scotland.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian

Church, Scotland. Burial will be in the Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

Visitations are 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, and then one hour prior to the services at the church.

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