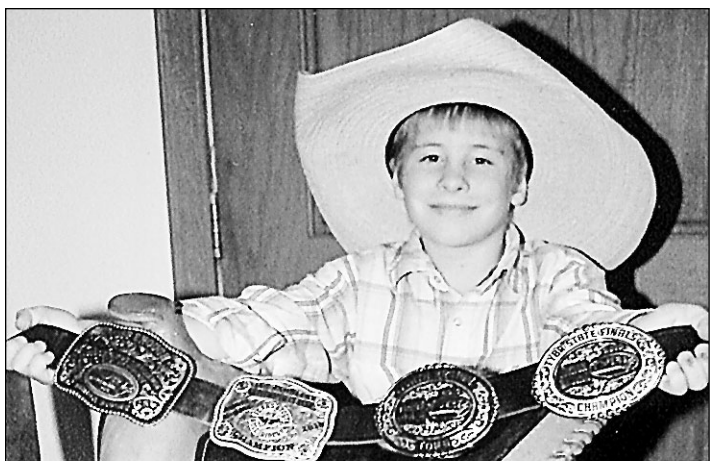


HOMETOWNNEWS

Yankton Sioux Learning Camp A Success

CHAMPION BULL RIDER



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Hadley Miller, Age 10, of Boyd, Texas, formerly of Yankton, won the State Jr. Steer Riding Division of the Texas Youth Bull Riders (TYBR) recently held in Saganaw, Texas. This year, Hadley rode in all 16 of the TYBR north region rodeos winning 3 of those rodeos and ending up 3rd for the season in the north region. Hadley was born in Yankton and attended kindergarten at Stewart Elementary School in Yankton. He now attends Boyd Elementary School, in Boyd, Texas. Hadley is the son of Billy Miller and Robin King of Boyd, Texas, and the grandson of Gloria Miller of Yankton.

TRACKING DONATIONS



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The Yankton Walmart donated \$250 towards the Scotland Track Restoration project. The All-Weather Track is expected to be completed in September. Pictured are Cleo Reiff and Linda Alvey.

GIVING TO DARE



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Yankton Morning Optimist President Perry Ford gives Yankton Police Chief Brian Paulsen a donation for the DARE program.

GIFT OF A BANNER



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Marty and Joan Mazourek are shown presenting a banner to Marty Council Knights of Columbus Chaplain, Mgr. Carleton Herrmann. The banner was designed by Joan and given to the Knights at the beginning of the Centennial year. Several events are planned throughout the year culminating with a Mass and Social in early April 2011. The original charter was granted in January 1971.

Members of the First Presbyterian Churches of Frostburg and Cumberland, MD, have returned home from the first Yankton Sioux Learning Camp, held in Marty, South Dakota, at the Marty Indian School. The twenty member team was on site from July 23 - July 31.

Camp Coordinators, Robin Bissell of Grantsville, MD, Katie Fresh and Susan Munck of Frostburg, MD, planned and organized the camp, provided training and help with working out logistics. Team members were from Grantsville, Frostburg, Cumberland, MD, Burlington, and Moorefield, WV. One member of the team was from Baltimore.

Natalie Medicine Bear was the camp coordinator for the local churches, attending camp daily to assist, and learn the ins and outs of planning the camp.

This was the seventh Learning Camp, the Yankton Sioux, to be established this summer on the Yankton Sioux Reservation between the Cedar and Greenwood Presbyterian Churches in SD, and, The First Presbyterian Churches of Cumberland and Frostburg. The Yankton Sioux are headquartered in Marty, SD.

The primary purpose of the "Learning Camps" is to provide a learning experiences that will benefit all Dakota Indian children who wish to participate. In addition, the camps seek to:

- create an environment of mutual learning in all Hau Kola programs;
- build trusting and caring relationships;
- strengthen Dakota Presbytery churches; and,
- strengthen the Dakota/Baltimore Presbytery relationship.

The Learning Camps are non-denominational. In the late 1990's the groundwork for the Learning Camps was laid by Rev. Asa Wilson, pastor of the Makasan Presbyterian Church, in Ogala, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD, and Rev. George Demass of Baltimore, MD.

Those discussions led to the formation of Hau Kola Learning Camps. This cooperative effort has led to the creation of seven different summer learning camps in South Dakota. They have been held in partnership with native American Presbyterian churches.

The Learning Camp had a kick-off celebration at the Marty Indian School, Marty, SD, which included a four mile walk, refreshments and t-shirts were giveaway.

"The Learning Camp gave elementary school children a chance to refresh their skills during the summer months," said Robin Bissell.



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Leading the way to the Marty Indian School, Marty, SD, are (left to right): Laura Tantillo, Frostburg, Janet Hendershot, and Katie Jan, Cumberland. The Learning Camp was held July 26-29, 2010.

"It also provided the children with some new and fun educational experiences."

Children were in groups, based on their grade in school. Learning Teams provided basic refresher instruction in reading, math, and science.

Camp attendance was very good, and much more than expected for the first year. Average daily attendance was 39 children, with children attending from neighboring South Dakota towns of Wagner, Pickstown and Lake Andes.

The camp also featured the "Book Nook", a place where children could browse thousands of children's books, and take them home. More importantly, they were able to keep the books. Books that were not given out, were provided to the Marty Indian School Library for free distribution this school year as reading supplements.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 children's books were shipped. All the books were donated by and received by churches in Frostburg, Cumberland, Burlington, WV and Moorefield WV.

"Shipping the books was quite an experience," notes Susan Munck, one of the camp coordinators. "We shipped a total of 38 boxes, and the cost was over \$500." Several boxes weighed in excess of 50 lbs. All were shipped via USPS.

Munck noted that the "generosity of all those involved has been just amazing."

Katie Fresh notes that "the staff of the Learning Camp was a very diverse group" including college professors from Frostburg State University, an EMT, a doctor, school counselor, substitute school teachers, teachers and retired teachers. All of whom are volunteers, and had to pay their own way to establish the Learning Camp.

In Mid-June the area around Marty, SD was hit with flooding, and many people were displaced by high water. Tribal leaders of the Yankton Sioux providing a leading program for the community, which ended on July 23. Learning Camp staff volunteered to feed anyone in need while the camp was in session. Some 1,165 meals were provided to camp staff, students and members of the Marty community. Breakfast and lunch were provided free for all students and the community.

Daily transportation to and from the camp was provided by camp vans. Several trips were made each morning and afternoon to pickup and take home the children.

For more information on next years Learning Camp, please contact Susan Munck at 301.687.0212.

TALLYING UP THE SCORE



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HyVee of Yankton donated \$1,000 towards the Bon Homme School District's goal of raising \$33,998 to purchase new scoreboards for the gymnasium and football field. To date \$22,250 has been raised towards the project. Pictured are Josh Suing, Tonya Graff, Dr. Bryce Knudson and Becky Souchek.

CUB SCOUTS LEAD THE WAY



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Scouts and family members of Cub Scout Pack 258 participated in several activities this summer which include several overnight camps, day camps, plus extra pack activities that included bike rides with smores and nature hikes followed by root beer floats. The latest activity was a kickball game with a watermelon feed which is pictured to the left. For additional information about Cub Scouting, or to find out how to join, go to joincubscouting.org. Yankton will be holding a city-wide sign up on Sept. 2 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Yankton Middle School. Yankton area Packs will have information available to answer your questions.

National Park Service Ranger Programs Continue On Weekends Through Sept.

National Park Service Rangers from Missouri National Recreational River will continue offering programs on weekends through September. Be sure to check the schedule below for times and locations.

Saturday, August 28, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.: Lewis & Clark Film Festival, Lewis & Clark Visitor Center, Gavins Point Dam Project

Saturday, August 28, 2-4 p.m.: Kids' Programs, Riverside Park, Yankton. Be sure to look for the Ranger hats!

Saturday, August 28, 6 p.m. at Ponca State Park: Peace Medals

Sunday, August 29, 11 a.m.: Junior Ranger Program, Lewis & Clark Visitor Center, Gavins Point Dam Project

Sunday, August 29, 12-4 p.m.: National Park Service Film Festival, "National Parks: America's Best Idea," Lewis & Clark Visitor Center, Gavins Point Dam Project

Friday, September 3, 6 p.m.: Niobrara State Park RV Campground Picnic Area, "Chief Standing Bear"

Saturday, September 4, 11 a.m.: Junior Ranger Program, Lewis &

Clark Visitor Center, Gavins Point Dam Project

Sunday, September 5, 11 a.m.: Junior Ranger Program, Lewis & Clark Visitor Center, Gavins Point Dam Project

Monday, September 5, 11 a.m. Junior Ranger Program, Lewis & Clark Visitor Center, Gavins Point Dam Project

Saturday, September 11, 11 a.m.: Junior Ranger Program, Lewis & Clark Visitor Center, Gavins Point Dam Project

Sunday, September 12, 11 a.m.: Junior Ranger Program, Lewis & Clark Visitor Center, Gavins Point Dam Project

Friday, September 17, 9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.: Ponca State Park Education Expo for School Groups, Ponca State Park

Saturday, September 18: All Day, Ponca Outdoor Expo, Ponca State Park

Sunday, September 19: All Day, Ponca Outdoor Expo, Ponca State Park

For questions or more information, please contact Dugan Smith at 605-665-0209 x28 or Anne Doherty-Stephan at 605-665-0209 x29.

MEETING MINUTES

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, August 23 at noon at the Waterfront.

Paula Tacke, Interchange President, called the meeting to order with the flag pledge.

Kathy Jacobs, Interchange Vice Chair reminded guests to please put the following dates on our calendars for our candidate forums: October 4th County Commissioner candidate forum, October 11th County Sheriff candidate forum, October 25th State Legislature candidate forum, And The Women's Health Forum October 18.

Donna Dietrich from Dietrich Law office was the hostess with guest speaker Dennis Cody, Advocate for the Womens Shelter & Domestic Violence. Dennis spoke on their new building at 609 Goeden Dr. they were able to receive through a federal grant. The next Interchange meeting will be held Monday, August 30th. Anne Doherty-Stephen is the hostess and presenter. She will speak on "The Many Meanings of the Missouri National Recreational River."

VFW

President Shelley Stoddard opened the VFW Auxiliary Meeting. Shirley Christensen advised Marj Olson had received a personal award of fifty dollars for the most new life memberships. Treasurer Olson donated this money to assist in paying older members dues.

Thank you notes were read from Toots Marchand with a donation, Evelyn Cimpl, and the Ralph Christopherson family.

Committee Reports were given. Lola DeJong reported funeral lunches were served for Robert Marchand, Sidney Hansen, and Dorothy Ellis.

Dorothy Stange mentioned she needs funds for Adolescent gifts at the Human Service Center. It was allowed to give fifty dollars.

In the absence of Senior Vice President Bender, Jackie Simonsen presented President Stoddard her gift (Past President's pin). Stoddard was given a big hand.

At the next meeting, September fourteenth, we will have our District #1 Inspection by President Donna Schaefer.

District #1 is responsible for managing the veteran's booth on Labor Day, Monday September sixth. The District President will be getting volunteers. Twenty-five dollars will be sent for the Flag fund.

The Auxiliary's piano which is in the basement supply room was discussed. It is still covered and has not been used for several years. It was suggested we get an appraisal from Mollet's Music and run an ad in the paper. Rudy's Service Station was also suggested as a possible spot for an ad.

We will be holding a soup kitchen on September twenty-first. Barbara Stevens called President Stoddard and advised she has a

quilt she would like to donate with proceeds going to the Honor Flight. Stoddard displayed this beautiful quilt decorated with red and blue embroidery. Stange motioned the Auxiliary sell raffle tickets and give the donation to the Honor Flight program. It was allowed. The drawing would be on Veterans Day.

Riverboat Days was discussed. The Post will be serving lunch again this year. Marlene Schramm and Jane Slowey volunteered.

President Stoddard won the tent cup and Olga Storgard's name was drawn for the door prize-absent. Next month the amount will be ten dollars. Helen Bailey and Dorothy Stange served a delicious lunch.

RC&D

Northeast Nebraska RC&D

Council met last night in Plainview with twenty members and guests present. "A Tale of O", a world-class DVD on diversity was entertaining while doing a great job of explaining what happens to any new or different kind of person when they join a group. It's good to have both X's and O's because it makes the organization or business better since they all think differently. Are you an X or an O? It really depends on the situation.

Donna Christensen and Dennis Wacker updated the Council on RC&D involvement in the Missouri River Outdoor Expo at Ponca State Park on September 18 & 19 as well as the Crofton Car Show this Saturday. At each event the RC&D will have a booth to share information about Council efforts and doing boomerang demonstrations.

On Friday, September 24th of National RC&D Week the Council will have a "meet the artist" activity in the afternoon at the office. Several talented artists will be demonstrating their skill for the public. And on Monday, September 27th the Autumn Olympics Extraordinaire will return, also in celebration of the special week. Contest events will commemorate Council projects - Prairie Fowl Detection, Paint Bucket Bombing, Wildflower Well Climbing, Organic Nutrient Hurling, Mouse Relay, Logo Landing and "Are you smarter than a knit wit?". Come and join in the fun! Winners receive gold, silver, and bronze medals. Refreshments will be provided and the regular meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. These free activities are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

The Council is in the process of developing their new long-range plan and they are seeking citizen input. A short survey will soon be available on the RC&D website at www.nenercd.org or by contacting a board member or the office staff.

The Household Hazardous Waste collection events were very successful and brought in 3 ton of material for proper disposal. The Council is seeking grant funds to help with three Computer Recycling events in 2011. For more information about any Council project or to get involved, contact the staff at 402-582-4866, via email at northeastrcd@plvntelco.net or see www.nenercd.org.

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