

## A ROYAL NEIGHBOR



**Sheila Knock, right, of Yankton was presented with a check for \$2,000 that she won from the Royal Neighbors of America. She is shown being presented the check by Ethel Goeden. Sheila wrote a letter to the Royal Neighbors about what her dream was and has been for updating her in-home daycare to help provide more care for her clients. Knock is a life-long member of the Royal Neighbors.**

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## YCTC WINNERS



**Charlene Sudbeck and her family were the very happy winners of Yankton Children's Theatre Company's Kindie Fire. The raffle ran from Nov. 19-Nov. 27. The drawing was held following the final performance of the children's theatre production of "Best Christmas Pageant Ever," and raised over \$600 towards new technical equipment. Pictured with the Sudbeck family are YCTC Board Members Wendy Eichacker and Laura Schmidt. For more information on Yankton Children's Theatre programs, 2012 auditions, performances, classes, discounted season memberships (which make great Christmas gifts), or to support the children's theatre, visit our website at www.yanktonchildrenstheatre.org or call (605) 660-6414.**

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## KIDS AGAINST HUNGER



**At a recent open house for Kids Against Hunger-Yankton, which took place on Dec. 3, more than 100 people showed up to pack more than 24,000 meals. Pictured are one of three packing groups from the day. Food will be distributed to Haiti and Pine Ridge and locally to the Sack Pack program and the Contact Center. For more information on how to help, visit www.kahyankton.org.**

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## FOSTERING FRIENDSHIPS



**Big Friend Little Friend, Inc., hosted a Christmas party for all Big Friends, Little Friends and their families Thursday Dec. 1, at The Center. The evening started with a warm meal provided by the elves of the Morning Optimists. Mr. and Mrs. Claus then surprised the youths with carols. They provided smiles, whispers in the ear and more smiles. Big Friend Little Friend would like to thank the employees of the following businesses for donating gifts and funds to the Christmas Party: First Dakota National Bank, Services Center Federal Credit Union and Shurco. Your help goes a long way with the youth of Big Friend Little Friend. You have helped create special memories. Big Friend Little Friend is a youth mentoring organization dedicated to improving the lives of Yankton area youth by building a young person's self worth and confidence, and fostering friendships. Big Friend Little Friend is a United Way-affiliated agency. If you would like to invest in the future of a child by mentoring, please contact Stacy at 665-6365, or visit our website at bigfriendlittlefriend.org.**

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# Lincoln First Graders Learn About The Flag

Lincoln Elementary School First grade teacher Carla Hacaecy recently invited The Society of 40 Men and 8 Horses to present their Flags for First Graders Program.

All the First Graders recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. All of them knew the words and understood what they mean.

Voyageurs (members of the 40 & 8) Preston Olson and Bob Bender showed and explained how to display the U. S. Flag properly. Like it should always fly even or higher than other flags, never lower. Never display at night unless it is illuminated. Never display a torn or dirty flag. A flag may be shortened a little and repaired, it can also be washed if soiled. The U.S. Flag should always be to the right as you look away from it with any and all other flags to the left.

We show proper respect to the U.S. Flag by standing at attention and placing our right hand over our heart when it passes by in a parade, when we say the Pledge of Allegiance and when our National Anthem is performed. We learn not to let it touch the ground, the floor or other objects and never place anything on it. It is not just a piece or many pieces of material, it is a living flag and we need to always protect and honor it. As we showed them how to fold a flag properly we explained each folds meaning, wanting them to remember the sixth fold as it where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, the 8th fold is to honor Mother, for whom it flies on Mother Day and the 10th fold a tribute to fathers. When completely folded the flag takes on the appearance of a cocked hat and reminds us



**Mrs. Carla Hacaecy's Lincoln Elementary first grade class is pictured with Preston Olson and Bob Bender following a flag presentation in their classroom.**

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of the soldiers who served under George Washington.

As all the First Graders knew and understood the Pledge of Allegiance, they all received a certificate stating such and a 4" X 6" U.S. Flag and a stand. All of them also received a coloring book, information on the Box car the people of South Dakota received in 1949 full of gifts from the people of France, saying thanks for saving their country which

is on exhibit at the State Fair grounds in Huron and which the Forty and Eight Voyageurs take care of for the people of South Dakota and a Flag information sheet.

The first grade teachers were given a certificate of appreciation for inviting The 40 & 8 to share about our U.S. Flag with them and their students. It was an honor and very much fun as all the children were very attentive and good listeners.

# High School Oral Interpretation Students Earn Awards

More than 175 area high school students and their coaches participated in the annual Second-Place Oral Interpretation Contest held on the Mount Marty College Yankton campus Tuesday, November 29th with nearly half of them leaving the competition with hardware. Mount Marty College Department of Speech and Theatre has been hosting the competition for over 40 years, a tradition started by Professor Emeritus Virgil Petrik.

According to Andy Henrickson, Associate Professor of Speech and Theatre at Mount Marty College, the event is a great way for many of these students to end the oral interp season. "For the majority of the students who were here, this day marked the end of the fall season, and for those graduating this year, it may be the last time they compete in a speech competition. To celebrate their accomplishments, their talents, here on our campus is an honor. The energy these students bring to Mount Marty each year is amazing. Unfortunately, these students will not have the opportunity to travel to Pierre this weekend for the State Festival, but the excitement they bring for the activity is wonderful."

Area high schools represented at the contest include Alcester-Hudson (A-H), Beresford (BER), Bon Homme (B-H), Canton (CAN), Centerville (CEN), Ethan (ETH), Irene-Wakonda (I-W), Lennox (LEN), Marion (MAR), Menno (MEN), Parker (PAR), Sioux Falls Lincoln (SFL), Sioux Falls Roosevelt (SFR), Vermillion (VER) and Wagner (WAG).

Final results are the following:  
**SERIOUS DRAMA:** Class AA, 1st Alex Baird (SFL), 2nd Annie Deutscher (SFL), 3rd Jordan Schmidt (SFL); Class A, 1st Josh Beukelman (LEN), 2nd Hannah Fleming (WAG), 3rd Megan Kocer (WAG); Class B 1st Samantha Blake (CEN), 2nd Cheyenne Edelman (MEN), 3rd Brittan Flanagan (ETH).

**SERIOUS PROSE:** Class AA, 1st Connor Nelson (SFL), 2nd Kate McCoy (SFL), 3rd Brock Gilmer (SFL); Class A 1st Donovan Soulek (WAG), 2nd Rachel Axtell (VER), 3rd Shania Jensen (BER); Class B 1st Kristin Lambert (CEN), 2nd Lilly Trawick (I-W), 3rd Chandler Plucker (PAR).

**POETRY:** Class AA, 1st Divine Zheng (SFL), 2nd Daisey Hopper (SFL), 3rd Callie Sieh (SFL); Class A, 1st Jessica Christensen



**Winners from the MMC Second-Place Oral Interpretation Contest held on the Mount Marty College Yankton campus are pictured with their awards.**

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(BER), 2nd Lexi Cole (CAN), 3rd Mackenzie Braak (LEN); Class B, 1st Kylie Kessler (MEN), 2nd Clarissa Rahn (CEN), 3rd Cheyenne Sorlie (A-H).

**ORATORY:** Class AA, 1st Tryyon Smith (SFL), 2nd Callie Sieh (SFL), 3rd Judah Thaumert (SFL); Class A, 1st Rachael Ruba (LEN), 2nd Rachel West (LEN), 3rd Willie Williams (CAN); Class B, 1st Ethan Rahn (CEN), 2nd David Schelske (MEN), 3rd Ashley Schiefen (A-H).

**HUMOROUS:** Class AA, 1st Hannah Asfeldt (SFL), 2nd Natalie Sogn (SFL), 3rd Daniel

Bergeson (SFL); Class A 1st Tyler Youngquist (LEN), 2nd Derek Iverson (VER), 3rd Savannah Kirsch (VER); Class B, 1st Aaron Licht (PAR), 2nd Chandler Plucker (PAR), 3rd Ashley Alvey (SCOT).

**DUET INTERP:** Class AA, 1st Ponwith/Zheng (SFL), 2nd Hook/Nelson (SFL), 3rd Brick/Haas (SFL); Class A, 1st Cameron/Howe (VER), 2nd Getzin/Marineau (VER), 3rd Zimmerman/Beukelman (LEN); Class B, 1st Blake/Hilt (CEN), 2nd Mehlhaf/Schaefer (MEN), 3rd Huber/Huber (MEN).

**READERS THEATRE:** Class AA, 1st SFL 1 (Gilmer, McCoy, Harmacek, Hopper, Lamberty), 2nd SFL 3 (Newcomb-Wieland, McCoy, Downey, Nykamp, Kliewer, Mohror), 3rd SFL 2 (Day, Hammer, Fjellenger, Middleton-Watts, Stewart); Class A, 1st VER 2 (Geis, Granaas, Martineau, Axtell), 2nd VER 1 (LaMie, Card, Iverson), 3rd LEN 1 (Zimmerman, Youngquist, Wipf, Frieze); Class B, 1st CEN 1 (Lambert, Rahn, Poll, Stroman, Kaufenberg), 2nd A-H 1 (Reine, Boyer, Morey, Haki, Wegh, Brown), 3rd CEN 2 (Rahn, Blake, Abbas, Wiesler).

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