

VISITING OUTER SPACE



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Ann Smith, local artist and design consultant, shared her artistic talents with Mrs. Becker's first grade class at Beadle Elementary School in Yankton. Smith created an outer space mural and invited the first graders to help create someone they might meet in outer space. Students used a variety of materials to help create the space creature. They also had the opportunity to role play a conversation with the creature.

GFWC GIVES BACK



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For their December meeting, members of Yankton's GFWC Women's Club were asked to bring food for the Contact Center and bedding for the Clothing Closet to help supply much needed items for this time of the year. The items were delivered to the Clothing Closet where everything will be sorted and organized by these Santa helpers who are Volunteers through the Senior Retired Volunteer Group — back row: Marilyn Christensen, Joan Haberman, Linda Schaa, (with Cindy Filipis from Women's Club) and front row: Lois Streyle, Ruth Ann Dickman. More than 200 families were referred and assisted in November and during the first few days of December according to Leah Brandt, the Human Services Center employee who is in charge of the Clothing Closet which provides clothing for all ages and household items for those in need. She related that with the start of the cold weather season, there are understandably more requests for warm bedding as well as for warm clothes. The Clothing Closet is located on the HSC grounds and is open on Tuesday from noon-5:30 p.m. and Friday from noon-4:30 p.m. Referrals come from local social service groups and agencies. From time to time when the Clothing Closet has an overflow of particular items, those will be shared with others in the area. Red Nelson and Ruth Ann Dickman recently took some much appreciated items to the St. Joseph's Indian School at Chamberlain.

YMS KNOWLEDGE TEAM



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The Yankton Middle School Knowledge Master team is coached by Cathy Kuhl and JoAnn Moses and is comprised of the following 8th grade students: Ted Anders, Skylar Elle, Natalie Ferris, Danielle Gillis, Sam Gusso, Olivia Jeffcoat, Erin Luken, Ben Mooney, Brett Pardy, Alexis Sejnoha, Key Schaffer, Ethan Schantz, Mikayla Trenhaile and Alex Withrow.

YMS Knowledge Team Competes Nationally

The Yankton Middle School Knowledge Master team and other middle school teams from South Dakota and the United States participated in the Knowledge Master Open on Dec. 7, 2011. This is a nationwide contest designed to measure the students' academic knowledge. The Yankton team finished 262nd among the 545 middle schools in the United States that chose to enter the contest.

A company named Academic Hallmarks provides the questions used in the contest. The questions are selected from all middle

school academic areas and are designed to stimulate enthusiasm for learning and recognition for academic accomplishment. The contest runs on classroom computers to allow all students the opportunity to compete in a large academic event without the expense of traveling to a central site. An emphasis is placed on speed as well as accuracy in answering the 200 test questions. The coded test results are phoned into Academic Hallmarks and the company tabulates the results to determine the state and national winners.

MEETING MINUTES

ROY ANDERSON POST #12

Roy Anderson Post #12 held its monthly meeting on Dec 8th, 2011 at the V.F.W. Post home. All saluted the flag and recited the Invocation. Commander Ausborn gave the Preamble.

Commander Ausbourne then declared the meeting open with five members present The Financial report was read and approved by the members.

Children and Youth, We are gathering quite a lot of equipment but please keep it coming.

Americanism grocery deliveries are going well; numbers are coming back up as the cooler weather starts. We are short drivers at times so if you can help out please call Chuck Tienken.

Membership Don List reported that we have 189-190 paid members please keep the dues coming in thank you.

Post POW/MIA representative reported that 9 POW/MIA's had been identified and or returned to their families in the last month, 2 Korea, 5 WW2 and 2 from Vietnam Welcome home.

The State Mid-Winter will be Feb 10-12, 2012 at Oacoma, more information to follow later.

Sick Call Lee Skalberg lets all send him a card letting him know he is in our thoughts this Christmas season.

Post Everlasting: Herman Schwartz New Business the Post # 12 membership dinner will be Thurs January 12th, 2012.Social Hour at 1700 with the meal being served at approximately 1830hrs.

Post Officers will be contacting the members for a head count; Dinner is for all PAID members. If you haven't paid your dues yet you can send them in now or pay them at the door thank you.

Commander Ausborn gave the benediction and the meeting was declared adjourned. The next meeting will be Feb 9th, 2012 at 730pm at the V.F.W. Home.

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Portrait Of A Native South Dakotan

BY BILL KUNKLE

Reader Submission

Tom Brokaw is probably the most well-known South Dakotan. He certainly is the most trusted and respected figure in broadcast journalism.

On Dec. 1, 2004, Brokaw stepped down after 21 years as the anchor and managing editor of "NBC Nightly News." He has received many honors not only for his on-air appearances; but also as a best-selling author of such books as "The Greatest Generation," won the Edward R. Murrow Lifetime Achievement Award and many others. He earned a dozen Emmys and two Peabody and DuPont awards for his journalistic achievements.

I interviewed him at a "Lincoln Portrait" press conference recently in Eugene, Oregon. He charmed the press from all over this area with stories about his roots in South Dakota, where he said, "I was taught the values that have served me well in my work around the world."

Most recently he served as moderator of NBC's top-rated Sunday morning public affairs program "Meet the Press," after the



PHOTO: BILL KUNKLE

Tom Brokaw is pictured addressing a crowd in Eugene, Ore. Following the speech, reader Bill Kunkle had the opportunity to interview the South Dakota native.

untimely death of Tim Russert.

Tom said his mother was born and grew up in a real "Little House on the Prairie" in northwestern South Dakota. She lived in Yankton many years near where my father lived when he was assigned there. Brokaw calls that his home, where he met his wife and returns

often. He also spent time in western South Dakota near Edgemont. His mother died about 10 days before I met with Tom here, and he plans to return to South Dakota for services and burial. His mom spent the last few years of her life in California, but South Dakota will always be home.

At the press conference here, he spent at least half an hour talking about South Dakota. In the evening performance at the Hult Center, a large concert hall, the 2,450 seats were sold out. He took the part of the much loved Abraham Lincoln where he compared him to today's crop of candidates who appear as go-for-the-jugular bloggers in their vitriolic attacks.

He compared the experience of WWII with our present-day wars, "Where we ask less than one percent of our population to do the fighting." In WWII most of the nation shared the burden. Tom Brokaw has taken a firm stance in support of those who made the sacrifice in that great world war. He said, "All Americans have to think of re-enlisting as citizens."

We, as native South Dakotans, can be proud of Brokaw, 71, a native, who developed into one of the world's greatest minds.

ROTARY CELEBRATES 90 YEARS IN YANKTON



SHAUNA MARLETTE/P&D

The Yankton Rotary Club recently celebrated 90 years of serving the Yankton community. This picture ran with the original story, but do to incorrect information the names listed were out of order. Members of the club are: Front Row: Wally Boyles, Jim Goetz, Ken Jones, Craig Kennedy, Dr. Jim Nyberg, Mike Dellinger, Matt Stone, Matt Hanson and Dr. Barry Graham. Back Row: John Varvel, Simon Fuller, Bill Heubaum, Natasha Moser, Dr. Joe Gertsema, Jay Gravholt, Karol Kittelson, Monte Gulick and Gary Dybsetter. Not Pictured: Dr. Lars Aanning, Chuck Aman, Kevin Culhane, Brad Dykes, Jake Harens, Shawna Hatch, Mike Healy, Wayne Ibarolle, Randy Johnson, Pam Kettering, Chuck Levinger, Jim Means, Lynn Peterson, Doug Russell, Carmen Schramm, Terry Steichen, Chris Tudor, Denny Weiss and Gary Wood.

MVCA CLOTHING DRIVE



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Missouri Valley Christian Academy's students, staff and families recently conducted a clothing and toy drive for HSC's Clothing Closet. Shown in the photo is some current and future MVCA students with Leah Brandt, Clothing Closet director, and a few of the items donated.

HONORING SUCCESS



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Lea Ann Schramm, music educator in the Yankton Public Schools (YPS), was recently honored at the South Dakota Music Educators Association (SDMEA) Conference in Sioux Falls with a Meritorious Service Award for 30+ years of music education. Schramm has taught elementary music and band lessons in the local system since 1989, was a founding director of the Yankton Children's Choir (1994-2007), and taught private piano lessons (1979-1994, 1998-2000). Also honored this year from Yankton was YPS string teacher Kim Evander for 35 years of service. Two other members of the local staff are SDMEA officers. Todd Carr, assistant high school band director and SDMEA Technology Chair, was among the conference presenters, and ReNae Jackson, Yankton Middle School's band director, is Middle School All-State Band Chair.

BEADLE DARES TO SAY NO



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The 5th grade students at Beadle Elementary participated in a D.A.R.E. graduation assembly on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011. The program consisted of remarks from D.A.R.E. Officer Jeff Johnson and a demonstration by Officer Pat Nolz and drug dog, Grief. Awards were presented to D.A.R.E. essay winners and certificates were given to all D.A.R.E. participants. Pictured are D.A.R.E. essay award winners from left to right: Tia Vlasman, Alexis Brandt, Miles Carda and Nathan Zimmerman.

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