

SPREADING GOOD CHEER



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Several Beadle Elementary fifth grade students spread holiday cheer to the neighborhood surrounding Beadle School during their lunch recess recently by caroling at several homes in the area. The students enjoyed sharing songs of the season with residents of the school neighborhood and were greeted with happy surprise.

MUST BE SANTA!



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"Who has a beard that's long and white? Who comes around on a special night? Must be Santa! Must be Santa! Must be Santa, Santa Claus!" The preschool children sang out this happy holiday tune at the Yankton Community Library preschool story hour during its final week of fall story time with their special visitor, Santa Claus. Santa, in turn, read aloud two stories, "One Christmas Night" and the classic poem by Clement C. Moore, "The Night Before Christmas." Candy canes and an art project featuring the jolly ol' elf made with the children's hand prints rounded out the day.

FIELD TRIP



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The students at Webster Preschool immensely enjoyed their field trip to Fryn' Pan. The preschoolers had just finished a learning unit on restaurants — they learned about everything from waiters/waitresses, to the chefs, ordering from the menu, the silverware, manners needed, etc. What an awesome experience! Thank you Fryn' Pan letting us bring our learning into your restaurant! We had a blast!

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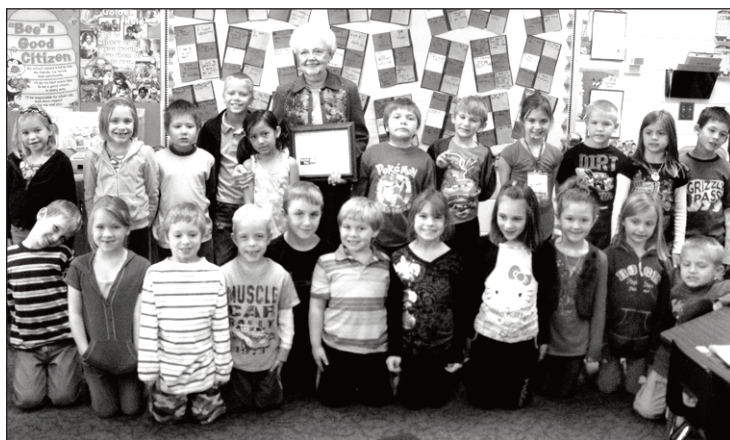
Anderson Named October Volunteer Of The Month

Myrtle Andersen has been volunteering for many years in our community and due to her extraordinary contributions has been named the United Way & Volunteer Services October Volunteer of the Month for her dedication to volunteerism.

As a retired eighth grade math teacher, Andersen enjoys spending time at Beadle Elementary School working with the first graders. "I get great joy in seeing the little first graders do their work and knowing they are progressing," Andersen said. Some of her past students still recognize her and are thankful for her efforts. "Some of them are even through college!"

As well as volunteering at Beadle Elementary School, Andersen participates in the Sack Pack program. Sack Pack is a nonprofit organization which provides sacks of easy to prepare, nutritious food to be distributed to school age children who are at risk of hunger on the weekends.

"The retired teachers volunteer to do the Sack Pack program but it's my job to organize things and get everyone there on Wednesdays," Andersen said.



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Myrtle Anderson was named the October Volunteer of The Month for the United Way and Volunteer Services. She is pictured here with the Beadle 1st Grade class where she tutors.

"The program helps younger kids that do not have food over the weekend. We fill the sacks and take them to the schools where the kids can take them home."

Andersen is also actively involved with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Retired Teachers Association and devotes time to the United Way & Volunteer Services and the Yankton Chamber of Commerce by helping with their mass mailings.

"Whenever these organizations need help they call me and I go to work. I help by mailing and filling envelopes for the Chamber meetings and I also work on the United Way mass mailings by putting things in envelopes whenever they get them ready to mail."

According to Deb Overseth, RSVP Program Coordinator, "Myrtle has been a faithful and active volunteer for the last nine years." For RSVP alone, Myrtle has put in

over 2,245 hours of service to nonprofit organizations throughout Yankton. "She also serves on our RSVP Advisory Council, and is always willing and offering to participate in all activities," says Overseth.

Andersen also volunteers at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital information desk as well as her church organization, Catholic Daughters of America.

"Being involved with these organizations led to one thing and then another," Andersen said. "People ask for help with projects and I am more than willing to help them. I used to be an extraordinary minister at church and after asking to be relieved from that, I now take calls and count money on Mondays."

Myrtle enjoys spending her free time volunteering and loves playing bridge. "I used to teach bridge," Andersen said. "Now that I'm playing more, I have some of my students as partners at The Center."

Helping people through volunteering is what Myrtle loves to do and she encourages others to become involved. "Anybody who has time to give to someone else at home or work should do it."

SACK PACK DONATION



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Pastor Dani Jo Ninke presents a gift of \$1,000 from Christ the King Lutheran Church to the Sack Pack Program. Pictured are Sack Pack Board Member Stacy Starzl, Pastor Ninke, and Sack Pack Board Members Jill Wermers and Deb Overseth.

CONTACT CENTER DONATION



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Receiving a check for \$700 for the Contact Center are Dionne Hento and Kelli Stange. Presenting the check from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Yankton Chapter, is Bob List, communications director for the local board. The donation to the Contact Center this year will go toward the making up of 400 Christmas baskets to be handed out to needed homes for the holiday.

HOOTEY HOO



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Webster Elementary School announces the arrival of "Hootey Hoo," the Webster school mascot. After an all-classes naming contest, Mrs. Brooks' third grade student, Leo H.'s submission, "Hootey Hoo," was selected by the students. Hootey Hoo is scheduled to make various appearances during the school year to classrooms, assemblies and other educational based activities. Congratulations, Leo, and welcome Hootey Hoo!

STUDENTS GIVE BACK



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The Webster Elementary Student Council donated all its proceeds from their Santa's Workshop — \$555 — to the Yankton Sack Pack Program. Pictured are Student Council advisors: Faydra Christensen and Heidi Savey, Student Council Members: Hunter Thorell, Faith Sparks, Dharian Ahrens, Leo Hastreiter, and Alexa Nelson, with Sack Pack Representative Jill Wermers.

MEETING MINUTES

KEYSTONE CHAPTER #33, OES

Keystone Chapter #33, OES, met Thursday, Dec. 15, at the Masonic Temple, Yankton, beginning with a pot luck supper.

Sue Koeppe, Worthy Matron, presided. Robert Lambert was installed as treasurer, and Shelly Lambert was installed as warder.

Mary Johnson reported on the tree decorated at the mall by members of the chapter.

A coin march was held to collect funds for the state OES retirement home.

Koeppe presented a Christmas reading. Christmas gifts were exchanged after the meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Masonic Temple in Yankton, beginning at 7:30 p.m. It will be Obligation Night.

GFWC YANKTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Yankton Chapter of GFWC Yankton Woman's Club met Dec. 3, 2011, at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. President Julie Clifton called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance, South Dakota Pledge and Collect for Women were given.

Program: Ellen Roderberg introduced Clark Eide and Mike Schumacher who entertained us with Christmas music. They were dressed in their costumes as cast members of The Christmas Spectacular at the Dakota Theatre. A wonderful performance as club members joined in some of the singing.

Guests: Betts Pulkabek introduced herself as Vi Ranneby couldn't be present today. Fran Fox introduced Marlyce Micklas who joined as a new member today.

Membership: Mary Jo Schneider presented a rose to new members Caprice Benoit and Louise Jones and welcomed them to GFWC.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as written. The Treasurer's report was given by President Julie it will be filed pending audit.

Leadership: Maysel Goltz presented an informative report on leadership attributes to inspire and create followers who are self leaders. Leadership is influencing people to get things done to a standard and quality above the norm and doing it willingly. We are

all leaders or we would not be part of GFWC which promotes selflessness and volunteering.

Bingo at Majestic Bluffs: Jan. 28th 1:45pm, Ellen Roderberg, Joan Neubauer, Jill Huetig, Maysel Goltz, and Fran Fox will be assisting residents that day.

Fundraiser: Marilyn Huntley brought the items purchased from Uncle Als to be picked up. She also reminded GFWC members to vote for the statue of their choice on the Riverwalk. Roger Huntley does have a statue on the corner of the Riverfront Event Center. The Crimson Door at GAR Hall is open afternoons.

Dot Blaha stated we profited \$2 each on the 18 necklaces we purchased from the Pierre Club. Dot has made more than 100 necklaces to sell with the profit going to the Uganda Goat Project.

Pres. Julie thanked our hostesses for the day Maysel and Ellen. Agnes Eide thanked everyone for donating items to the Clothing Closet at HSC. Marlyce Micklas won the door prize from Maysel and Ellen, Mary Jo Schneider won Fran Fox's and Sally Welter won Julie Cliftons.

President Julie wished all club members a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. The meeting was adjourned.

TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant. President John Swensen called the meeting to order. Carol Hale gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Swensen introduced Joy Winther as Toastmaster of the Day. Winther then introduced the Master Evaluator, Janice Stone, who in turn introduced her evaluation team. The Grammarian, Tara Arens gave the word of the day, "kibosh," which means something that serves as a check or a stop.

The Toastmaster introduced the following speakers: Kevin Buhl gave a speech from the Specialty Speeches manual, Project 4, Read Out Loud, entitled "Gift of the Maji;" and Matt Stone gave a speech from the Advanced Communication Series, Humorously Speaking, Project 2, Leave Them With

a Smile, entitled "Failure or Obstacle."

Table Topics were led by Kathy Hejna on the topics of summer, and seasonal and current events. Participants were: Tara Arens, Mike Arens, Vernon Arens, Carol Hale and Steve Hamilton.

The Toastmaster introduced the Master Evaluator, Janice Stone, who called on Jeremy Skrenes to evaluate Buhl and on John Swensen to evaluate Matt Stone. Janice then evaluated the meeting.

Other participants were Timer, Roy Wilcox; Ah Counter, Vernon Arens; Vote Counter, Mike Arens; Joke Master, Vernon Arens; with an additional joke by Harry Voezke.

Best table topic speaker was Carol Hale; best evaluator Jeremy Skrenes; and best speaker Matt Stone. Guests are always welcome. For more information call 665-9217.

YANKTON REGIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Forty-eight members and guests of the Yankton Regional Aviation (YRAA) met on Dec. 18 at 6:00pm for a dinner and meeting at JoDeans Restaurant. Participants were from Avon, Freeman, Menno, Mission Hill, Utica, Tripp, Tyndall, Vermillion, Yankton, Allen, Dixon, Hartington, Norfolk, and Randolph.

President John Lillevold called the meeting to order. Lillevold presented Certificates of Appreciation and lapel pins to the officers of Yankton EAA Chapter 1029: President Lillevold, Vice President Jim Eisenmenger, Treasurer Jacob Hoffner, Secretary Steve Hamilton, Young Eagles Coordinator Hamilton, and Newsletter Editor Hamilton. Joe Pilhal presented a plaque to Eisenmenger engraved with "Van's RV Photographer of the Year" in appreciation of aerial photos taken of Pilhal's first in his RV-9 aircraft near Tyndall. Hamilton presented Certificates of Appreciation and lapel pins to Ground Volunteers who helped conduct three Young Eagles events at Chan Gurney Airport in 2011: Butch Becker, Gary Carlson, Hanna Eide, Alan Fenner, Terry Haeckey, Pam Hamilton, Steve Hamilton, Sandy Hoffner, Marilyn Huntley, Ed Lammers, Lou Ella Machin, Jim Smith, and Judy VanDerhule. For the evening program Hamilton showed photos of aviation activities during 2011: Young Eagles

Rally on June 11, YRAA Tribute Brick at AirVenture, "free" ride on Ford Trimotor, Yankton Airport breakfast on Sept 18, Third Wednesday Gathering at Vermillion on Sept 21, Springfield Airport Breakfast on Oct 16, and Young Eagles Rally for students in 6th Grade Reading Program on Oct 30. The final presentation by Hamilton was a PowerPoint titled "South Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame" (SDAHF). The presentation included photos of the SDAHF officers, names of the board of directors and selection committee, goal of the SDAHF to build a replica of the original Spearfish Airport terminal to display donated memorabilia and aircraft, fund raising activities such as raffling aircraft

and "pork-chop-on-a-stick booth" at Spearfish Art Festival, criteria for nominees to the SDAHF and the Combat Air Crew Memorial, list of names of inductees into the SDAHF, and activities during the day-long SDAHF event including breakfast, presentations, "burger burn," ramp / hangar talk time, steak fry, FAA Master Pilot / Master Mechanics awards, and induction of people into the SDAHF and the Combat Air Crew Memorial — all with lots of photos. Hamilton encouraged people to nominate worthy candidates for the SDAHF, Combat Air Crew Memorial, and FAA Master Pilot or Master Mechanic awards. For more information about the YRAA, call 665-8448.

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