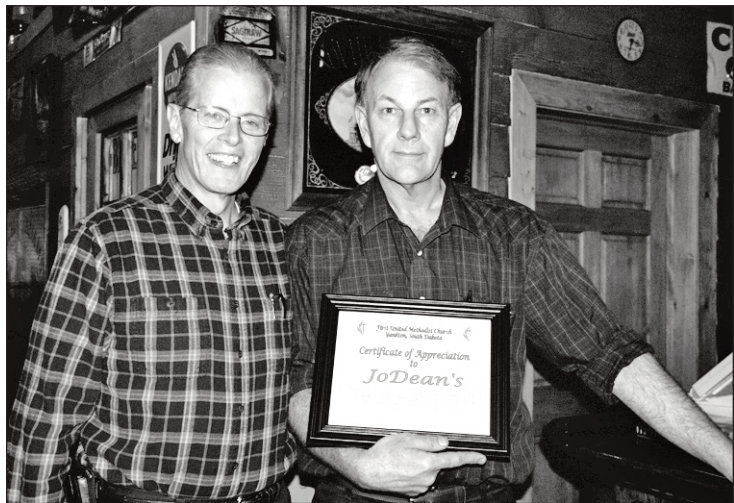


## COMMUNITY SUPPORT



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First United Methodist Church, Yankton, presented Jack Nielsen of JoDean's a Certificate of Appreciation for his Community Support and great food during the Church's 150th Celebration and Consecration Sunday event. Pictured are the Rev. Ron Johnson (left) and Jack Nielsen.

## SHOE DRIVE FILLS THE SOLE



PHOTO: PETERMAN PHOTOGRAPHY  
The University of South Dakota SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee) recently celebrated a successful shoe drive as Coyote student-athletes collected over 1,500 pairs of shoes at recent football and basketball games as part of the SAAC "Share Your Sole" Shoe Drive. In the picture to the right, South Dakota SAAC members Alexia Duling (left) and Chris Ganious (right) with Cece and Leatrice Big Crow (middle, left to right) of the Pine Ridge Reservation of South Dakota.

## KIDS, COPS &amp; CHRISTMAS



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The Yankton Police Department hosted the annual Kids, Cops & Christmas shopping event with 19 area children who were invited to shop with a Yankton Police Officer. Each child received a \$50 gift card to purchase Christmas gifts for themselves and family members. This event was possible with generous donations from the Yankton Fraternal Order of Police and the Yankton County Child Protection Team. Pictured is Officer J. Olson.

## Treat Your Feathered Friends This Winter

If feathered friends are frequent visitors to your yard, here are some easy ways to treat them to healthy winter food, which is important when natural sources are gone.

The recipes come from Cole's wild bird feed, which is sold at garden centers and wildlife stores.

Learn more about different seeds and what birds like them at [www.coleswildbird.com](http://www.coleswildbird.com)

## PINE CONE FEEDERS

**Materials**  
Large pine cones  
Ribbon, yarn or twine  
1 cup lard  
1 cup peanut butter  
1 cup shelled seed, such as sunflower meats  
1 cup raisins or chopped up dried apples  
**Directions:**  
Tie a 12-inch length of ribbon, yarn or twine around the pine cone to create a hanger.  
Mix all ingredients.  
Stuff mixture between the "petals" of the pinecone.  
Hang on tree or hook on porch.

## SUET BAGS

**Directions:** You can get pieces of suet from the butcher and slip them into a red mesh onion bag, or place a suet cake in the onion bag and hang with a ribbon.

## MINI BIRD SEED WREATHS

Makes 6 wreaths  
**Materials**  
1 tube of refrigerator biscuits (2 for each wreath)  
Peanut butter  
Birdseed (small seed works best)  
Ribbon, yarn or twine  
**Directions:**  
Separate dough pieces.  
Press ends of two pieces together to form a wreath.  
Cover top and sides of wreath with peanut butter.  
Put birdseed in shallow tray and dip peanut butter-covered wreath in seed.  
Place wreath on baking sheet and bake according to package directions  
When cool, tie a red ribbon and hang.

## SCHOLASTICS

## Dakota State Announces Fall Graduates

MADISON — Dakota State University in Madison held the fall commencement ceremony Saturday, Dec. 10, in the DSU Fieldhouse. Dakota State awarded 38 masters, 66 baccalaureate and 14 associate degrees. South Dakota State Senator Russ Olson served as the commencement speaker and Amy Pheneger, a physical education graduate from Champlin, M.N., spoke on behalf of the graduates.

Area graduates included:  
• Crofton: Ryan J. Mueller, Bachelor of Business Administration in Management and Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing

## UNMC College Of Nursing Dean's List Released

Dean's list honorees enrolled in the accelerated bachelor's degree in nursing program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing have been announced for the 2011 summer semester. To qualify for the dean's list, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours and have a grade point average of 3.75 or above.

The following is a list of students and their hometowns.  
• UNMC College of Nursing West Nebraska Division: Randolph — Ashley Thies.

## UNL Fall Graduates Announced

LINCOLN, Neb. — The University of Nebraska-Lincoln granted degrees to nearly 1,500 students at commencement exercises Dec. 16-17. The graduates included:

- Hudson: Daniel R. Koopsma, Graduate Studies, master of arts
- Yankton: Tyler Joseph Burbach, the College of Business Administration, B.S. in business administration
- Fordyce: Robert Patrick Steffen, the College of Engineering, B.S. in mechanical engineering
- Laurel: David William Brandow, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, B.S. in agronomy
- Plainview: Luke Raymond Lingenfelter, the College of Engineering, B.S. in biological systems engineering
- Plainview: Lacy Ann Stelling, the College of Education and Human Sciences, B.S. in education and human sciences
- Verdigris: Kevin Lee Rohrer, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, B.S. in agronomy

The graduates are from 36 states and 30 countries. Alberto Ibarguen, president and CEO of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, delivered the undergraduate commencement address and received an honorary doctor of humane letters. Charles Wood, Lewis Lehr/3M University Professor of Biological Sciences and professor of biochemistry at UNL and director of the Nebraska Center

## SACK PACK DONATIONS



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Kids Against Hunger recently donated 2,160 meals to the Yankton Sack Pack program for its Christmas vacation packing. Pictured is Larry Clark of Kids Against Hunger and Jill Wermers from the Sack Pack program and packing volunteers.

## HELPING THE RESCUE



JACKIE WILLIAMS/P&D  
Wireless World of Yankton (3013 Broadway) was very pleased to donate a check for over \$900 to Dakota Animal Rescue. Proceeds were raised over a 3 day period at the store with donations from any accessory sale. With this donation Dakota Animal Rescue will be able to help over a dozen more dogs. If you would like to contribute you may drop off or mail it to 718 Douglas, Yankton, SD 57078 or visit us online at [luvissavinganimals.com](http://luvissavinganimals.com). Pictured are, left to right: Shannon, Lisa, Keith and Barb.

## THE SPIRIT OF GIVING



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
St. John's Preschoolers got into the spirit of giving this season and collected boxes of cereal for the contact center. The kids collected a total of 43 boxes of cereal to help those in need this holiday season.

for Virology, addressed the graduate commencement. Cheryl Zwart, magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska, addressed the law commencement.

A full list of graduates can be found at <http://go.unl.edu/mh6>.

## Forsberg Earns Degree At Chadron State

CHADRON, Neb. — Kimberly Forsberg of Menno, was among the graduates who earned degrees during Chadron State College's winter commencement exercises Friday, Dec. 16.

Forsberg graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in early childhood education.

A total of 165 degrees were conferred during the institution's two winter graduation ceremonies. This year's commencement exercises had special significance, marking the end of CSC's 14-month centennial observance. The diplomas of this winter's 103 bachelor's degrees and 62 master's degrees, as well as those of the May 2011 graduates, were decorated with the institution's centennial celebration symbol.

## Mount Marty College Dean's List Announced

Mount Marty College in Yankton has released the names of the students who have qualified for the dean's list the fall 2011 semester. Area students include:

Emily Bartunek, SR, Avon; Megan Poppe, SR, Avon; Holly Hegge, FR, Crofton; Alison Hoffman, JR, Crofton; Patricia Zuhlke, JR, Crofton; Renee Lefthand, JR, Freeman; Emily Loecker, JR, Hartington; Rhonda Sudbeck, JR, Hartington; Henry Hauger, SR, Irene; Brian Bartlett, SO, Yankton; Kristal Flom, FR, Parker; Elizabeth Oestreich, JR, Saint Helena; Amber Kruse, JR, Scotland; Colin Reisner, SO, Tyndall; Jessica Jurgensen, SR, Vermillion; Alicia Moreau, SR, Vermillion; Timothy Hight, JR, Viborg; Kimberly Kokesh, JR, Wagner; Tiffany Bergeson, FR, Yankton; Nicole Brandt, JR, Yankton; Brittany Brasel, SR, Yankton; Travis Correll, JR, Yankton; James Fillau, SR, Yankton; Rebecca Glidden, SR, Yankton; Kylie Gross, SR, Yankton; Samantha Gullikson, SO, Yankton; Christopher Hoffman, JR, Yankton; Neil Hohenthanner, FR, Yankton; Brittany Janssen, SO, Yankton; Jamie Jungemann, JR, Yankton; Hyeon Jin Kang, JR, Yankton; Davide Kearney, SO, Yankton; Titus Kosgei, SR, Yankton; Amanda Lammers, SR, Yankton; Jason Locken, JR, Yankton; Alexandra Mika, SR, Yankton; Jason Niewoit, JR, Yankton; Brian Odens, JR, Yankton; Kelli Prater, SR, Yankton; Chelsey Reiner, JR, Yankton; Erica Reiners, SO, Yankton; Ashley Ruhaak, SR, Yankton; Jade Steinberg, SR, Yankton; Taunya Steinberg, SO, Yankton; Amy Stephenson, SR, Yankton; Sarah Swensen, SR, Yankton; Kristina Tunink, SO, Yankton; Jami Vander Broek, SR, Yankton; Monty Wanless, SR, Yankton; Julie Weiland, SO, Yankton; Zachery Whitehill, JR, Yankton.

## LOSING TO GIVE



KELLY HERTZ/P&D  
Pictured are members of the Yankton High School "YankTON Challenge" team that participated in the Chamber of Commerce sponsored, twelve week, weight loss program. The YHS team won second place in the team competition and was awarded \$750 in Chamber dollars. The YHS team, composed of 29 members, decided to donate their winnings to the local Sack Pack Program and the Boys and Girls Club. Dr. Wayne Kindie, Principal at YHS, was the team captain. Judy Heine, school nurse, handled all the weigh-ins, reporting to the Chamber and the record keeping. Each team member weighed in on a weekly basis and Judy Heine reported those results to the Chamber office. Cassi Pietz presented Jill Wermers, director of the Sack Pack Program, with \$500 in Chamber dollars and Bob Muth presented Devin Warren, Unit Director and Mike Johnson, Program Director with \$250 in Chamber dollars.

## BEADLE REFLECTIONS



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Participants and winners from Beadle School P.T.A. 2011 Reflections Program are (pictured from left to right): Front Row — Elle Guthmiller, Molly Baumeister, Chloe Becker, Trace Jensen, Haley Brandt, Kaitlin Paulson, Abby Huff, Mason Roesler, Back Row — Price Jensen, Leann Sasse, Isaac Muehlbeier, Zayne King, Brennan Pipes, Zach Roesler, Nathan Huff, and Ashlyn McGhee. The PTA Reflections Program asks children to express themselves artistically based on a common theme. This year's theme is "Diversity Means." Students submit artwork to their local PTAs. Works are judged at the local level and the winning entries advance to the state PTA levels, depending on the state structure. The top state award-winning entries advance to the national level of judging.

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