

## Submitted Sports Photos Moving To Hometown

Beginning next week, *Press & Dakotan* will now place submitted photos for youth sports teams on the weekly Hometown page, which appears each Friday in the "River City" section. The move allows us to publish photos in a timely manner and consistently in the same part of the paper.

Readers wishing to have their youth sports photos

published are asked to submit them by email to news@yankton.net, with "Hometown Page" in the subject line. Submissions should include information on the accomplishment. Names should be listed in order of appearance in the photo, and the order names are listed should be noted (left to right, etc.).

## River City Cheer



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Saturday, Dec. 12, River City Cheer competed at the Summer in December Cheer & Dance competition in Mitchell, SD. The Hurricanes were the Youth Level 1 (12 & under) Champions! The Tiny Level 1 Flurries placed 2nd! Individually Kaelyn Hoilien was the Mini Cheer Angel Champion & Burkley Olson was the Mini Jump Angel Champion. River City Cheer hosts its next competition on Jan. 10 at the YHS/Summit Center, which will bring more than 400 athletes, 60 teams and 2,000 spectators. Pictured are, back row from left: Aja Eilers, Sryianne Buckley, Hayley VanEssen, Ellyana Ulmer, Harley Alder, Jaden Shaefer, MaKenzee Guthmiller, Stella Dooley Front Row L/R Libby Glover, Rylee Rutjes, Alyssa Underwood, Remy Wenzlaff, Annabelle Buckley and Burkley Olson

## U12 Yankton Zelles And Renegades



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TOP PHOTO: Front row from left: Tierney Faulk, Callie Boomsma, Ashlyn Vogt, Madisyn Bietz, Maggie Schaefer. Back row L to R: Talia Olson, Makiya Ray, Abby Schmidt, Cora Schurman and Coach Jason Bietz

BOTTOM PHOTO: Front row (L-R): Ethan Yasat & Alexander Nockels; Middle row: Will Pavlish, Gage Becker, Ashton Christ, Zach Hebda, Milo Johnson; Back row: Coach Deniz Yasat, Brody Mathrole, Robert Schaefer, Zach Loest, Jacob Kirchner, Coach Josh Pavlish

Both teams went 3-0 on pool play and they both beat Pierre in the Championship. The Girls won 3-2 in an OT shootout and the boys won 4-1. Also, there were two other Yankton teams: U9 Firestorm with a 2-1 record and U10 Firestorm with a 3-0 record.

## United Way

# Steve Wintz Named Volunteer Of The Month

When you think about volunteers, you think of individuals who think more about others than they do themselves. Great volunteers devote their time and energy into making our community a better place. Recently, Steve Wintz was recognized for his dedication to community through volunteerism. Wintz was awarded as United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton's Volunteer of the Month for December 2015 and was awarded during Southeast CASA's holiday "Friend" raiser.

We asked Steve to tell us a little about himself.

**I have lived here in the Yankton Area Since:** I grew up in Hartington, Nebraska just 30 miles south of Yankton and moved to Yankton in 2004.

**I began volunteering:** I began volunteering pretty much as far back as I can remember. Having two older brothers, it seemed like we were always helping out at school or church or any neighbors that needed help. I attended Catholic Grade School and Catholic High School in Hartington, so there were a lot of service projects we would do for the community and fundraising to help the school. My parents taught me the value of helping others and that is something that I hope to pass down to my kids.

**I continue volunteering because:** Being a funeral director and growing up in the funeral industry has taught me that there are more important things than just you or what's going on in your life. People are going through tough times and



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Steve Wintz

hurting and we need to be there for each other to help in any way we can. It's really not that hard to give a little bit of your time to make someone else's day a little better or help someone that needs it. I think that's why we're here and what we are supposed to do.

**I volunteer at (list organizations and duties served):** I am currently serving on the Board of Directors for Southeast CASA in Yankton as the Vice President and was the chairman for the Superhero Fun Run. I also help with the Reverse Your Luck fundraiser and other events we have to raise awareness for the abused and neglected children in our area. I am a member of the Yankton Sertoma Club, where I have planted and delivered pumpkins

we give to second graders in Yankton, sold tickets to events and worked at those events. I am a member of the Knights of Columbus, where I have helped at the monthly breakfast and delivered food to the Banquet. I have helped with the Sacred Heart School Gala, selling tickets, co-chairing a raffle and this year I will be serving as the Activities Committee Co-Chair. Most of my volunteering is at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, where I serve as an EME and usher at Mass; I have been a Youth Discipleship leader, organize the games for the Bazaar and have served on the Parish Council for the past five years.

**Volunteer work is enjoyable because:** Volunteer work is enjoyable because you get to make a difference and more importantly, it just

feels good to help people. Seeing the end result of something you've worked so hard to accomplish is a very satisfying feeling. I just enjoy seeing a problem and helping in some way to make it better.

**My best volunteer experience was:** I have a few experiences that stick out in my mind. The first was at last year's Superhero Fun Run. Seeing all of the kids go crazy at our Super Villain Shooting Range, where they could shoot Nerf guns at Villains was great and I'm looking forward to doing that again this year. Secondly, was leading a Youth Discipleship Group for church. Having those high school students come together and be interested in learning more about their faith was an experience I won't forget.

**The advice I would give to those thinking about getting out there and volunteering in their communities is:** Do it. My dad once told me that all we have to give to people is our service. That is something that has always stuck with me. I believe this should not only apply to your profession but also in the way you live your life. Service to others is the greatest gift you can give. You may not always be able to give money or material things but you can always give a little of your time.

To learn more about volunteering or to nominate a Volunteer of the Month, contact United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton at 605-665-6766 or visit [www.yanktonunitedway.org/volunteer](http://www.yanktonunitedway.org/volunteer).

## Anna Bakley And Kim Kuchta Promoted At First Dakota National Bank

Rob Stephenson, President of First Dakota National Bank, is pleased to announce the promotion of Anna Bakley to Personal Banking Officer and Kim Kuchta to Personal Banking Officer.

Bakley has worked in the banking industry since 2001. She most recently has worked as a Cash Management Specialist and Teller Supervisor. Her new duties will include Personal Banking and Retail and Consumer Lending.

Bakley is active in the Yankton community. She is a Junior Achievement Teacher, a Chamber Ambassador and has been involved in Leadership Yankton, Yankton Area Summer Band, Meals on Wheels and the Bank's annual Teach Children to Save program. She, and her



Bakley



Kuchta

husband Devin, live in Yankton with their two children.

Kuchta is a graduate of Dakota Wesleyan University and has been part of the First Dakota team since 2011. She most recently has worked as a Personal Banker. Her new duties will include Personal Banking and Retail

and Consumer Lending. She is also the IRA Administrator and the HSA Administrator for the Yankton locations.

Kuchta and her husband James, live in Yankton. They have three grown sons.

First Dakota was founded in 1872 and holds the first bank charter issued in all of Dakota Territory. It has 17 full-service banking locations in 13 South Dakota cities. It also has six loan production offices throughout South Dakota and Nebraska.

## First National Bank Awards \$362,000 In Community Development Grants

OMAHA, Neb. — First National Bank has awarded a total of \$362,000 in community development grants to 29 nonprofit organizations in six states in the fourth quarter of 2015, announced Alec Gorynski, senior director, Community Development and Corporate Social Responsibility. The grants will focus on achieving outcomes in four priority areas: Affordable Housing, Financial Wellness and Economic Self-Sufficiency,

Economic Development, and Neighborhood Revitalization and Stabilization.

"Giving back to the communities we serve is not only part of our Operating Philosophy at First National Bank, it's also embedded in our corporate DNA as a core value and belief," Gorynski said. "We believe that in order to be successful as a company, our communities must also be successful." In 2015, First National Bank awarded more than

\$1.69 million in community development grants to organizations across its seven-state service area.

The following organizations received grant awards in December:

- South Dakota
  - \$37,000 — Yankton Area Homeless Shelter: supports homelessness prevention, through financial assistance and educational programming in Yankton.

## MEETINGS

### VFW AUXILIARY

VFW Auxiliary to Ernest Bowyer Post 791 met Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015, at the Post Home with President Dorothy Stange presiding. The meeting opened according to ritual. All officers were present with exception of Marge Olson, Shirley Christenson, Judy Potts and Val Larson.

Membership applications from LeeAnn Conde, Sheryl Lynn Gullikson and Patricia Rueppel were accepted upon motion by Marlys List, seconded by Joyce Stahlecker.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Treasurer's report was presented and filed. Membership is currently at 87.44 percent.

Reports were presented by Veterans & Family Support Chair Jane Slowey, Can-

cer Aid and Research Shelley Stoddard, National Home.

Marlys List, ERTH and Yankton Care Center for Deloris Gwinn, funeral luncheon for Mary Jane Mount by Marlene Schramm, Americanism by Shelley Stoddard. Shelley shared thank-you letters to Veterans from students at Sacred Heart School.

Letters of thanks were received from the families of Mary Jane Mount and Connie Knodel. Thank you letters were received from VA Medical Center in Sioux Falls, State Veterans Home in Hot Springs, Department of Veterans Affairs Sioux Falls, Black Hills Health Care System of Fort Meade.

December obligations were presented and passed. Moved by Stahlecker, sec-

onded by List to pay bills passed.

Refreshments were served by Shelley Stoddard.

Iona Fischer won the 10 cent cup and Lynda Heggestad's name was drawn for the attendance prize. She was not present, so the January prize will be \$4.

Meeting was adjourned following the closing prayer by Chaplain Jane Slowey.

### YANKTON REGIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Fifty members and guests attended the YRAA meeting on Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. at JoDean's restaurant.

Attendees came from Allen, Dixon, Norfolk, Randolph, Avon, Elk Point, Jefferson, Menno, Tripp, Tyndall, Utica, Vermillion and Yankton. During the dinner,

Francis Serr showed videos from AirVenture at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, provided by Skip VanDerhule.

President John Lillevoid welcomed everyone to the meeting. Lillevoid handed out Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing officers of the YRAA: Vice President Serr, Treasurer Jacob Hoffner, Secretary, Young Eagles Coordinator and newsletter editor Steve Hamilton, and Directors-at-Large Butch Becker and Scott Olson. An election of new officers was held and resulted in Serr as president, Jim Eisenmenger as vice president, and the other officers continuing on in their present positions.

Lillevoid handed out Certificates of Appreciation to Ground Volunteers at four Young Eagles Rallies in

2015. Rallies this year: May 12: 20 kids (Big Friend/Little Friend, Yankton); June 20: 32 kids Yankton); June 27: 18 kids (Vermillion); Oct 25: 115 kids (Sixth Grade Reading Program, Yankton). Total of 185 kids. Certificates were presented to Jerry Bailey, Butch Becker, June Clark, Whitney Delforge, Jaidan Eide, Judy Eisenmenger, Kelene Fercho, Pam Hamilton, Steve Hamilton, Sandy Hoffner, Marilyn Huntley, Roger Huntley, Karen Kubal, Brenda Martens, Kim Olson, Angie Schramm, Dan Specht, Clayton Starwalt and Judy VanDerhule. THANK YOU, Ground Volunteers!

Hamilton presented Lillevoid with a commemorative "postal stamp" in the YRAA Presidents' series for being president after

Petra Wilson moved to Hot Springs.

Serr showed a 2-minute AOPA Live video from AirVenture showing Tessa Howard of Winner, SD, flying with Sean D. Tucker, aerobic performer and chairman of the Young Eagles Program. Tessa has flown 148 Young Eagles.

For the program Lillevoid showed photos from his flight and tour with his wife, Beth Mikkelson, and a dozen other planes to Cuba in November.

The next YRAA meeting is set for Jan. 17 in the airport terminal at Yankton with the theme "Men Cooking." For more information about the YRAA, contact Steve Hamilton at 605-665-8448 or [skyhawk@iw.net](mailto:skyhawk@iw.net).