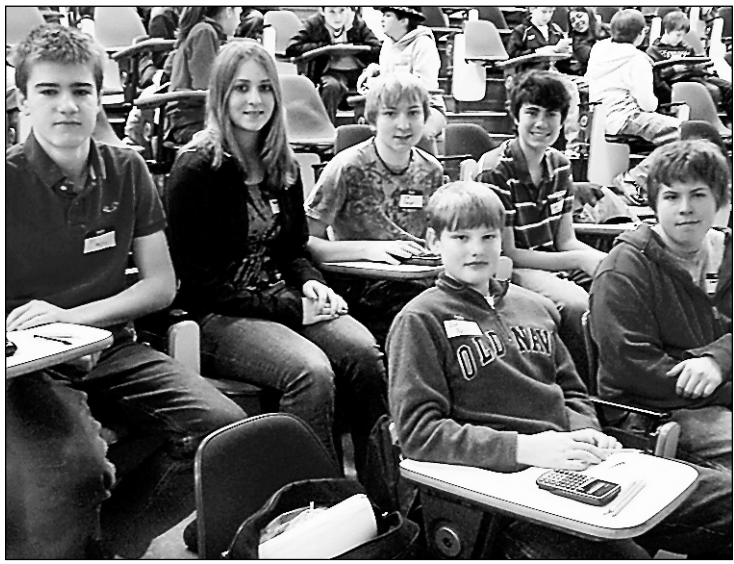


## HOMETOWNNEWS

## Yankton Students Excel At MathCounts Competition



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SHMS Students Sam Bisgard, Alex Dangler, Madison Dangler, and JJ Hejna participated in the SE Chapter MATHCOUNTS competition on Saturday, February 20th at Augustana College in Sioux Falls. Alternates, Jon Barkl and Evan Hoffman, accompanied the team and competed as individuals.

Yankton was well represented at the recent Southeast Chapter MATHCOUNTS competition held in Sioux Falls, Saturday, Feb. 20.

MATHCOUNTS is a national math program for middle school students and is designed to increase interest and involvement in mathematics among all middle school students.

Competing were teams from both the Yankton Middle School (YMS) and the Sacred Heart Middle School (SHMS).

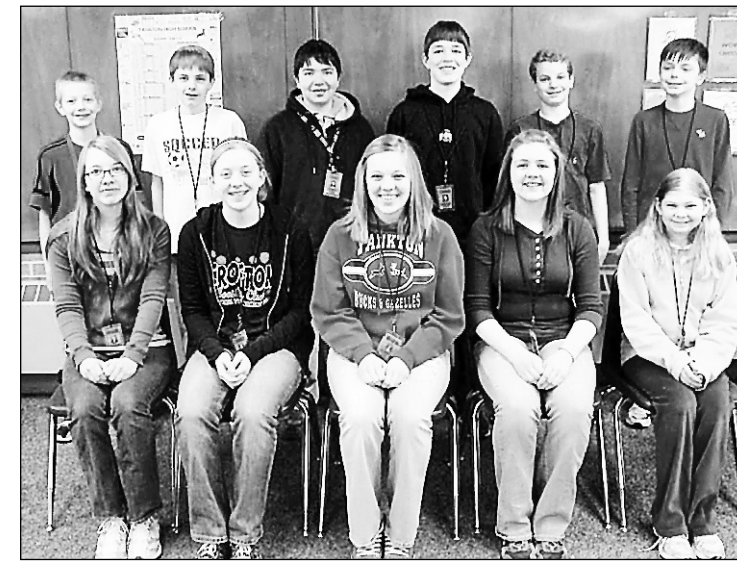
The Yankton Middle School team — Allyiah Greaver, Taylor Rothenberger, Johanna Lippert, Sam Gusso, Juan Skorey, Landon Withrow, Jason Shindler and Ethan Klimisch, with alternates Abby Schulte, Kim Cap and Brandon Frick — earned 5th place in the team competition, while the Sacred Heart team — Sam Bisgard, Alex Dangler, Madison Dangler, JJ Hejna, and alternates Jon Barkl and Evan

Hoffman — took 8th place in the competition.

Individually Skorey took 7th place overall and Withrow 9th in the chapter competition. Both of these students will advance to the state MATHCOUNTS competition in Pierre on March 6. Bisgard was the top scorer from SHMS.

From the Chapter competition in Sioux Falls, the top two teams and top four individuals who are not on the top team advance to the state competition in Pierre. From the state competition, the top four individuals in the state advance to the national competition in Orlando this spring.

Every year the students and coaches put in endless hours doing math before and after school during their free time. A special thanks to Eisenbraun and Associates who sponsor the competition in Sioux Falls every year.



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This year's Yankton Middle School team members include (from left to right): Front Row: Allyiah Greaver, Abby Schulte (alternate), Taylor Rothenberger, Johanna Lippert, Kim Cap (alternate) Back Row: Sam Gusso, Brandon Frick (alternate), Juan Skorey, Landon Withrow, Jason Shindler and Ethan Klimisch

## A CONFIRMED GIFT



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Pictured are, front from left: Jenna Koenigs holding Noelle (cat), Savannah Woods holding Katie (cat), Amber Winters holding Ginger (cat), and teacher April Winters; back row: Chandler Olson and Jacob Smith with Annie (dog).

## HHS Receives Donations From St. John's Confirmation Class

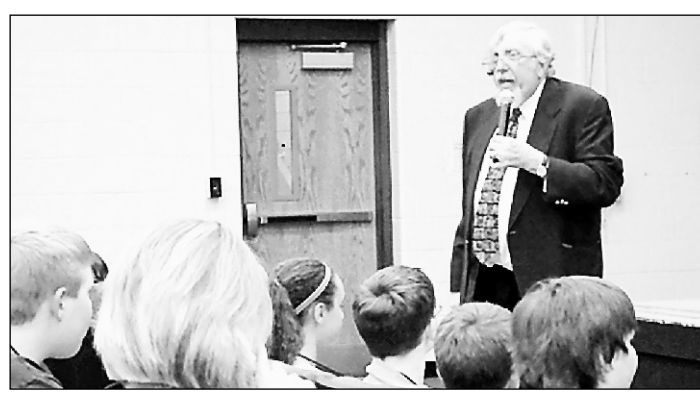
Heartland Humane Society received donations from April Winters' sixth grade confirmation class from St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton. The group presented the shelter with dipped dog bones, hand-made cat toys and fleece kennel blankets.

Heartland Humane Society welcomes projects like this to benefit the animals. "We utilize the donations for the animals in our care and to raise money," stated Tasha Anderson, executive director of Heartland Humane Society. "The cats are loving the little cat toys and the dipped bones are always popular. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive community base."

If you would like information on doing a community service project for Heartland Humane Society, please contact Tasha Anderson at 605-664-4244 or email hhs@midconetwork.com.

Heartland Humane Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves Yankton and Clay Counties in South Dakota and Cedar County in Nebraska and surrounding communities, protecting and enhancing the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people. Visit Heartland Humane Society online at www.heartlandhumane.org.

## UNKNOWN STAR



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## Unknown Star Visits YMS 6th Graders

The Yankton Middle School sixth grade students enjoyed a recent presentation from Elton Rokusek, author of the "Unknown Star." Mr. Rokusek has been to more than 70 schools and has more than 30 more this year to visit and deliver his message about bullying to our students at the middle school. He is an inspiration to many students and he shares his experiences that he has faced throughout his life. The YMS PTSA proudly sponsored his visit.

## PLAY TIME



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Thanks to the Tuve family for their generous donation and to Marv and Karin Ehlers for all their work to construct the room the cats housed at the Heartland Humane Society have a new kitty play room.

## HHS Announces New Addition

Heartland Humane Society invites the community to see one of the new additions at the shelter — the new kitty playroom.

Doug and Susan Tuve of Vermillion recently donated money earmarked for the room in memory of their beloved cats, Minnie and Nina. The room features windows for viewing and provides a safe place for the shelter cats to play as well as a place for potential adopters to get to know the animals. The inside is constructed of material that resists bacteria and can be easily cleaned. The outside is still a work in progress at the moment. The shelter is accepting any offers from volunteers to finish and texture it.

"This is a wonderful area to enjoy the animals and get to

know them, and the cats love playing in the new room," said Tasha Anderson, executive director at Heartland Humane Society. "Thanks to the Tuve family for their generous donation and to Marv and Karin Ehlers for all their work to construct the room!"

HHS encourages the community to stop by the shelter office at 601 1/2 Burleigh Street in Yankton to see the new room and its grateful tenants. For those that want to get involved, HHS is also accepting donations for new play furniture for the room. Donate in memory of your loved ones — people or pets — or as a gift to someone you love.

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## ANTIQUÉ CHECK



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The Antique Auto Club recently presented a check for \$200 to the Yankton Meals on Wheels program. Pictured are, from left: Tammy Matuska of Meals on Wheels; Ruth Ann Dickman, Antique Auto Club president; and Ed "Red" Nelson, club member.

## MEETING MINUTES

## RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council welcomed two new board members — Cedar County representative Glen Anderson of Coleridge and Dixon County rep Jane Armstrong of Newcastle — at the Feb. 22 meeting. Knox County rep Virginia Buerman of Creighton shared information received at the Western RC&D Conference on legal responsibilities of board members.

Dennis Wacker, President, shared that the Council received notification of their acceptance into the enhanced level of the Circle of Diamonds program. Only three RC&D Councils in the nation have received this honor and all are from Nebraska.

Four Household Hazardous Waste collection events will be held on April 28-29 in Allen, Coleridge, Niobrara and Neligh. The Council approved an electronic recycling collection planned for this summer. Two Nebraska Environmental Trust grants for the Weed Management Area and the Organic Farming project were accepted.

Sandy Patton, Project Director, explained the work of the Farmers Market Moms program. A no-fee workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center south of Yankton on Highway 81.

The next RC&D meeting will be March 22 at the RC&D Office in Plainview.

## SWEET ADELINES

The RiverCity Harmony Sweet Adelines held a coaching session, Saturday, Feb. 13 at The First United Methodist Church.

Coaches were Bonnie Rust, Sweet Adelines Region 6 Coordinator from Minneapolis, Mn. and Judy Wierper, Director of the Spirit of Lakes Chorus from Spirit Lake, Ia.

Many new ideas and useful products were presented by both. They gave us information about our upcoming competition in Winnipeg, Canada in May. They helped us with breathing exercises, stage presentation and how to have more energy and enthusiasm.

## REGIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION

The Yankton Regional Aviation Association (YRAA) met Feb. 21 at the Chan Gurney Airport terminal for a potluck dinner meeting. Participants were from Menno, Tyndall, Vermillion, Yankton and Crofton. The Flight Training Center in Yankton announced they would be giving a free 1-year membership in the YRAA to new student pilots. The YRAA approved a motion to give a free 1-year membership in the YRAA to student pilots who pass their check ride to earn their pilot certificate. The first recipient was Dr. Jill Kruse who was at the YRAA meeting with her husband Major Anderson.

Certificates of Appreciation and lapel pins were passed out

Jerry Bailey, Butch Becker, Gary Carlson, Tessa Clark, Pam Hamilton, Steve Hamilton, Dave Howard, Marilyn Huntley, Jeff Jungemann, Ed Lammers, Gary Miller, Lou Ella Machin, Angie Schramm, Jim Smith and Skip VanDerhule, ground volunteers during the Young Eagle events in 2009. Steve Hamilton discussed the proposed transfer of Aeronautics Funds to the General Fund in S.D. to help balance the state budget and three other pieces of aviation-related legislation in the S.D. legislature. For more information about the YRAA, call 665-8448.

## INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Feb. 22. New member Anne Doeherty-Stephan was introduced. Anne is with the National Park Service and announced that the visitors center is open beginning today Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Penny Scholl announced that Free Childbirth Education Classes will begin in April. For more information you call 665-7841 ext 2259. Kathy Gerstner thanked all who attended the Women of Distinction. The winners were Pam Kettering and Dr. Pam Rezac. The next welcome link will be held at the National Parks Service office in April.

Rita Wentworth announced the newest art exhibit has begun at the GAR hall and features young artist from Yankton Middle School and YHS. Marcy Moser announced she has tickets for the

GOP Lincoln Day Dinner to be held on March 6. Carmen Schramm spoke briefly on the new Shop local campaign and introduced the speaker, Eric Kolda. Eric is the owner of EDK Woodworking specializing in custom handmade wood products produced in Yankton.

The next meeting will be noon, March 1 at the Waterfront. Peter Dratch the acting Superintendent of the National Parks Service will be our speaker.

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Yankton American Legion Auxiliary met Feb. 15.

Webster School third graders sent thank you notes for dictionaries. Shirley Juffer will work on the project Ten of Something.

It was reported one member is needed to make goal.

Gert Boyles reported junior girls have been interviewed and selections will be made to attend Girls State; also two will be attending Journalism City.

Helen Droppers and Connie Tschetter are working on Poppy Days and Poppy Poster Contest.

Dorothy Johansen reported a successful Bingo Party at HSC on January 28th.

The District 7 Spring Meeting will be held at Corsica Saturday, March 13.

Valentines for Hugs for Heroes were taken to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

Joyce informed the members reports are to be sent in by April 15th; get your volunteer hours to

President Betty Adam by or at the next meeting.

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