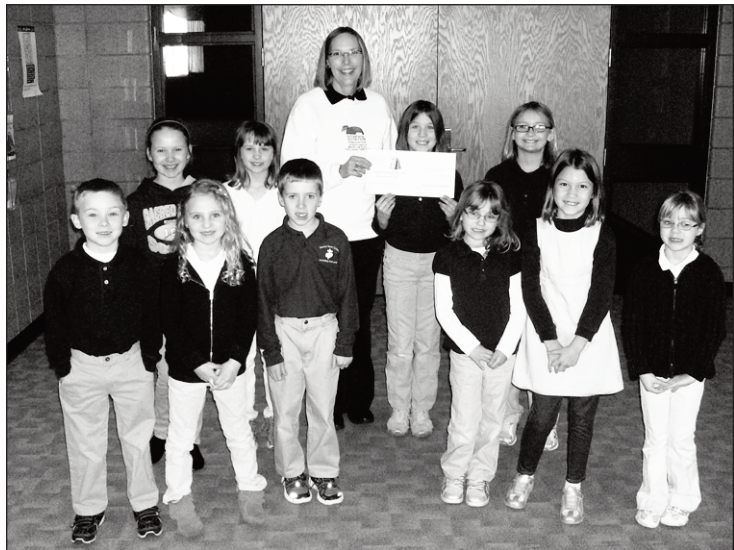


## STUDENTS STEP UP



Students at Sacred Heart Elementary School presented Sandy Kramer with a \$700 check for the Yankton Sack Pack Program. The students raised this money by gathering "Coins for Our Community" during Catholic Schools Week.

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## 'SOUP'ER BOWL SUCCESS



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Students from Yankton's Beadle Elementary School recently donated items to Yankton's Contact Center that were raised during the school's "Soup"-er Bowl Food Drive the week of Jan. 30-Feb. 3. Each class was awarded points for food items brought to the school for donation. Mrs. Lori LaFave's third-grade class won the competition with 322 points. The drive was sponsored by the Beadle Elementary School Student Council. The items were donated to the Contact Center on Feb. 3. Students assisting in the delivery were (from front to back and left to right): Paul Koenigs, Ashlyn McGhee, Sam Herrboldt, Hannah Muth, Kelsey Oswald, Jakob McBride, Miles Carda, Caleb List, Ryne Whisler, Jackson Husman, Sam Mooney and Paxton Heinz.

## SERVING OTHERS



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The Missouri Vally Christian Academy recently volunteered their time to pack food for children around the world at Kids Against Hunger Yankton. To learn how you can help, visit [www.kahyankton.org](http://www.kahyankton.org).

## LCHB SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



Congratulations to Kevin Schurman of Yankton. Kevin is the recipient of the 2011/2012 Lewis and Clark Homebuilder's Association scholarship. Kevin's construction experience and interest in the Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning field has made his application stand out. Kevin is attending Mitchell Technical Institute and is working on his HVAC Degree. (Submitted Photo)

## MEETING MINUTES

## INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, February 6 at noon at Minerva's.

Kathy Jacobs, Interchange President, called the meeting to order with the flag pledge.

The January birthday drawing was held with Gert Thomas being the winner.

Announcements were given by Kathy Jacobs and Rita Wentworth. Michelle Tycz was the hostess and in-

roduced her speaker Mary Walkes, RN, MSN, CGP. She presented on GAPS™ (Gut and Psychology Syndrome). Mary is a certified GAPS Practitioner and shared the GAPS Protocol to healing and attaining optimum health.

The next Interchange will be held February 13 at noon at Minerva's. Julie Perakslis is our hostess with the Sacred Heart Middle School 8th grade students presenting a program on "Solar Panels."

## Buhl Named Volunteer Of The Month

Ken Buhl has combined his joy of archery with education to create youth archery programs through the National Field Archery Association Headquarters, located here in Yankton. Buhl has been recognized as the United Way & Volunteer Services' Volunteer of the Month, for his efforts sharing these programs in Yankton and to other schools throughout the state.

In 2009, Buhl with cooperation from the S.D. Department of Education and S.D. Game, Fish and Parks, started a pilot program, reaching out to disadvantaged schools throughout the state. The South Dakota Enhanced After School Archery Program is a regional outreach program which uses the sport of archery as a learning tool to enhance youth's coordination, math and social skills.

"The age appropriate educational games we use to teach really improve the kid's self-esteem," says Buhl. "You can really see their confidence grow as they learn to shoot."

Buhl has shared these learning tools to various groups in the area, including the Big Friend Little Friend organization. Big Friend Little Friend Director Stacy Starzl was impressed how the kids listened and worked as a team during their Fun Function held at the NFAA Headquarters. "The kids demonstrated such patience and discipline while learning how to shoot. They listened so well to Ken as



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Ken Buhl has been named the December United Way Volunteer of the month.

he explained the safety rules and how to hold the bow."

Buhl is also involved with the Ted Nugent's Camp for Kids, a one-day training

camp including Olympic Archery, fishing, trap shooting, and other outdoor skills; and Bring Back the Bow, a three-day camp where youth learn traditional bow making skills.

Originally from Britton, Buhl moved to Yankton in 1984, where he owned and operated his own business for more than 20 years. Ken's history of volunteerism in Yankton is impressive, with hours on the Emergency Management team, chairman of the Yankton Planning Commission, Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program instructor, and a Big Friend Little Friend mentor. One of Buhl's volunteer highlights is when he received the Governor's School Bell Award for Education while serving on the fundraising committee to obtain computers for Yankton Public Schools in the early 1990s.

What drives Buhl to continue his volunteer efforts today is being able to help the community and make a difference. Seeing the children excel in school and gain confidence in their everyday lives brings him joy. When asked what advice he has to others thinking about sharing their skills through volunteerism, Ken states, "Those that are the busiest, usually have the most to give. Try to find a program that compliments your schedule and what you enjoy. If you find joy in something, those you help may start helping others as well."

## Masonic Foundation Awarded SDCHIP Grant

The South Dakota Community Foundation is pleased to announce that the South Dakota Masonic Foundation has been awarded a \$6,000 grant to assist with the South Dakota Child Identification Program (SDCHIP). This grant was presented through the South Dakota Community Foundation's statewide grant program. Chuck Riter, Norbert Sebade and Peg Seljeskog of Rapid City all serve on the board of directors of the South Dakota Community Foundation.

The South Dakota Child Identification Program is provided free at events sponsored by local Masonic Lodges throughout South Dakota. The SDCHIP program is the most comprehensive child identification program available to parents and consists of a brief video interview of their child, digital photograph, digital fingerprints, DNA cheek swab, and dental bite registration. All materials are given to parents for safekeeping. More than 12,500 South Dakota children have gone



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South Dakota Community Foundation Awards \$6,000 to the South Dakota Masonic Foundation to assist with the South Dakota Child Identification Program. Herbert Cook, SDCHIP West River Coordinator accepts the award check from SDCF Board Member Charles Riter. Back row (left to right) Mike Rodman, SDCHIP State Chairman; Jack Welker, Past Grand Master and Jack Hantz, Deputy Grand Master.

through the SDCHIP program in the past four years.

According to Ginger Niemann,

program officer of the South Dakota Community Foundation, "The equipment and resources

made available to parents are invaluable. The South Dakota Community Foundation is pleased to partner with them on this important project."

Jack Hantz, deputy grand master of South Dakota's Masons, said, "This wonderful grant from the South Dakota Community Foundation will allow South Dakota's Masons to purchase additional equipment for the SDCHIP program to meet the increasing demand for our program throughout the state."

The South Dakota Community Foundation is a public non-profit organization established in 1987. The foundation commingles money from more than 500 funds for investment and administration purposes. Earnings from nearly \$100 million are available for distribution for non-profit, charitable and scholarship purposes. For more information on the South Dakota Foundation, contact our office at 1-800-888-1842.

## BFLB STRIKES A WIN



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On behalf of Yankton's First United Methodist Church, a check was recently presented to Big Friend Little Friend for a Bowl-A-Thon sponsorship. Pictured here is Nick Kisch, representative of the Missions Committee for First UMC, presenting the gift to Stacy Starzl, executive director for Big Friend Little Friend.

## GIVING BACK



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Yankton's First United Methodist Church collected \$1,779 on Christmas Eve for the Contact Center to support their ministries. Pictured are Nick and Tracy Kisch (and son), representatives of the Missions Committee, from First UMC, presenting the gift to Jennifer Adamson from the Contact Center.

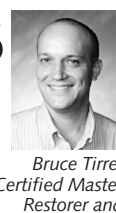
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*An Open House in recognition of his years of service will be held on Friday, February 17, from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Minerva's, 1607 E. Hwy. 50, in Yankton.*

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