

## Kahlers Named Red Cross Volunteers Of The Month

Ken and Jacque Kahler are high school sweethearts turned later-in-life newlyweds. Jacque has lived in the Yankton area much of her life, while Ken moved here in February 2011. A veteran, Ken wanted to be involved with his new community, so he welcomed the opportunity to join Jacque in volunteering for the American Red Cross.

Deb Bodenstedt, Manager of the Yankton County Red Cross, expressed her appreciation of the volunteering duo by nominating them as Volunteer of the Month for December 2012. "Jacque is a wonderful Red Cross volunteer. Last year, after I had been in the job only 1 week, I was called to a fire. Late in the day, on one of the coldest days in December, who do I call? Jacque. She and her husband dropped everything, and drove out in the country to help me. She helped me complete the paperwork and together we formed a cohesive Red Cross Team. After that, I knew Jacque was a gem. Ken is my "go-to" volunteer. Whenever there is an emergency or a no-notice need, I can count on Ken to be there," says Bodenstedt.

We asked Ken and Jacque to tell us about their volunteerism in their own words:



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### JACQUE KAHLER

**I have lived here in the Yankton Area since:** 1967 from Hartington, NE  
**I began volunteering:** August 2008 with Red Cross. I am now a CPR instructor.

**I continue volunteering because:** I enjoy helping people.

**I volunteer at:** Red Cross. I carry a Red Cross phone on call for emergencies like fires, floods, disasters.

**Approximate hours per year that I volunteer:** Just when needed. I don't

keep track of hours.

**Volunteer work is enjoyable because:** All the different people you meet and new friends you make over the years. I am still in touch with a lot of them.

**My best volunteer experience was:** There are two, Hurricane Ike in Texas and this year's Hurricane Sandy. We went to New Brunswick, NJ for two weeks for Sandy.

**The advice I would give to those thinking about getting out there and**

**volunteering in their communities is:** JUST DO IT! It is very rewarding and it makes you feel good.

### KEN KAHLER

**I have lived here in the Yankton Area since:** February 2011

**I began volunteering:** June 2011

**I continue volunteering because:** Satisfaction of helping people in time of need

**I volunteer at:** American Red Cross

**Approximate hours per year that I volunteer:** As needed by the Red Cross (fires, storms, etc.)

**Volunteer work is enjoyable because:** It's so easy and takes so little to help people in a time of need and stress.

**My best volunteer experience was:** Working after hurricane Sandy alongside volunteers from all over the country and even Canada & Mexico.

**The advice I would give to those thinking about getting out there and volunteering in their communities is:** It costs so little to make a big impact on those in need, and the looks and thanks you get in return is something you can't put a price tag on.

For more information about volunteerism in the greater Yankton area, please contact the United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton at (605)665-6766 or volunserve@iw.net.

## ADDING IT UP



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**Members are:** Back Row L to R: Easton Joachimsen, Sarah Lammers, Reuben Lammers, Blase Rokusek; Front Row L to R: Cassidy Ulrich, Nicholas Paltz, Dylan Kuehn

## Cedar Catholic MathCounts Scores

The seventh and eighth graders at Cedar Catholic Jr/Sr High School in Hartington, Neb. competed in the 30th annual MathCounts competition in Columbus, Neb. on Feb. 2. This was the first year that they were involved in the competition. The team of Blase Rokusek, Easton Joachimsen, Reuben Lammers and Sarah Lammers placed third out of 16 different schools which earned them a spot in the state competition to be held in Lincoln, Neb. on March 16.

Blase Rokusek placed fourth out of 90 other students in the individual part of the competition. The students have been working on sometimes seemingly impossible story problems since October to gain the knowledge necessary to compete well at this level. Their dedication to the Math Club has earned them this honorable distinction. Other members of the club include: Dylan Kuehn, Cassidy Ulrich and Nicholas Paltz.

## Yankton Area United Way Recognizes Clothing Closet Volunteers For Their Service

"My volunteers rock!!! They are always there no matter what, and I can't thank them enough for all their hard work and dedication!" exclaims Leah Brandt, Coordinator of the Clothing Closet.

The Clothing Closet (CC) volunteers were honored as the February 2013 Volunteers of the Month by United Way (UW) and Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton.

The CC is an example of outstanding community collaboration. UW agencies identified the need. The South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC) had space. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program

(RSVP) has ongoing willing volunteer support.

The development of the CC filled a serious need in Yankton and discontinued a redundancy in services. Other local used clothing establishments typically offer only two free full sets of clothing per person in a lifetime. Few people needing clothing can make do with only two outfits until they get back on their feet. Various agencies had small areas for storing donated clothing. Those organizations needed the space and could not serve those in need from all other local agencies. HSC had a clothing

room for indigent patients. It was a natural fit to combine resources and then expand HSC clothing room to serve the community.

The CC opened in March of 2004, in the lower level of the Kyle Building on the HSC south campus. The Closet is open to the community on Tuesdays 12 noon to 5:30pm and Fridays from 12 noon to 4:30pm. The CC also serves HSC patients on the days when it is not open to the community. HSC Activities Center Mental Health Aide Leah Brandt also serves as the CC Coordinator.

The CC's success these past

nine years can be directly attributed to the dedicated volunteers. Leah explained, "Many volunteer 16 hours a month, some more... some less. Altogether, the CC volunteers donate 3,200 hours each year. They are all very dedicated workers!"

The CC is designed to provide for those people in the greatest need. Vouchers can be obtained from area churches, Contact Center, Women Center/Shelter, Family Visitation Center, RSVP, Big Friend-Little Friend, Head Start, Parents As Teachers, Social Services, United Way & Volunteer Services,

Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health Services, County Health, Just For Kids, Sacred Heart Monastery and other agencies that serve those in need. Other agencies that need vouchers may contact United Way at 665-6766.

"The Clothing Closet provides free clothing to anyone in need that has obtained a voucher from one of the local non-profit agencies. People often access these non-profit agencies first any way so this has offered a smooth progression in providing needed services," Leah said.

Parking is available just outside

the door and around the corner of the Kyle building. The CC has changing areas for people to try on the garments and find good fitting clothes. Everyone involved agrees that the development of the Clothing Closet is 'the perfect fit' for meeting the needs of the Yankton community.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the CC can send cash donations, specifying how the money is to be used, to United Way and Volunteer Services at PO Box 387, Yankton, SD 57078. Good, clean, new or used clothing can be delivered directly to the Clothing Closet.

## OBITUARIES

### Milford Folkers

APPLE VALLEY, Minn. — Milford C. Folkers, age 89 of Apple Valley, MN and formerly of Yankton, SD passed away Wednesday, February 06, 2013 at the Augustana Health Care Center in Apple Valley, MN. Gathering and prayer service will be 11 a.m., Saturday, February 16, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, SD. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, with Military Graveside Rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard and the SDARNG Honor Guard. Visitations will be 5-7 p.m., Friday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD.

Milford Carlton was born on June 17, 1923 in Osmond, NE to Leo and Selma (Peterson) Folkers. He served in WWII as a marine in all major conflicts including the Pacific Theatre, Guam, China, and Okinawa. When he came home, he married his sweetheart Marge Atherton on October 20, 1947 in



Milford Folkers

Osmond, NE, and went to trade school in Milford, NE for auto body repair. They moved to Yankton where he worked at Pfeiffer Chevrolet. He then joined forces with Ray Livingston where he co-owned Modern Body Shop in Yankton for over 25 yrs. After he retired, he couldn't sit still so he drove school bus for a few years. After the death of his wife, he moved to Arizona to pan for gold, visit his daughter, Sharon and enjoy warm weather for a change. In 2003, he was convinced to move back up to the cold country and settled in Apple Valley, MN to be closer to his grandkids. He was living there when he passed away peacefully. During his life,

he also enjoyed woodworking, farming, traveling, and flying airplanes. So much so, that he built a two seater plane in his garage. He was also a member of the VFW. He will be missed by his children and grandchildren.

Those who will cherish his memory are his children: Deb Biesman of Apple Valley, MN, Sharon (Bennett) Beaudry of Scottsdale, AZ, Pat (Wayne) Waggoner of Apple Valley, MN, Doug (Linda) Folkers of Yankton, SD, and Michele (Tim) Heinen of Lakeville, MN; six grandchildren; a brother, Eldred (Amy) Folkers and nieces and nephews.

Milford was preceded in death by his wife, Marge, his parents, two brothers, Lester Folkers and Ronald Folkers.

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### Cynthia Henke

Cynthia Yvonne Henke, 66, of Vermillion, SD died February 13, 2013 at her home.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Monday, February 18, 2013 at Concordia Lutheran Church in Vermillion, SD. Burial will follow in Bluffview Cemetery at Vermillion.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Sunday, February 17, 2013 with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m. at Concordia Lutheran Church.

Cynthia Kahler was born March 8, 1946 in Hawarden, Iowa. She was active in the Civil Air Patrol while attending Vermillion High School, graduating in 1964. She then attended Stewarts

School of Hair Styling in Sioux Falls, SD. She worked as a beautician for many years and later managed in home day care for several years. She eventually retired from Food Services at the University of South Dakota.

Cynthia is survived by her husband Harlan of Vermillion, sons; Charles of Sioux City, IA, David of Golden, CO and daughter, Christine Henke of Sioux City, IA, also three brothers; Vernon (Helen) Kahler of Rocky Mount, NC, Raymond (Donna) Kahler of Mesa, AZ, Kenneth (Jacque)

Kahler of Yankton, SD and one sister Shirley (Gil) Vasquez of San Diego, CA, six grandchildren; Patricia & Shannon Carlough, Casey (JoHanna), Kai, Layfe, and Trey Henke and one great-granddaughter Lilleigh Henke.

She was preceded in death by her mother Frieda Kahler and one brother Donald Kahler.

For obituary and online condolences, visit hansenfuneralhome.com

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### Linda Bartling

Linda M. Bartling, 62, of Tyndall, South Dakota passed away on Sunday, February 10, 2013 at the George Mickelson Human Services Center in Yankton, South Dakota.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday, February 15, 2013 at the Carlsen-Feuerstein Funeral Home in Le Mars with Monsignor Mark Duchaine of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Ellendale, rural Merrill, Iowa officiating. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Le Mars, Iowa. Visitation will be Friday morning from 9 a.m. until service time. Expressions of sympathy can be extended to the family through www.carlsenfuneralhome.com.

Linda Mary Miller was born May 2, 1950 in Le Mars, Iowa to Francis J. and Rosemary (Pick) Miller. She attended Johnson Township No. 1 country school and later graduated from Le Mars Community High School in 1968. She attended college at Mount Marty College earning her degree as a Medical Technologist. She furthered her education earning a master's degree in Education from the University of South Dakota. She taught at Mount Marty College, University of South Dakota and later at Presentation College in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

She was united in marriage to Kevin Wayrynen on October 24, 1981 at St. Joseph Catholic Church-Ellendale. A son, Jason was born to this union. Kevin passed away on August 20, 1985.



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Dakota. After a few years, Linda returned to the medical field working as the laboratory manager at Gregory Health Care Center, Gregory, South Dakota.

In 2002, her health declined and Linda retired. During retirement, the couple enjoyed traveling in their "RV". They enjoyed working at Custer State Park, South Dakota in the summers and spending the winters at St. George, Utah. Linda enjoyed

cheering for the Minnesota Vikings and Twins. She also enjoyed fishing, knitting, and reading books.

Survivors include her husband Robert of Tyndall, South Dakota; a son, Jason Wayrynen of Modesto, California; a step-daughter, Diana Brown of North Platte, NE; 4 sisters: Jean Patton and her husband John of Lytle, Texas, Lois Hofer and her husband Gene of Boise, ID, Kay Anderson and her husband Dave of Burbank, SD, and Patty Washnok and her husband Grant of Brandon, SD; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Francis J. and Rosemary (Pick) Miller; and her first husband, Kevin Wayrynen.

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**Lois Harris**  
**Tabitha Harris**

## Thank You!

*I would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who made my 100th birthday so special. A heartfelt thank you to all of my family, relatives and friends for the cards, gifts and visits you gave me. All was very much appreciated.*

Sincerely,

Malinda (Linda) Cross

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