

# micki's meanderings



Hello Everybody!  
What a beautiful summer we're having. There are so many things to do and enjoy in Yankton and the surrounding area. My sister from Iowa was here over Memorial weekend and she and I went to the Memorial Day ceremony at the park. As in past years it was terrific with all of the flags in the park along with the moving ceremony, the inspiring speech and great music as well. If

you've never had the chance to attend I highly recommend it. You'll be glad you did. It's a great way to remember and honor those who have served and continue to serve. I think it was especially poignant for my sister Kathi as she has a son and three granddaughters currently in the service of our country.

This issue of *Her Voice* is full of interesting and informative stories. I really enjoyed reading about Emily Steckler's trip to Korea, how exciting that must have been to visit her homeland. I was also touched by Heather Heimes' story about her son. Heather is a friend and co-worker and I am so proud of the compassion and understanding she and her husband have for their son's disease. Aspergers and autism touches many families and our hope is they will find a cause and a cure soon.

Miss South Dakota USA Emily Ann Miller, what a terrific young lady. I had the pleasure of meeting her out at Fox Run Golf Course where she is working this summer. She always has a friendly smile and a kind word. I'm sure you'll enjoy her story in this issue where she shares her experience of the Miss USA pageant.

Featured in our 'Living' section is the home of Don and Janette Marker. What an absolutely beautiful home! You'll have to check it out.

In May we were blessed with our third granddaughter, Jamison Lynne Suing. She's cute as a button and so very sweet and her Mommy and Daddy are terrific parents. It's so fun (and emotional) to watch our children as parents, we're very proud of them all.

I received an email awhile back and it had some really funny quips about being grandparents. I thought it would be fun to share a few:

\* *A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: 'We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We had a pony that we rode. We picked wild raspberries in the woods.' The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in...At last she said, "I sure wish I'd got to know you sooner!"*

\* *When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."*

And last but definitely not least...

\* *Children's Logic: 'Give me a sentence about a public service,' said a teacher. The small boy wrote: 'The fireman came down the ladder pregnant.' The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. 'Don't you know what pregnant means?' she asked. 'Sure,' said the young boy confidently, 'It means carrying a child.'*

I hope you all have a safe and fun summer. Thank you for reading *Her Voice*.

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