

LOCKS FOR LOVE



**Aurora Snoozy, age 6, had her hair cut two days before school was out at by Billie Stenerwald at Xtreme Hair and Nails. The daughter of Brad and Tasha was a student at Webster School. Proud grandparents are Roy and Barb Goeden and Gloria Snoozy.**

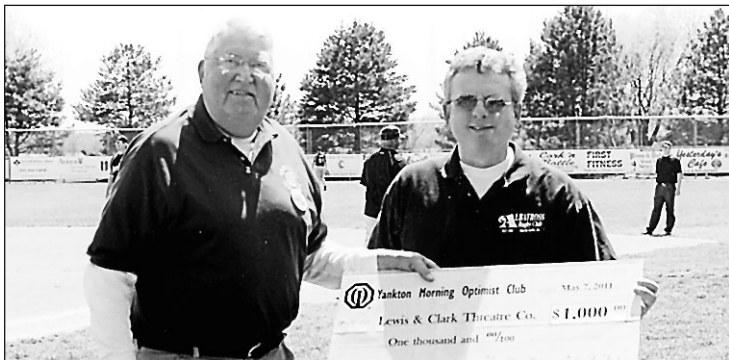
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OPTIMISTS GIVE BACK



**Proceeds from the Yankton Morning Optimist exhibition baseball game were presented by president Richard "Dutch" Erickson to Stacy Starzl head of Big Friend/Little Friend, and group members and helpers.**

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**Proceeds from the Yankton Morning Optimist exhibition baseball game were presented by president Richard "Dutch" Erickson to Keith Goeden of the Lewis and Clark Theatre Company.**

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**Proceeds from the Yankton Morning Optimist exhibition baseball game were presented by president Richard "Dutch" Erickson to Darcel Stevens of Yankton Girls Softball Association and future players.**

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**Proceeds from the Yankton Morning Optimist exhibition baseball game were presented by president Richard "Dutch" Erickson to Nancy Trail and Tony McGlone of the Yankton Swim Team.**

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Jerke Earns Eagle Scout Rank

Chris Jerke, member of Boy Scout Troop 181 in Yankton, was awarded the Eagle Scout rank at a Court of Honor held on May 15, 2011, at St. Benedict Catholic Church dining room. The Eagle Scout rank is Boy Scouting's highest rank.

Chris' Eagle project consisted of landscaping and improvement to an area at the House of Mary Shrine, west of Yankton on Highway 52. A gazebo was already standing at the site, but it rested on an asphalt slab. For the project, the asphalt slab was removed, black dirt was hauled in, and the area was seeded with grass. Minor improvements were made to the gazebo, mainly restaining and replacing some floor boards. To further enhance the area, the area around the gazebo was landscaped by laying rock and planting small shrubs and day lilies. The project was done in memory of Chris' grandfather, Joseph F. Van Goor.

For the Eagle Service Project, the scout must plan, develop and give leadership to others in a project of help to his religious institution, school, or community. The scout is responsible for contacting the representative of the group who will benefit from the project, planning each step of the project, identifying and securing funding if needed, recruiting and scheduling workers, and following the project

through to completion.

Chris started his scouting career as a Wolf Cub (Pack 102) in 2000. He remained with Pack 102 as a Bear Cub, then joined Pack 138 for Webelos. After receiving his Arrow of Light in February 2004, Chris joined Boy Scout Troop 181. Chris attended summer scout camps at Medicine Mountain in the Black Hills and Many Point in Minnesota. Chris went on a high adventure camping trip to the Big Horn Mountains and Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, and he participated in a high adventure experience at Medicine Mountain involving cave exploration. He enjoyed numerous camping trips with the troop and especially enjoyed the annual shooting camps at Lewis and Clark Boy Scout Camp. Chuck Harens serves as scoutmaster and Mike Waid serves as assistant scoutmaster for Troop 181.

Chris was active in his troop, participating in troop fundraisers and assisting other scouts in the completion of their Eagle projects. Chris participated in various community service projects with the troop. He held several leadership positions in the troop, including Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Librarian, and Patrol Leader. Chris earned all of the merit badges required for Eagle Rank along with many others for a grand total of 40 merit badges.



**Chris Jerke Earned his Eagle Scout Badge recently after completing an improvement to the House Of Mary Shrine located west of Yankton.**

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FOOD PANTRY



**Jennifer Adamson, Yankton Contact Center's Food Pantry accepts a donation of \$500 from Todd Strom, chairperson, FUMC Missions Committee.**

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SHELTERING HELP



**Desiree Warren, Yankton Women's & Children's Center accepts a donation of \$261 from Todd Strom, chairperson, FUMC Missions Committee.**

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**Mark Luchtel, manufacturing manager of Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. (KPI-JCI), stands next to welder Scott VanBuren as he welds the saddle blocks on a jaw crusher base weldment in the factory in Yankton.**

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KPI/RTEC Awarded \$12,850 Grant To Recruit, Train Welding Professionals

Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. (KPI-JCI), a premier worldwide manufacturer of heavy equipment for the aggregate and recycle markets, was recently chosen to receive a \$12,850 Workforce Development Grant from the American Welding Society (AWS) Foundation.

The grant, which partners Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc., with the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC), is designed to help the two companies work together to recruit and select 10 individuals to participate in a special business-industry training partnership over the course of the next year.

The end goal is for the individuals to successfully complete training, become AWS certified, and to ultimately become employed at Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc.

Mark Luchtel, manufacturing manager at

Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc., said an increase in equipment sales has led to a need for more welding professionals.

"We have seen a steady increase in business activity during the past year, as have other area manufacturers," Luchtel said. "This has resulted in a shortage of skilled welders in the Yankton area."

"This AWS grant is a great opportunity for KPI-JCI to work with RTEC in recruiting promising individuals and training them to become welding professionals."

Those interested in learning more about possible funding from the AWS grant are encouraged to contact Rhonda Kocer, human resources manager at Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. at 605-668-2518.

Annual FFA Night Is Celebrated

SIOUX FALLS — S.D. FFA members, family and friends flocked to the Birdcage to see the Pheasants play the Gary South Shore RailCats on June 25 for the FFA Night at the Birdcage.

This was not just any Pheasants game to South Dakota FFA members in attendance. The "FFA Night at the Birdcage" was a celebration of the legacy of FFA and agricultural education.

FFA members' talents were showcased with Mikey Nino from Harrisburg FFA and Collin Christiansen from Tri-Valley FFA singing the National Anthem; Jaclynn Knutson from Viborg FFA throwing the First Pitch; State FFA officers Megan DeRouchey, Hoven and Paul Dybedahl, Colton each doing a pregame interview; and FFA members singing the "7th Lining Stretch."

FFA members showed their professionalism throughout the baseball game by doing their job as fans, and cheering on the Sioux Falls Pheasants.

Prior to the game, FFA state officers handed out FFA stickers and information about FFA and agriculture education. The S.D. FFA thanks the Sioux Falls Pheasants for making this event a reality.

FFA is a national youth organization of 523,309 student members preparing for leadership careers in the science, business and technology in agriculture. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

MEETING MINUTES

YANKTON COUNTY FARMERS UNION

The Yankton County Farmers Union met on Thursday, June 23, at the Fry'n Pan restaurant. The meeting started at 8 p.m. Coffee and dessert were served, and door prizes were awarded as usual. For questions about Yankton County Farmers Union, call Al Novak at 605-364-7303.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

American Legion Auxiliary to Roy Anderson Post #12 met on June 20. President Betty Adam presided with 17 Auxiliary members and two guests present. Chaplain Kathleen Ekeren offered a prayer followed by the Pledge to the flag and a moment of silent prayer was observed; the Star Spangled Banner was sung and the members recited the Preamble.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Helen Simpson reported that membership is now 114 members — one over goal. In the past membership year, we had four new members, two deaths and two unpaid memberships. We will need new members next year. Applications are available for regular membership and also paid up for life (PUFL). Please update addresses and telephone numbers for next year's Auxiliary book.

Gert Boyles reported that Yankton Auxiliary sent 18 girls to Girls State, one Journalism City girl was ill and unable to attend.

Cheer chairman Amanda sent a get well card to Irene Imig and a sympathy card to Myles Elsberry.

Kathy Hornstra, District 7 Auxiliary President, notified by letter that the dates for the American Legion and Auxiliary conventions were June 24-26.

President Betty passed sheets around for committee chairmen and lunch hostesses, asking members to volunteer and sign their names.

Gert conducted a Memorial Service

assisted by Chaplain Kay honoring deceased members: Donna Henseler and Beverly Elsberry.

Results of the election of officers are: president: Betty Adam; first vice-president: Joyce List; second vice-president: Theresa Brandt; secretary: Diane Bahn; treasurer: Priscilla Mazurek; chaplain: Kathleen Ekeren.

The coin march netted \$14.50; the 10-cent cup was won by Floris Woodhouse, she donated it back to the Auxiliary.

There will be NO meetings in July and August. The next meeting is Sept. 19.

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA RC&D

Jan Jorgensen, Previous Coordinator of the Northeast Nebraska RC&D and Clo Ann Shamblen, former employee of Experience Works and working for the RC&D, were honored June 27, 2011, with a potluck supper in their honor near Royal, Neb. Council Board member Dick Haskin graciously allowed the group to get together on his property at the Historic Mars Campground on a beautiful summer evening. Approximately 75 people were present and enjoyed the cool summer evening with supper and visiting. Many of the group expressed their appreciation to the ladies for their passion, dedication and hard work they had done to make the Northeast Nebraska RC&D so successful for almost 20 years.

Discussion ensued as to the rumors that the Northeast Nebraska RC&D is closing. The Council members want everyone to know that we are still "Open" for business and looking forward to still doing the computer recycling, stream monitoring, tours, as well as educating the public on eating locally grown foods for better health and many other projects that help our local economy survive.

The Grassfed Exchange will be held Sept. 15-17, 2011, at the Northeast Community College Ag Complex, 2301 E. Benjamin Ave., Norfolk, Neb. You won't want to miss this seminar with very knowl-

edgeable speakers and information on grassfed beef. Please call 402-582-4866 for more information or 402-322-1608.

The next RC&D meeting will be Monday, July 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the office in Plainview, Neb. Please watch for more information on this meeting.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

The regular meeting of Court Willard, #967, was called to order by Regent Janice Cass on Thursday, June 16.

Correspondence included a thank you from Mt. Marty College for the Memorial contributed in honor of Gary Cwach and a thank you from the family of member Mary Miller for enrollment in the Miraculous Medal Memorial Masses. A thank you was read from Msgr. Carlton Hermann for the gift given to him from the Court for Priest Appreciation.

The April 2011 minutes were approved as printed. The May 2011 minutes were approved with a correction to the total amount collected in our Life Saver Campaign.

Reports from the Circle of Love com-

mittees were given. Membership chairman, Deanna Sudbeck, Kathy Harens and Marge Weniger will organize the informational tables in both parishes at the Sept. 9-10 weekend Masses to invite all women to join CDA. Del Rae Dickes again asked members to be her eyes and ears for the members who are ill so the Sunshine Committee can send our love and support during difficult times. Msgr. Hermann also shared some Words of Wisdom. Members should continue reading and preparing for the changes in Advent.

Guests for the evening were: Mary Dreesen, Lori Ibarolle, Patricia McDonald and Jackie Wray.

Member donations were requested for a gift for Deacon Cowles, who will be ordained to the Priesthood Aug. 4. A donation box was available and all donations will be turned over to the Marty Council Knights of Columbus for a presentation and gift to Fr. Cowles. A Mass of thanksgiving at Sacred Heart Parish is planned with a reception at 10 a.m. on Aug. 5.

Pillow Cleaning is scheduled for Friday, July 8, at Link Auditorium. Raffle tick-

ets were sold as well for the new pillows we received last year. That drawing will be held July 8. Court memorial flags were placed at the cemeteries for Memorial Day. Be sure to let Cheryl Lemon know if you see any members not recognized in the cemetery. Flowers were placed on the graves of former Pastors.

Janice Cass requested help with moving our CDA records, history and belongings from the garage at the Harens' home to the new space at Sacred Heart Parish Center. No date was set.

Janice thanked the Court members who worked hard either moving from the old to the new facility at Sacred Heart or

preparing and serving the meal for the volunteers. It was a huge job and many hands made it possible. The new equipment donated by our Court has all been installed in the new kitchen.

Janet McGinnis shared some literature from a friend who is involved with SD Right To Life from Hoven. They are looking for a representative from our area.

Volunteers will help the committee at the nursing home bingo on Saturday, June 18.

Marge Weniger moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ice cream sundaes were served.

It's the first of the month...

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