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Pictured left to right: Carolyn Becker, Doyle Becker and State VFW Commander Don Dahlin.

VFW Award Presented

At the VFW State Convention held at the Kelly Inn, Yankton June 18-21, 2015, Carolyn and Doyle Becker were given a National VFW Award for the their continued support of the Ernest Bowyer VFW

Post 791, Yankton. They have broadcasted at Burger King for over eight years in support of the UNMET Needs program, in addition they sold T-shirt and Can Coolers in support of Veteran Programs.

Local Receives Edward Jones Award

Devin Anderson of the financial services firm Edward Jones in Yankton recently won the firm's Frank Finnegan Award for his exceptional achievement in building client relationships.

"It's truly an honor to receive recognition for building relationships with those clients we serve," said Anderson. "And it's quite inspirational to receive an award named after a firm legend such as Frank Finnegan who was dedicated to individual investors and understood each investor's unique financial goals."

Anderson was one of 904 of the firm's 14,000 financial advisors to receive the Frank Finnegan award. The award is named after Frank Finnegan, who joined Edward Jones in 1953 in St. Louis after playing professional baseball. He is the firm's longest-tenured active financial advisor.

"Devin's success hinges on his ability to know and understand the financial needs and goals of his clients, long-term individual investors," said Jim Weddle, the firm's managing partner. "Our clients most appreciate recommendations tailored to their situations and the high level of personal service Devin provides."

Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 company, provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada.

Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser Success

SIoux FALLS — The locally owned Buffalo Wild Wings restaurants in Watertown, Brookings and Sioux Falls conducted a fundraising event on Tuesday, May 19, and is proud to announce \$23,717.16 was raised during the event to show appreciation and local support for the city of Delmont following the devastating tornado that touched down on May 10.

The franchisees also added \$6,000 in Buffalo Wild Wings gift cards to be given out to the citizens so they may also enjoy a meal at BDUBS.

"We expect to see large crowds and lots of excitement during major sporting events at Buffalo Wild Wings, but the tremendous support and good will for everyone in Delmont was unbelievable to witness," said Todd and Susan (Kaberna) LaHaise, of LaHaise Management, LLC, franchisees of the Buffalo Wild Wings restaurants. "Words can not express how grateful we are to everyone who came out to show their support. We hope that this will help to strengthen the community and raise their spirits in the process."

One hundred percent of the sales from traditional wings was donated from Buffalo Wild Wings on Wing Tuesday. Guests could either dine-in or order takeout for their convenience. Buffalo Wild Wings also accepted free will donations.

SCHOLASTICS

BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY

SPEARFISH — Black Hills State University graduates were awarded master, bachelor, associate degrees and certificates during the University's 169th commencement ceremony in May

All graduates are listed below by hometown or current residence. Degrees are indicated by the following: MS, master of science; BA, bachelor of arts; BS, bachelor of science; BSED, bachelor of science in education; AA, associate of arts; AS, associate of science.

Bachelor degree candidates who graduated with honors are noted by the following designations: cum laude, grade point average (GPA) 3.5 to 3.699; magna cum laude, GPA of 3.7 to 3.899; and summa cum laude, GPA of 3.9 or higher. Associate degree candidates who graduated

with honors are noted by the following designations: with honor, GPA of 3.5 to 3.699; with high honor, GPA of 3.7 to 3.899; and with highest honor, GPA of 3.9 or higher.

- North Sioux City — Megan Haag, Cum Laude, BSED, Elementary Education;
- Parkston — Daniel Polreis, Magna Cum Laude, BS, Psychology;
- Vermillion — Michael Oberle, MS, Integrative Genomics;
- Yankton — Garret Evans, AS, Engineering Technology; Michelle Janson, With Honor, AS, Engineering Technology; Jessica Nelson, BS, Human Services, Mass Communications

The following students have earned Certificates at Black Hills State University:

- Yankton — Garret Evans, Industrial Leadership and Management, LEAN Concepts and Management, and Mechanical Computer Aided Drafting

United Way

Local Volunteer Honored

Ron Galvan III is a motorcycle enthusiast who is devoted to his family and enjoys remodeling his home. However, it is his dedication to others, especially children in Yankton Special Olympics that made him United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton's June Volunteer of the Month. Ron received the honor among his Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health coworkers during a morning meeting in June.

"Ron is very dedicated to others and encourages them to use the skills they have, to improve, and to feel good about what they have accomplished," says Betty Viau, former co-worker and friend. "He helps out in so many ways and does not desire recognition for what he does. Ron volunteers simply to help others."

We asked Ron to tell us a little about himself:

I have lived in the Yankton area since: 1976.

I have been volunteering since: Jan. 2004 with Yankton Special Olympics. The events I am involved in are basketball and softball, which includes coaching, chaperoning, being a friend and occasionally tying a shoe. We travel out of town for two weekends a year for



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the state tournament. Yankton Special Olympics' also hosts a Polar Plunge annually and I have been lucky to be involved in that a few times.

I started volunteering: with the Yankton Homeless Shelter in July of 2011 and have been a board member since. Our focus is to address the

homelessness in Yankton and to help families get back on their feet.

I continue to volunteer because: it is rewarding! I benefit as much as the people I work with, I also work with a great group of volunteers.

I volunteer approximately: 100 hours per year.

Volunteer work is enjoyable to me because: it only takes a little time out of my day, but it makes a HUGE difference in the lives of those around me.

My favorite volunteer experience: has to be seeing Special Olympic athletes succeed and socialize with their friends during state tournaments. I also enjoy the dances and seeing the children have fun!

The advice I would give to others thinking about volunteering: is everyone can find a worthwhile group and help out. I promise you will meet a great bunch of people.

Thank you Ron, for all that you do! To learn more about volunteering, or to nominate a Volunteer of the Month, contact United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton at 605-665-6766 or visit www.yanktonunitedway.org/volunteer.

4-H's Ride At County Horse Show

Leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship — these are character traits Yankton County 4-H members learn in the 4-H horse program.

On Saturday, June 27, 2015, Yankton County 4-H members within the horse program displayed these traits and many others at the County 4-H Horse Show.

The show began at 9 a.m. at the Pine Acres 4-H Grounds in Yankton with a Pleasure Driving Class. Eleven-year-old Mackenzie Steinbrecher directed her pony Doozie to pull the cart she was sitting in around at various speeds and in different directions. Mackenzie received a purple ribbon — the top ribbon placing available — for her efforts. It was the first of many purple ribbons awarded that day.

The horse show continued with Showmanship Classes, where youth show their horses while leading them on the ground. The 4-H member is judged based on how well they can control their horse and present their horse so the judge can evaluate its confirmation and appearance.

Various performance classes followed Showmanship. The Equitation, Western Riding, Reining and Trail

Classes recognize the 4-H member's ability to ride a horse correctly and to use various aids required for a horse to perform basic maneuvers.

During each class, the 4-H member guides their horse through a specific pattern that the judge has chosen.

The speed events closed the day. Beginner riders could participate in Flag Racing. All of the 4-H members could participate in Barrel Racing and Pole Bending.

This year, Yankton County 4-H had two 4-H members participate in Break-Away Roping. Levi and Josh Heckenaible both tried their luck



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4-H's participating in the Yankton County 4-H Horse Show included: (back row) Brady Anthony, Levi Heckenaible, Emma Christensen, Josh Heckenaible, Grace Warriner; (middle row) Savanna Larson, Marley Miller, Taya Renteria; (front row) Josey Anstine, Mackenzie Steinbrecher, and Josie Anthony.

at throwing a rope around a steer's horns or head. If they were successful and the steer's head passed through the loop, once the rope was down tight it would break from its connection on the 4-H member's saddle. Levi missed his throw, resulting in a no-time for this event. Josh made his throw at a time of 30.09 seconds.

The purpose of the 4-H Horse Program is to help the 4-H member: develop desirable traits of character; experience the pride and responsibility of having an equine and learning about its care, feeding, management, and related costs; and appreciate horseback riding as a healthy and wholesome form of recreation.

4-H members gain skill in horsemanship, patience and understanding when humanely handling horses and ponies and will nurture a greater love for animals. They acknowledge safety precautions to prevent injuries to themselves, others, and horses. They prepare for citizenship responsibilities by working together in

groups and supporting community horse projects and activities.

Full results for the Yankton County 4-H horse show are as follows (event: name, ribbon placing):

Junior Pleasure Driving: Mackenzie Steinbrecher, Top Purple.

Junior Western Showmanship: Levi Heckenaible, Purple; Josh Heckenaible, Purple; Emma Christensen, Purple; Savanna Larson, Purple; Brady Anthony, Purple; Taya Renteria, Top Purple; Grace Warriner, Purple.

Beginner Western Showmanship: Marley Miller, Purple; Josie Anthony, Top Purple; Mackenzie Steinbrecher, Purple; Josey Anstine, Blue.

Junior English Showmanship: Emma Christensen, Top Purple.

Beginner English Showmanship: Marley Miller, Purple; Mackenzie Steinbrecher, Top Purple.

Beginner Hunt Seat/Saddle Seat Equitation: Marley Miller, Purple; Mackenzie Steinbrecher, Top Purple.

Junior Stock Seat Equita-

tion: Levi Heckenaible, Purple; Josh Heckenaible, Purple; Savanna Larson, Top Purple; Taya Renteria, Purple; Grace Warriner, Blue.

Beginner Stock Seat Equitation: Marley Miller, Purple; Josie Anthony, Purple; Mackenzie Steinbrecher, Top Purple; Josey Anstine, Purple.

Junior Western Riding: Levi Heckenaible, Blue; Mackenzie Steinbrecher, Blue; Taya Renteria, Blue.

Junior Reining: Levi Heckenaible, Purple; Savanna Larson, Purple; Taya Renteria, Top Purple.

Junior Trail: Levi Heckenaible, Purple; Marley Miller, Purple; Josh Heckenaible, Purple; Savanna Larson, Purple; Josie Anthony, Purple; Mackenzie Steinbrecher, Top Purple; Taya Renteria, Purple; Grace Warriner, Blue; Josey Anstine, Purple.

Beginner Flag Racing: Marley Miller, Purple; Josie Anthony, Top Purple; Mackenzie Steinbrecher, Purple; Josey Anstine, Purple.

Junior Barrel Racing: Levi Heckenaible, Purple; Marley Miller, Purple; Emma Christensen, Purple; Savanna Larson, Purple; Josie Anthony, Purple; Mackenzie Steinbrecher, Purple; Taya Renteria, Top Purple; Grace Warriner, Purple; Josey Anstine, Blue.

Junior Pole Bending: Levi Heckenaible, Red; Marley Miller, Red; Savanna Larson, Red; Josie Anthony, Purple; Mackenzie Steinbrecher, Purple; Taya Renteria, Top Purple; Grace Warriner, Purple; Josey Anstine, Blue.

Junior Break-Away Roping: Levi Heckenaible, Red; Josh Heckenaible, Top Purple.

For more information about 4-H, how to join 4-H, or the Special Foods contest contact Stephanie Siebrandt at the Yankton County Extension Office at 605-665-3387 or visit yankton4h.com.

MEETINGS

YANKTON REGIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Forty-six members and guests attended the YRAA meeting on June 21 in the terminal at Chan Gurney Airport for a Brat & Hot Dog dinner. Attendees came from Allen, Crofton, Norfolk, Randolph, Jefferson, Menno, Mission Hill, Tyndall, Utica, Vermillion, Yankton, and Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan. President Petra Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Isabellah Daugherty became a Lifetime Member, and Sherry Daugherty also joined the YRAA. A Young Eagles Rally for giving free airplane rides to kids aged 8-17 years old was held on June 20 at Chan Gurney Airport.

Another Young Eagles Rally will be held on June 27 at the Vermillion Airport, and in October at Chan Gurney Airport for the 6th Grade Reading Program students in Yankton. Clayton Starwalt talked about his military service in the U.S. Air Force and being stationed at Kadena AB. Chris Nelson talked about his ride in a KC-135 refueling tanker with the 185th Air Refueling Wing, Air National Guard, based at Sioux City, Iowa. The flight refueled F-16 fighters near Duluth, Minnesota. For the Fly-A-Member event: John Lillevoid flew his Cirrus with passengers Brian Wilson and Clay & Jayne Starwalt. Jim Eisenmenger flew his RV-4 with Karen Kubal. Steve Hamilton flew Mr. Skyhawk with Lori Roinstad. Chris Nelson flew his Grumman Cheetah with Lon DuBois. Rolly Goeden flew his Cessna 172 with former co-owner Jerry Bailey. Jacob Hoffner flew his Cirrus with Petra, Zachary & Reina Wilson. Scott Olson flew his Cherokee 180 with

Stevie Holmes. Joe Plihal flew his RV-9 with Alan Fenner. Denny Martens flew his Cessna 172 with Don Thies. For the Flour Bomb Drop Contest, the winning team was Chris Nelson piloting his Grumman Cheetah with Rod Skorpik as bombardier, and second place was Steve Hamilton piloting Mr. Skyhawk with Brian

Wilson as bombardier. Other teams included Rick Daugherty (pilot) and bombardiers Darwin Koerner, Miya Noecker, and Jacko Noecker; Scott Olson (pilot) and Michael (bombardier); Rolly Goeden (pilot) and Jerry Bailey (bombardier); and John Lillevoid (pilot) and Zachary Wilson (bombardier).

The next YRAA meeting is set for August 16 in the airport terminal at Yankton. For more information about the YRAA contact Steve Hamilton at 605-665-8448 or skyhawk@iw.net.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, June 29, 2015, at noon at Minerva's. The meeting was called to order by President Ann Clough and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Interchange member, Katie Hunhoff of South Dakota Magazine, presented an Onward Yankton update. Three-hundred and fifty submissions have been received. To view entries you can go to Onward Yankton web site. Deadline for submitting ideas is July 9. A public forum with the five finalists will be held in mid August.

Katie also presented information on the 15 sculptures on River Walk and how one can vote for the People's Choice Award. Sculpture photos with artist's description were displayed.

The next meeting of Interchange will be held on Monday, July 6, 2015, at noon at Minerva's. An Open Forum will be held.

ROY ANDERSEN UNIT #12 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Roy Anderson Unit #12 American Legion Auxiliary met June 15, 2015 with President Betty Adam presiding. Chaplain Theresa Brandt presented the opening prayer followed by the Pledge to the Flag. Members recited the Preamble to the Constitution of

the American Legion Auxiliary and observed a moment of Silent Prayer for our honored dead.

Seven Girl's State representatives were present and told of their experiences during their week at Girl's State. Mentioned by all of the young women was the meeting of new people and the friendships made. Other items mentioned were learning how the government actually works and finding out that most people are actually good people. Seven officers answered Roll Call after which 18 members identified themselves. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Mazourek presented the Treasurer report which was approved upon motion by Boyles and Lubbers.

Membership chair Simpson circulated a sheet for members to make corrections about address and phone numbers.

A letter was read from District President Geiman. Also read was a letter from Kelly Bluhm of the Human Services Center thanking the Auxiliary for including the Human Services Center Rest View Cemetery in the schedule of Memorial Day services. No bills were presented.

Chaplain Brandt presented the closing prayer and meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held September 21. Lunch was served by Lily Pokorney and Nadean Auch.

ERNEST BOWYER V.F.W. POST 791 AUXILIARY

Barb Clayton and Sheri Duke, co-heads of Yankton Special Olympics were presented a check for \$3,000 from Ernest Bowyer V.F.W. Post 791 Auxiliary prior to the regular meeting. The money was raised by their Leprechaun program.