

HOMETOWNNEWS

Erickson Is May Volunteer Of The Month

United Way & Volunteer Services Volunteer of the Month is Pam Erickson. Pam is one of those volunteers that is hard to keep up with. Just trying to catch her to present this award and receive a little interview from her was difficult. Only because, she is always running out the door to volunteer.

Erickson volunteers with Roses Just Because each year with the last four years efforts dedicated to Hospice. Her most passionate volunteer time is spent with the Boys and Girls Club of the Missouri River Area. Pam started out on the Just for Kids Board of Directors in 2005 as a parent representative. She helped create billing software for the program and set up the magazine sales project through the website. Just for Kids became the Boys and Girls

Club in 2009. During that time Pam helped with the long transition phase to get the Club established. She is a Director on the Boys and Girls Club Board. Pam helps with the annual fundraising events and the golf tournament. Pam is well known for her help on the computers at the club; if there is a networking problem, she is there to fix it. Pam also helps with grant proposals for additional computer equipment.

Her children Kasey and Chase help her sell raffle tickets. Both of her children have gone to Just for Kids since they were in Kindergarten. Now that her children are older, it is only fitting for her to volunteer with the Boys and Girls Club. Pam states, "Things my children are involved in, I get pretty passionate about. I want to make sure my kids have a safe place to go."



Submitted Photo Pam Erickson has been named the United Way and Volunteer Services May volunteer of the month.

HONORING BURGESS



Submitted Photo Nancy Burgess is shown receiving the donation check and certificate of appreciation from Shelly Eilers, Director of Operations for the Boys & Girls Club of the Missouri River Area/Yankton Unit. Also in the photograph are staff and Club members.

50 Years Of Service To Yankton Celebrated

At the 110th State Convention of General Federation of Women's Club of South Dakota held April 30th-May 2nd in Chamberlin, SD Nancy D. Burgess of Yankton was honored for her 50 plus years of volunteer service. Mrs. Burgess held all of the state offices and went on to chair national committees of Homelife, International Affairs and Constitution & By-Laws, as

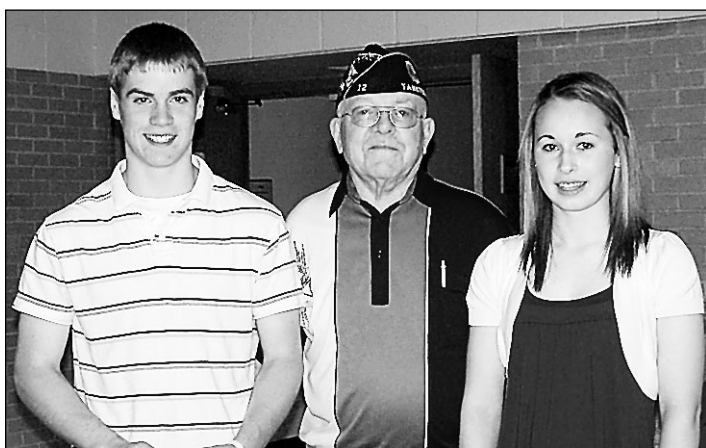
well as District and Regional Offices. She recently completed 22 years as the State Treasurer. Her love of helping youth was well known with her involvement in the Yankton Youth Center. The Clubs in South Dakota GFWC all contributed to a large amount of money to give to the Boys & Girls Club in Yankton in her honor. She was both humbled and thrilled that such a gesture was made in her honor.

MMC NURSING DONATION



Submitted Photo Mount Marty College's Nursing Program recently received a grant of \$4,757 from the Benedictine Health Foundation to purchase equipment for the nursing department. Pictured Kelly Kathol, Executive Director of the Benedictine Health Foundation presents a check for \$4,757 to Sister Esther, Assistant Professor of Nursing and Dr. Jacqueline Kelley, Division Chair and Director of Nursing at Mount Marty.

AMERICAN LEGION AWARD



Submitted Photo The American Legion Award was presented by Commander Lee Skalberg (middle) to Sacred Heart Middle School students Isaac Althoff (left) and Brooke Wuebber (right). The students must possess the criteria of honor, courage, service, scholarship, leadership, and patriotism.

SHS CITIZENSHIP AWARD



Submitted Photo Mr. Regan Manning, Principal of Sacred Heart Middle School presented elementary students, Kate Katterhagen and Jacob Warriner and middle school student, JJ Hejna, the Principal's Citizenship Award at Sacred Heart Middle School during awards day on May 26th. Pictured are Regan Manning, Kate Katterhagen, Jacob Warriner and JJ Hejna.

Boy Scouts Select 2010-2012 Officers

At the Sioux Council Boy Scouts of America, annual meeting held in Sioux Falls on May 17, 2010, Sioux Council selected their new officers for 2010 to 2012. Selected as Sioux Council President was Arthur Rusch of

Vermillion. Other officers from Southeast South Dakota are Bill Peterson, formerly of Vermillion, who is Council Vice-President for Finance and Kevin Kuhl of Yankton, who is Council Vice-President for Properties.

Czech Days 2010 Dedicated To Don Koranda

Tabor's 62nd annual Czech Days celebration is being dedicated to the late Don Koranda during ceremonies on Friday, June 18, 2010 in Sokol Park at 2:30 p.m.

Donald James Koranda was born July 26, 1949 in Scotland, SD to Kenneth and Marie (Mae Chadim) Koranda. As a lifelong Tabor resident, he attended Tabor Elementary School and graduated from Tabor High School in 1967. While growing up in Tabor, Don spent countless hours with his grandfather, Jim Koranda farming land on the northeast edge of town. Some of you may still remember going there to purchase your fireworks from Don and Donna.

As a young man, Don helped his father, Kenny in the family business of drilling and repairing water wells. In the fall of 1967, Don was accepted to the Universal Trade School, in Omaha, NE where he earned an Associate degree in Auto Body Repair. Don returned to Tabor to open Don's Body Shop which he ran for several years.

Don was a bartender at a



Koranda

and took a custodial position for Bon Homme School District for one year. In 1974, Don decided to purchase the repair part of Koranda Well Company from his father. In 1982 Don's father Kenny retired from drilling wells and Don purchased the remaining part of the Koranda family business. Don's years working as a third generation well man, along with his father and grandfather before him totaled more than 85 years of service to Tabor and a broad region of Southeastern South Dakota.

Don believed in community involvement. He was a member of the Tabor Fire Department for more than 20 years and served one term as Fire Chief. He also served on the Tabor Town Board

for several years and served as an EMT for a few years. Although Don had responsibilities to family and to the community, he found time to be out in nature. He took great joy in observing wildlife in his daily travels, as well as hunting and fishing until his later years, where his free time was spent driving to visit family.

He took pride in creating animated floats for Czech Days. His creative mind and mechanical skills produced many floats that he was recognized for including: Dragon and Castle, Flying Duck, Sokol Ark, Cuckoo Clock, Maypole, Music Box, and Riverboat. Czech Days meant a great deal to Don, so much that he promoted Czech Days in his daily life by inviting his customers and their families to the town celebration.

While working on a customer's well, an event that sparks interest in children, Don would tell them how great Czech Days was and what fun they would have if they attended. He would give each of the children, money and invite them to come

to Tabor and celebrate Czech Days, bringing a smile to each youngster's face.

Finally, Don was known for having a great sense of humor and loved to tease people, which sometimes earned him a slap on the arm or a kiss on the cheek. He was also kind and giving, be it sitting on the basement steps watching the water go down reassuring a customer that everything would be OK, or lending a helping hand to many people in town. He enjoyed dancing, playing cards, and socializing with friends, but most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Don died May 6, 2008, at his home near Tabor. Don is survived by his wife, Irene, son Michael of Marshall, MN, daughters Karen (Russell) Bisson of Yankton, SD and Kay Koranda of Yankton, SD; three grandchildren: Laura, Evan, and Isabella, twin sister Donna (Edward) Melicher, Omaha, NE, aunts Ardith Howard, Howard, NC and Rose Lyons, Yankton, SD as well as several cousins and many nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

YOUTH CRIME AND DRUG PREVENTION CAMPAIGN



Submitted Photo Avera Sacred Heart Hospital made a donation to the local National Night Out program in Yankton. Pictured are Officer Jeff Johnson; Barbara Larson, vice president of patient care services Pam Rezac, president and CEO; and Officer Mike Bergeson.



Submitted Photo Recently, Hy-Vee donated a check to the local National Night Out program in Yankton. Pictured are Yankton Police Officer Mike Bergeson; Susie McKorkel, Becky Soucek and Josh Suing, all of Hy-Vee; and Yankton Police Officer Jeff Johnson.

National Night Out Donations Received By Yankton Police

National Night Out is an annual event held in conjunction with the National Association of Town Watch. Last year, more than 15,000 communities from all 50 states participated. In 2010, we have events being held several South Dakota communities. Local organizers plan to add Yankton to the list again this year.

National Night Out is designed to heighten awareness

for crime and drug prevention. It generates support for local anti-crime programs and assists in promoting police-community partnerships. It is left up to the Community to promote what area of concern it will be best served by the program.

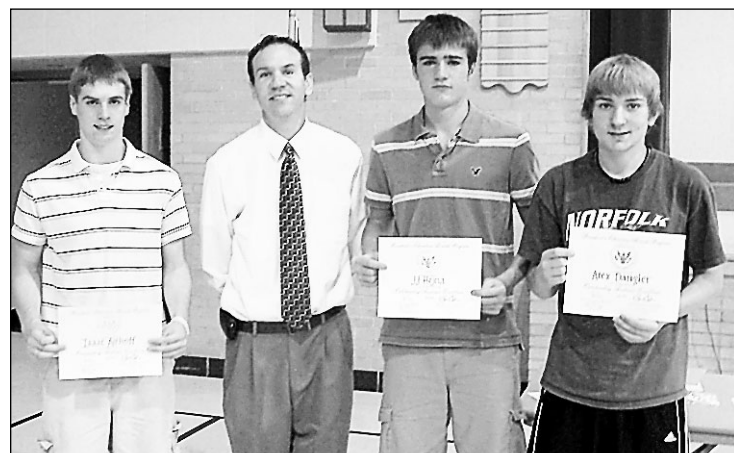
This year's sponsors are Avera Sacred Heart Hospital and Hy-Vee of Yankton. The Yankton Police Department, in cooperation with the Department of

Justice hope to collect finger prints, DNA sample and give ID cards to more than 1,000 of the Yankton area youth. All finger prints and DNA evidence collected at National Night Out will be retained by the parents and only given to Law Enforcement in case of lost or abducted child.

Every year it is estimated 800,000 kids are reported missing by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Kids.

In addition to the Department of Justice assisting with this, assistance is also being provided by the Riverboat Days Committee, Senior RSVP personnel, South Dakota Highway Patrol, volunteers from Sacred Heart Hospital and the City of Yankton. The Yankton Parks Department will give pool passes to be used by the Memorial Park Pool for all participating children.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD



Submitted Photo The President's Award for Educational Excellence was presented to Isaac Althoff, JJ Hejna, and Alex Dangler by Principal Regan Manning. The students must have a grade point average of 94% or higher, achievement in 85th percentile or higher in reading or math, demonstrate a high motivation, initiative, integrity, intellectual depth, leadership qualities, and exceptional judgment, have outstanding attendance, be involved in community service, achievements in visual and/or performing arts, or extra curricular activities and recommendations by school personnel. Left to Right: Isaac Althoff, Principal Regan Manning, JJ Hejna, and Alex Dangler

Czech Days Parade Marshals Chosen

Emil and Evelyn Beran, long time residents of the Tabor area, have been chosen as the 2010 Czech Days Parade Marshals and will lead the giant parade on Friday, June 18 at 1 p.m.

Growing up, Evelyn spent many hours assisting her parents in working in the Blachnik Meat Market in Tabor. After high school graduation, Evelyn attended The Schuyler Beauty School in Sioux Falls. She came back to Tabor and opened Tabor's first beauty shop "The Kur-lee Beauty Shop".

Emil grew up on the farm at Lakeport. He worked for area farmers while growing up.

Emil and Evelyn were married on October 7, 1940 and will celebrate 70 years of marriage this year. They moved to their farm located four miles southeast of Tabor in the Elm Grove vicinity and resided and farmed there for 68 years.

Emil and Evelyn have always been proud supporters of the Tabor community. The Beran's were charter members of the

Czech Heritage preservation Society in 1975 and both have served on the Board of Directors for the society.

Evelyn was one of the many people who volunteered to help translate Joseph Dvorak's book History of the Czechs in South Dakota in 1980. She has also created a map of Tabor listing all the different businesses and owners of all the houses.

The family maintains and gives tours by appointment of the Blachnik museum which was created by Evelyn's father with all self created items. The museum is located in the Beran's back yard just southeast of Vancura Memorial Park and is open to the public during Czech Days.

Emil and Evelyn have two children Darrell (Ann) Beran and Sherry (Dennis) Povondra. They also have three grandchildren Brenda (Chad) Underberg and Brian (Amy) Beran and Mark Povondra. They also have two great grandsons Braden and Max Beran.

MEETING MINUTES

ASHH TOASTMASTERS

Jen Hovland was the speaker on May 13th for Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters. She discussed how easy it is to access the Club 6217 website. She also gave a handout listing what club information is available on the site. Hovland's evaluator, Jennifer Wubben, praised Hovland's effort in creating the site and maintaining the updates. Hovland was voted the Best Speaker and Wubben was given the Best Evaluator trophy. The Toastmaster Eric Taylor was

"smooth and organized" said the General Evaluator Sheryl Schwartz. Schwartz also complimented the rest of the evaluation team, i.e., MJ Rogers on his inspirational reading, Taylor O'Bryan's attention to "ahs", and Fran Kocer's timing skills. Gale Vogt presented the word of the day "integrity". Vogt asked members to incorporate this word into their responses during the Table Topics portion of the meeting. The Table Topics questions had a "Mother's Day" theme and were written by Muriel Stach. Vogt received the Best Respondent award.

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