

HOMETOWNNEWS

Tabor's Czech Days 2010 Queen Candidates Announced

Three area young ladies are competing for Czech Days Queen during the 62nd annual celebration on June 17-19 in Tabor. Areas of competition include a community vote, talent, costume, and personal interviews. The contestants will have their costumes judged at 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, and will perform their talent on the Sokol Park stage later on that day at 7 p.m.

GABRIELLE KACENA

GABRIELLE ELIZABETH KACENA

School: Yankton High School 2009 Graduate.
Parents: Ron and Deb Kachena of Yankton.

Further Education: Currently attending Augustana College in Sioux Falls.

Ambitions and Future Plans: Earn a bachelors degree in nursing and then attend graduate school.
Activities Participated in High School: Varsity Tennis, Golf, Band, Science Olympiad, National History Day, Student Council, Y-Club, Gift Givers, Pioneer Club, Environmental Club, and Church Youth Choir and Religious Education Teacher.

Honors Earned: Graduated from Yankton High School with honors. Five-year varsity tennis letter: Spirit of Max award, Yankton Volunteer of the Month, Band Letters, Academic letter, Roll of Excellence, Yankton Honor Band, Augustana Band Festival, Prudential Spirit of community Award (three years), A+ Student of the week, 1st place at locals and a state and national participant for National History Day, National Honor Society, Women in Sports Award, Athlete of the Year, MVP Science Olympiad team state winner and national participant.

INTERESTING FACTS: Gabrielle is on the Augustana College tennis team, in the Augustana College/Community Band. Received early admission into the Augustana Nursing Program, was a YHS representative on the United Way Advisory



Board (three years), have raised more than \$1,000 for the Catholic Community Development Office by donating private tennis lessons taught by me to the annual auction.

Activity for Talent Contest: Music Selection

Why do you want to be Czech Days Queen? "I have attended Czech Days for as long as I can remember. It would be an honor to have the opportunity to be an ambassador of this great celebration and all it represents. My Czech Heritage is very important to me and becoming queen would allow me to be a role model for other young women and others who want to become passionate about their heritage as well."

What does Czech Days mean to you? "Czech Days is a time when people from the region gather to celebrate their Czech Heritage. People welcome Czech customs passed down through generations and continue to pass on traditions to future generations."

GINGER MARTIN

GINGER ISABELLA MARTIN

School: Attending Mitchell High School

Parents: Alex and the late Mary Martin of Mitchell.

Further Education: Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell
Ambitions and Future Plans: Pursue a Career in secondary education majoring in mathematics with a coaching minor.

Activities Participated in High School: Oral Interp, FCCLA, Track, CYO, and 4-H Club

Honors Earned: 4-H Awards.
INTERESTING FACTS: Hobbies, Clubs, School Activities, Community Activities or Achievements: Landscape photography, photos of concerts and people. I like to read poetry about the countries of Europe.

Activity for Talent Contest: Oral Interp

Why do you want to be Czech Days Queen? "I would like to be Czech Days Queen to learn about Czech Heritage and to have a Czech experience with people for Czech Days. I am running for Czech Days Queen for my family. Czech Days helps to make small towns keep the towns histories alive, like the town of Tabor. That is why this is one of the biggest things for South Dakota for tourist attractions from other cities. The kolaches made by the Czechs are one of their favorite foods and we enjoy eating them with our families on Czech Days."

What does Czech Days mean



to you? "The feelings I have for Czech Days are fun and exciting. It is good to have the traditions by the Czechs. The Beseda Hall hosts all the families from the near towns when they visit Tabor. The people can learn from their heritage by enjoying the company of families and friends. Czech Days is to have fun and to enjoy the festival for the Czechs. It is about the community of the town and how the community keeps the town alive for letting people come to Czech Days. The people that come can honor their ancestors that came from Europe. I would be happy to represent Tabor as Czech Days Queen and learn from all other queens from past Czech Days. If I get the experience, it will be great for me because I will be representing all of the town of Tabor and what Czech Days stands for, for me and the people of the town."

SHANNON SOUHRADA

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School: Bon Homme High School at Tyndall 2011 Senior
Parents: Scott and Priscilla Souhrada of Tabor.

Further Education: Northeast Technical School in Norfolk, Neb.
Ambitions and Future Plans: Pursue a career in Veterinary Technology.

Activities Participated in High School: Football Cheerleader for three years, Yearbook Staff and Prom Committee

Honors Earned: Lewis and Clark Reading Award, Czech Stamp Cancellation Contest, American Legion Citizenship Award, Lettered in cheerleading all three years, All Star Awards in Softball for three years and Czech Days Princess in 2000.

INTERESTING FACTS: Hobbies, Clubs, School Activities, Community Activities or Achievements: I have volunteered at the Good Samaritan Center; helped with the Bon Homme Cheerleading Camp and the Dance Camp for grade school girls for three years; Beseda Dancer since I was 5 years old; donated food for our local Food Pantry numerous times; attend St. Wenceslaus Church and religious education program, promoted Czech Days in Yankton, Pierre, and Lakeport Church, enjoy baking and helping my mom make kolaches and dumplings for Czech Days and family gatherings.

Activity for Talent Contest: Playing a Czech song on the harmonica.

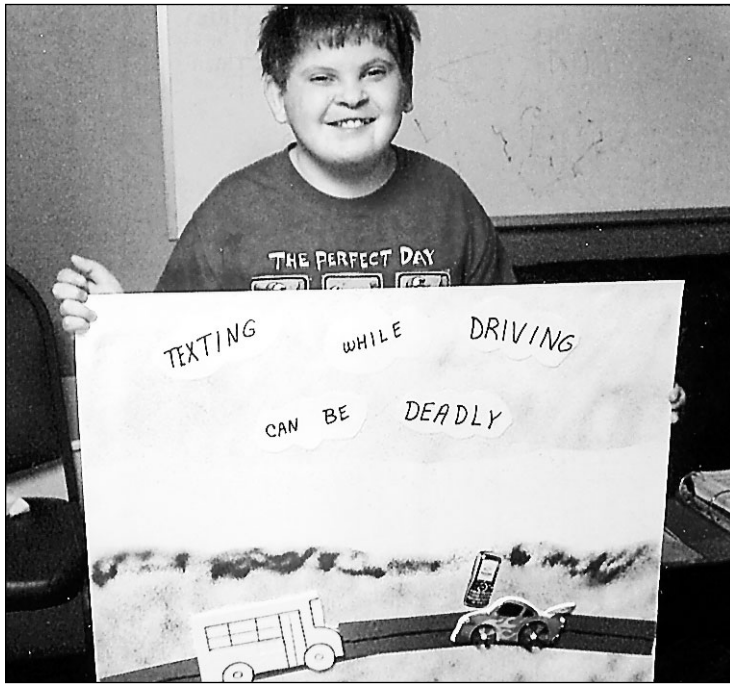
Why do you want to be Czech



Days Queen? "My running for Czech Days Queen is a way of expressing my love for our community and heritage. Through my parents and grandparents, I have learned the importance of our Czech History. Even as a young girl, I dreamed of being Czech Days Queen. I have never missed a Czech Days celebration, it is very important to me. When I represented our town as Princess at age 7, I felt truly honored and would love to continue this as a young woman, proud of my heritage."

What does Czech Days mean to you? "Czech Days means so many things. The first thing that comes to mind is excitement. The gathering of friends and family. Dressing up in my Kroj. Dancing in the Sokol Park. The sound of Czech music playing. Walking into Beseda Hall and smelling the sauerkraut, and eyeing the kolaches. Seeing people so happy and smiling, and enjoying one another. It is all such a delight, it is quite possibly the best time of the year."

SAFETY POSTER WINNER



SUBMITTED PHOTO

U.C.T. Safety Poster Going To Supreme U.C.T. Convention. Dakota McCLOUD's Safety Poster placed 1st in his division at a local meeting and at the State Convention. It will be judged July 7-12 at UCT Supreme Session in Indianapolis, Ind.

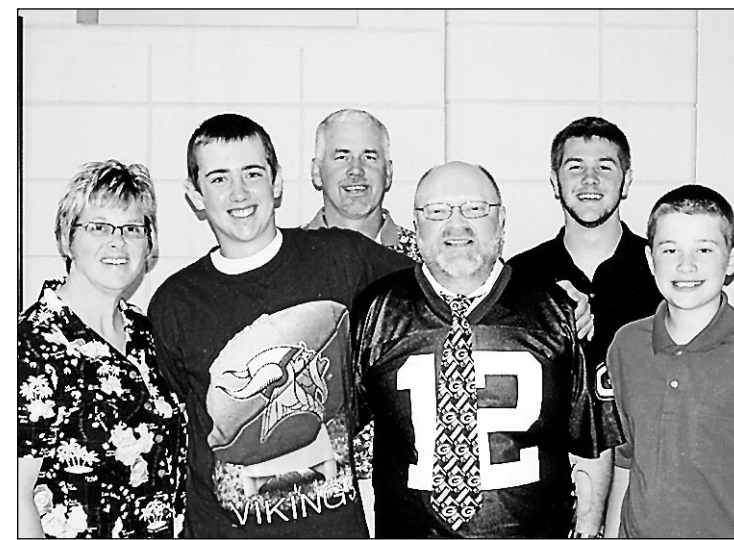
FIVE GENERATIONS



SUBMITTED PHOTO

At Lilly Ann Huber's baptism five generations joined together for a photo: Great-Great Grandma Violet Huber Pickering, Great-Grandpa Stuart Huber; Grandpa Kevin Huber; Daddy Jared Huber; Lilly Ann Huber.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER



SUBMITTED PHOTO

First United Methodist Church Senior High Youth Group in Yankton held a fund raiser for "Kids Against Hunger," a nonprofit group from Sioux Falls. If they raised \$500.00, Rev. Dean Trapp, an avid Minnesota Vikings Fan, would wear a Green Bay Packers Jersey and tie during Sunday Services which he did on June 6, 2010. Casey Johnson agreed to wear a Minnesota Vikings shirt. The Youth Group raised \$753.00 which is enough money to feed over 3,000 people. Pictured L to R: Youth Group Advisor Gena Brandt, Casey Johnson, Merle Brandt, Rev. Dean Trapp, Gavin Brandt and Garner Brandt.

Sweet Adelines Compete At International Competition

The Rivercity Harmony Sweet Adelines (S.A.) motored to Winnipeg, Manitoba aboard Kelly's Koaches to compete in the international CAN-AM Region 6 2010 S.A. Convention and Competition.

This region includes Minnesota, Northern Iowa, Eastern South Dakota, North Dakota and Southern Manitoba. Of this area about 650 S.A. attended this convention.

On Friday, May 21, we all attended a learning session. S.A. is always teaching and helping ladies to sing even better. This ses-

sion was on movement and body strength helping to project better sound. It was much enjoyed by everyone.

Friday evening everyone enjoyed a super quartet competition with outstanding singing and costumes.

On Saturday morning the Yankton Chorus under the direction of their new well known and respected director, Ethel Cooper, had a warm up for the afternoon competition.

In stage makeup and shimmery costumes they competed with the under 30 Class A

group. Followed by Class AA of 30 to 60 members finishing off with the City of Lakes Chorus, Minn. with over 70 members - our ladies were most happy with many improved scores!

The ladies are very happy to welcome their great new director Ethel Cooper and are looking forward to a busy summer and fall of happy music.

Visit with any of the ladies to find out more about upcoming opportunities to hear them sing.



MEETING MINUTES

TOASTMASTER 1294

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 met at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant on Saturday May 22, 2010. Club President Jeremy Skrenes called the meeting to order and asked Harry Voeelke to give the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Skrenes served as Toastmaster of the Day and called on master evaluator John Swensen to introduce other members with duties; Mike Arens as speech evaluator, Kevin Buhl as ah counter, and Carol Hale as grammarian. Joy Winther gave a presentation on parliamentary procedure from the "Abstracts Concept Manual" of Toastmasters International. Winther began the presentation with an overview of the types and purposes of motions (at a meeting) and then she described the proper procedures to present and dispose of a motion. The presentation included handouts and role playing by several members on presenting, discussing, and voting on a motion. There was no table topic session at the meeting due to the length of Winther's presentation. John Swensen led the evaluation portion of the meeting and asked Mike Arens to evaluate Joy Winther and then gave a brief evaluation of the entire meeting. Jeremy Skrenes adjourned the meeting.

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 meets each Saturday from 7:30-8:40 AM at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant and guests are always welcome to

attend a meeting. For information about Toastmasters, call 665-1523 or 660-3904.

ASHH TOASTMASTERS

Kary Beltz led the invocation at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters June 3 meeting held at noon in the Benedicene Center. Beltz prayed that she would slow down and enjoy the life around her. She also counted the votes. Beltz was introduced by the Toastmaster of the Day, Muriel Stach.

Table Topics Master was Jane Miller. She asked questions about "June" weddings and traditions. She questioned Beltz about changing parts of her wedding if she could do it over. Miller asked Greg Stach about any wedding advice he received. Miller then solicited Gale Vogt's answer to the most unusual wedding he has attended. The 3-way tie for Best Respondent went to Stach, Beltz and Vogt.

Mindy Schweitzer was the main speaker. Her goals were to give a 5 to 7 minute researched speech that would give data to back up her opinions and point of view. Schweitzer talked about kidney cancer, "The C Word", relating details of her father's illness and road to recovery. She was awarded the Best Speaker trophy.

The Best Evaluator's award went to Vogt who gave helpful hints to Schweitzer. Vogt suggested that Schweitzer not use "excuse me" during her speeches and applauded

her for the good statistics she gave about kidney cancer and its symptoms.

Eileen O'Connor was the General Evaluator and the Sergeant at Arms. O'Connor had the room prepared and her team ready. Tim Bohn timed the speakers. Eric Taylor tracked the unneeded usage of fillers, like "so". Sheryl Schwartz noted the special words and phrases that speakers used, especially "viva", her word of the day.

President Bohn discussed the installation of new officers at a party in July at his home. He reviewed the cooking contest for that party and next week's schedule before adjourning the meeting.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

A 6:00 p.m. potluck was enjoyed by all for the May meeting of the

Catholic Daughters of the Americas-Court Willard #967. In honor of the "Year of the Priests" all local clergy were invited to join the court.

The monthly meeting was opened by Regent Velma Kuchta. She welcomed everyone including guests and new members. Edna Dendinger and Evelyn Cimpi introduced their guests. Regent Kuchta offered our most sincerest thanks and appreciation for all that our clergy do throughout the days, weeks and years. Their tireless devotion is all very much appreciated. The Year for Priests is meant to benefit our priests, but it is also meant to benefit all of us. Our priests give their lives for us. Regent Kuchta also offered our blessings and prayers for Deacon Paul King as he will be ordained soon. She also thanked Msgr. Hermann for being such a faithful chaplain to our Court and to

Fr. Bob for his ministry of being our State Chaplain.

The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Patti Paul. The report was approved and seconded.

Correspondence: Recording Secretary Cyndi Hunhoff read the cards and letters that had been received.

Financial Report: Financial Secretary Cheryl Hovorka asked that dues be paid.

Old Business: Deacon Paul thanked the court for the gift of money for his vestments; Mary Althoff informed us about the 90+ Party held at Majestic Bluffs; Leah Smith thanked everyone that had helped serve the banquet.

New Business: Mass on Saturday, July 10, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - with Bishop Swain at the House of Mary Shrine. Court Willard has been invited to make and serve brunch. Cheryl Lemon asked for volunteers

to help with the placement of flags for Memorial Day. Meet at the cemetery on May 27, Thursday, at 5:30 p.m. July 9, 2010 - Pillow Cleaning. Rose Hauger of the nominating committee presented the court with the list of nominees for the upcoming election. They are as follows: Regent-Janice Cass, Vice Regent-Dev Schmidt, Financial Secretary-Karri Konechne, Treasurer-Mary Johnson, Recording Secretary-Mary Althoff. Nominations were also open to the court. No other nominations were made. The motion was made and approved for each office. Regent Velma Kuchta thanked the May Committee and adjourned the meeting. Father Bob lead the court in the May Crowning of Mary in the church.

The next meeting will be on June 17 at Sacred Heart. Our new officers will be installed at this meeting.



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