

CANCER FIGHT DONATION



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Tatum Draskovic received \$500 from Modern Woodmen Representative Tammy Matuska to help fight her battle with cancer. Amber Larson of Yankton Monument Company organized the Spaghetti Supper and auction fundraiser to help Tatum with medical expenses.

FIVE GENERATIONS



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Sitting is Great-Great Grandmother Violet Huber Pickering holding Alton Jacob Huber, from left to right: Grandfather Kevin Huber, Great-Grandfather Stuart Huber, Father Lance Huber.

ANNUAL EAGLE EYE RIDE



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The sixth Annual Eagle Eye Ride scheduled for Sat., June 29th. Pictured is Norm Carda, Shelly Anderson & Barb Carda presenting Shelly with a check for a Motorcycle Safety Course.

HOSPITAL AND CLUB PACK



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St. Michael's Hospital and the Tyndall Rotary Club joined together recently to pack more than 3,200 meals for children in need of our care. If you would like to learn more about how you can make a difference in the lives of children, please visit www.kahyankton.org.

MEETINGS

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Roy Anderson Post #12 American Legion Auxiliary met on June 17, with President Betty Adam presiding.

President Betty announced that the Auxiliary received a Certificate for exceeding its 2013 membership goal. The members applauded Helen Simpson for her efforts to recruit new members. Helen passed around membership sheets asking members to verify that their address and phone numbers are correct. The Yankton Chapter presently has 117 members.

Changes to the Yankton Chapter's By Laws and Constitution were discussed, voted on, and approved by the members.

Gert Boyles read several thank you notes from girls who had attended Girls State.

Marlys List gave a report on the State American Legion Convention in

Rapid City, held June 6-9, 2013.

Election of officers was held for the year Sept 2013-June 2014. The results of that election are: President-Betty Adam; First Vice President-Joyce List; Second Vice President-Dianna Bahn; Chaplain-Kathleen Ekeren; Sergeant at Arms-Martha List and Mary Kuchta. An installation of Officers ceremony was conducted by Gert Boyles.

The position of secretary is open. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please contact Betty Adam.

Joyce List asked for volunteers to march in the Tabor Czech Days parade on June 21. Please contact Joyce if you are able to do this.

A delicious lunch was served by Theresa Brandt and Darlis Kaiser.

There will be no meeting held in July and August. The next meeting will be held Sept. 23, 2013 with Girls State as the program. Lunch hostesses will

United Way

Big Red Bookshelf Promotes Literacy

BY LAUREN HANSON

United Way and Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton

United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton has partnered with the Yankton Area Literacy Council to create an initiative focusing on childhood literacy.

Started in November of last year, The Big Red Bookshelf program places bright red bookshelves within the Yankton community filled with gently used or new books appropriate for children from birth to 5th grade. These books have been donated by local businesses, nonprofit agencies, or community members. Children are encouraged to take a book home with them to keep and share!

The Big Red Bookshelf program recirculates donated children's books back into the community where they are made available free for families to own. Books are collected in red boxes at community locations and through book drives organized by service groups, congregations and campus organizations. These books are sorted, cleaned and affixed with a label, then set out on bright red bookshelves at sites where families will have easy access to them.

You can find a Big Red Bookshelf at the Yankton Medical



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Former Mt. Marty College Student and United Way Intern, Brittany Mikkelsen, stocking a Big Red Bookshelf.

Clinic - 804 Summit Street, the Modern Woodmen Office - 700 W 23rd Street and at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Pediatric Unit - 501 Summit Street.

The goals of this program are to increase book ownership by families, encourage parent-child interactions with books, involve community members in this literacy effort through book donations, and keep books circulating within the community.

Book ownership is important

in fostering an interest in reading and a love for books. Children feel pride in owning their own books and develop confidence in reading when books are easily within reach and can be read again and again.

Yankton Area Literacy Council (YALC) Board President, Loretta Sorensen, believes the Red Book Shelf project is a very visible and enjoyable way to promote reading activities in the Yankton community. As of the end of May,

YALC volunteers have replaced 246 books on the shelves that have been placed in the community.

"Those numbers indicate that children in the community are making use of the bookshelves and gaining reading skills because of the program," states Sorensen. "Literacy skills impact every aspect of an individual's life, so making it possible for children to improve reading and communications skills through the Big Red Bookshelf is a valuable way to help improve our community, our state and our nation. YALC is very grateful to those donating books to the Big Red Bookshelf. They are a valuable part of the program's success."

Donations of gently used or new books appropriate for children from birth to 5th grade can be dropped off at the United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton, 610 W 23rd Street, Suite 11.

Are you a member of a service group or organization who would like to do a BOOK DRIVE, be a drop off location, or host a Big Red Bookshelf? Call the United Way & Volunteer Services' at 605-665-6766 or visit us at www.yanktonunitedway.org to learn more how you can contribute to this community program.

S.D. American Legion Elects New Commander

WATERTOWN — Rick MacDonald of American Legion Post 303 of Hermosa, was elected as the State Commander of The American Legion Department of South Dakota by delegates attending the 95th Annual State Convention of The American Legion in Rapid City on Sunday, June 9. MacDonald was nominated by LuVerne Boes of Hermosa and his nomination was seconded Ron Tolrud of White and Rod Martens of Piedmont. The American Legion is the largest war-time veteran service organization in South Dakota with more than 21,000 members serving in 244 local American Legion Posts across the state.

Commander MacDonald is a 19-year, Paid-Up-For-Life member of Hermosa Post 303. He has held most Post offices such as Post Commander and Post Adjutant. He served as County Commander, District Commander, State Vice Commander, State Administrative Committee and State Membership Chairman. MacDon-

ald is also currently serving on the National Americanism Council and is the South Dakota American Legion Boys Scout

Chairman. Commander MacDonald created and maintains the American Legion website as its sole webmaster. He served as President of the South Dakota American Legion Press Association for 8 years. MacDonald graduated from the National American Legion College in 2005.

Commander MacDonald served honorably in the United States Air Force and retired on February 1, 1966, with 21 years and 8 months of active duty at the rank of E-7.

Commander MacDonald retired Jan. 21, 2013, from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology after 16 years as a Computer Support Analyst. He is a member and Past President of the Downtown Rapid City Kiwanis Club. He has held many positions in the Black Hills Area Council Boy Scout and currently holds the title of Unit Commis-

sioner. Commander MacDonald and his wife, Debra, reside at 24195 Alkan Lane, Hermosa, South Dakota 57744.

In other convention action, the assembled delegates elected two State Vice Commanders for the organization. Those elected were Hans Nelson of Veblen and Duane Riedlinger of Piedmont.

Newly elected State Commander MacDonald appointed Dennis Brenden of Watertown to a two-year appointment as Department Adjutant; Dennis Edwards of Rapid City to a one-year term as Department Chaplain; Terry Hanson of Arlington to a one-year term as Department Membership Chairman; Tom Adams of Deadwood to a one-year term as Judge Advocate; Dennis Brenden of Watertown to a one-year term as Public Relations Officer.

Bill Huntimer of Dell Rapids was elected to a one-year term as State Sergeant-At-Arms and Gary Wolkow of DeSmet was re-elected to another one-year term as the

State Finance Officer for the organization. Dale Strom of Aberdeen was elected as a member of The American Legion State Administrative Committee.

Bruce Beckman of Lake Preston was selected as The American Legion Department of South Dakota Legionnaire of the Year at the convention. Beckman is a member of Porter L. Rich American Legion Post 63 in Lake Preston.

The Robert C. Gabrielson Memorial Leadership Award was presented to Terry Hanson of Arlington. The Robert C. Gabrielson Memorial Leadership Award is named in the memory of Past American Legion State Commander Robert C. Gabrielson of Hoven. Gabrielson served in numerous leadership capacities for The American Legion at the local Post, District, State and National levels. The award is to recognize one Legionnaire on an annual basis for sustained, superior and inspirational leadership.

Students' Piano Recital Held At St. Benedict Church



KELLY HERTZ/P&D
Father Tim Lange turns the sheet music for piano student Nathan Zimmerman during Zimmerman's performance of "The Robin's Return" at a recital of Lange's students May 22 at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Yankton.

On May 22, five students of Fr. Tim Lange were presented in a piano recital at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Yankton. Children involved were Nathan Zimmerman, Allie Taggart and Grace Taggart.

Admired for their willingness to participate were two adults. Barb Lyle of Sioux City, a beginner with less than one year lessons. Barb is a speech pathologist in the Sioux City schools working primarily with autistic children. Michael Healy, well known in the Yankton area, who had lessons as a youngster and played in a recital 58 years ago! Mike played one of the numbers he played then. Mike is a semi-retired accountant who worked for the Avera network for 42 years. He was vice president of the hospitals and nursing homes of the area and was awarded with the honor of being the chief financial officer for all the hospitals in the U.S. some years ago. We are amazed at these adults for the desire to acquire greater musical skill

Fr. Tim is a retired priest of

the Omaha Archdiocese who served in N.E. Nebraska for 47 years before retiring to Yankton 5 years ago. He earned a B.A. in Music Education from Briar Cliff in 1970 and then a M.A. in organ performance from USD in 1974. For many years he taught private lessons beginning with the idea of training church musicians in organ. As pianos were gradually deemed acceptable for the Catholic Liturgy, organ students were few and his teaching extended to mostly piano. Traveling from parish to parish in northeast Nebraska and finally settling more in the Norfolk area while stationed at St. Peter's in Stanton, Neb., and working part-time at Faith Regional Hospital as a Chaplain, he went house to house, as an itinerant piano teacher.

In the 1980's and 1990's his clientele grew to 65 students per week. He has cut back since retiring. Five CD recordings are credited to him. Call him at 605-665-2028 or cell 402-640-2780 for lessons or CDs.

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