

# micki's meanderings



Hello All!

Believe it or not I think spring has finally sprung. Hurray! After the winter we had I wasn't sure if it would ever get

here.

On April 29 the Press & Dakotan's Her Voice magazine, along with Yankton Hy-Vee, First Dakota National Bank and Yankton Medical Clinic, hosted the Celebrate Women event. I firmly believe women should be celebrated twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, but this was the official day to Celebrate Women. There was a huge array of vendors sharing their products and services, great food and fun fellowship. The staff here at Her Voice would like to thank our three major sponsors, all the vendors, and Melcena and her staff at Riverfront Event Center. Special thanks to all the ladies who attended the event. We hope to see you again next year.

Once again, this issue of Her Voice has a wide variety of stories and topics. I hope you enjoy them all. If any of you has an idea or suggestion for a story idea or a person you think our readers would be interested in learning more about please feel free to drop me a line. My email is <mailto:micki.schievelbein@yankton.net>.

I know Mother's Day will be over by the time you get this issue of Her Voice but I'd still like to share some fond memories I have of my own Mom. Her name was Maybelle, but her nickname was Micki (like mine). When I was little they called us Big Mick and Little Mick. Even when I passed her in size that didn't change!

Anyhoot I digress... again. Here are some of the memories I have of my Mom:

- Mom was always cooking or baking something

delicious. My house was "the place" to be for all of my friends because there was always homemade bread or monster cookies or some other wonderful treat.

- Every year Mom would set up Grandma Hall's old sewing machine and get the crepe paper out and make us May baskets to give to our friends. Giving out May baskets was one of the traditions I shared with my children. (although our May baskets weren't nearly as beautiful as Mom's)
- Our house was also the most popular on Halloween because Mom always made giant popcorn balls to hand out. Yummy!
- I am an avid reader and really enjoy our library here in Yankton and that love of books is something I got from my Mom. When we were old enough to enjoy a book she took us to the library in Rock Rapids and we'd peruse the shelves. She always had a book at her bedside.
- Mom had a jar of pennies on the kitchen counter and when we were really good my friends and I would each get five pennies and ride our bikes down to Pinkie's, the candy store a block from home, and load up. At the time we thought Pinkie's was just a little bit of heaven.

By her example my Mom taught me many things over the years but one of the things that I will always remember is that no matter who she met or what their circumstances were she always had a smile, showed them compassion and made them feel special. She treated everyone the same. I constantly strive to follow that example.

I hope you and yours enjoy a blessed a beautiful spring!

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