

HOMETOWNNEWS

VanDeRostyne Is BAMAAR Student Of Month

Brian VanDeRostyne, a senior at Yankton High School, was recently honored as the March 2010 BAMAAR Student of the Month.

The award, which received the name BAMAAR because it is sponsored by the building association, manufacturers association and area retailers, was first presented during the 2008-2009 school year. It was designed to recognize outstanding students enrolled in Career and Technical Education classes at YHS and will be given by Yankton High School in conjunction with the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC).

He received T-shirts, certificates and other prizes donated by local businesses for earning the award.

VanDeRostyne, the son of Paul and Linda



VanDeRostyne

VanDeRostyne of Yankton, was nominated for the award by Bret Johnson, his Drafting II instructor.

"Brian has shown great leadership and has a great attitude. His work ethic and understanding of the CAD software and architectural drafting has gone above and beyond class expectations."

Johnson said. "He has also been involved in a project with A'viands designing cookie cutters which will be used for the state's Capitol Centennial Celebration in Pierre this year. He has also completed a 3-D virtual tour of the student built house that can be viewed at <http://www.ystd.k12.sd.us/user->

files/file/yhs-bjohnson/SchoolHouse1.mpg."

The opportunity to use programs like ArchiCAD, SolidWorks and Blender has been VanDeRostyne's favorite part of his Drafting II course. It might have also helped him shape his future plans. He plans to complete at least a four year degree at an in-state college.

"This class has made me take a serious look at a career in Architecture at South Dakota State University," VanDeRostyne said.

Students, like VanDeRostyne, who are enrolled in CTE classes at YHS are eligible for the BAMAAR Student of the Month awards and can be nominated by their CTE instructors. A panel selects up to two monthly winners throughout the school year.

To honor all of the monthly BAMAAR winners, a recognition ceremony was held Thursday, May 6.

HSC Community Advisory Board Elects Officers

The South Dakota Human Services Center Community Advisory Board recently elected officers to serve for a one-year term.

Matt Michels, of Michels & Associates, was re-elected to serve as Chairman. Gary Dybsetter, of First National Bank, was re-elected to serve as Vice Chairman. Gordon Brown, of Vanderhule Moving and Storage, was re-elected to serve as Board Secretary.

The HSC Community Advisory Board was established in 1989. The Board works actively in an advisory role to assist HSC by making recommendations for improving availability and quality of mental health services, as well as in determining the best utilization of facilities and resources.

"The HSC Community Advisory Board provides valuable communication with the Yankton community to improve understanding of the vital role which HSC plays in the delivery of mental health services," stated Cory D. Nelson, MPA, Human Services Center Administrator and CEO. "It is

very beneficial to work with the dedicated individuals on this Board.

They are interested in developing programs to improve mental health care services, particularly in Yankton. They offer valuable recommendations for improving the relationship between mental health service providers and the community."

Board members make recommendations for membership and appointments are confirmed by the HSC Administrator.

Other dedicated volunteers serving on the HSC Community Advisory Board include: Yankton's Acting Police Chief Jerry Hisek; Pam Kettering of United Way and Volunteer Services; Pastor Dani Jo Ninke of Christ the King; Jane Pugh of First Dakota Bank; Steve Schweitzer of the National Alliance on Mental Illness; and Psychiatric Social Worker Cindy Jensen serves as the HSC employee representative.

Board coordination is managed by HSC Administrator / CEO Cory D. Nelson, MPA, and Lois Halbur, MS, Staff



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Pictured left to right are South Dakota Human Services Center Administrator / CEO Cory D. Nelson with Community Advisory Board Officers re-elected to serve for 2010 - 2011: Chairman Matt Michels, Vice Chairman Gary Dybsetter, and Board Secretary Gordon Brown.

Development Coordinator. In addition, the Yankton County Commission Chairman appoints one member, which is currently Bruce Jensen. One member is also designat-

ed by the Yankton Mayor to represent the Yankton City Commission, which is currently Judy Vanderhule.

The Board meets quarterly at HSC.

Law Enforcement Academy Graduation

PIERRE — Attorney General Marty Jackley announces the recent graduation of 32 officers from the South Dakota Law Enforcement Academy.

All officers of the Academy must complete a 12 week, 520 hour program. The curriculum includes training in emergency vehicles operations, firearms, accident investigation, community oriented policing, ethics, and patrol procedures.

Upon completion of the training, students are certified as law enforcement officers in

South Dakota. Those attending the academy represent agencies from all across the state.

"This is truly a great group of officers. The communities are lucky to be getting such quality additions to their law enforcement centers," said Attorney General Marty Jackley.

Yankton County Sheriff's Office graduate is Jason J Marquardt.

Yankton Police Department graduate is Javier Murguia.

SCOUT'S HONOR



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Samuel Waters, of Sioux Falls, and grandson of Jerry and Audrey Locken of Yankton was recently named as the John M Bliss VFW Post 628's Scout of the Year. At the banquet May 1st he was also honored as the state winner of the VFW Scout of the Year award and scholarship. His name will now be forwarded for consideration as the National Scout of the Year, which will be chosen in August. He is the son of Kathy and Greg Waters of Sioux Falls.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS FUNDS



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Barb Clayton, Yankton Area Special Olympics board member accepts \$500 grant presented by Walmart. The local Special Olympics program provides services to many area athletes with mental and physical disabilities. Athletes from the Yankton area participate in softball, basketball and bowling on the local, state and national levels. The grant money will be used to help replace uniforms for these athletes. Mrs. Clayton expresses great gratitude to Walmart for their generosity.

WOMEN'S SHELTER GIFTS



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Desiree Slaba, Executive Director of the Yankton Women's and Children's Center was recently presented a 42 inch plasma TV from Hy-Vee Store Director Tonya Graff and Store Managers Becky Soucek and Joshua Suing for use in the commons area of the shelter. The YWCC is a shelter for victims of domestic violence and a visitation center where supervised visits and safe exchanges of children take place. In 2009 the YWCC received a \$865,000 construction grant through the American Recovery Act for construction of a new building located at 609 Goeden Drive. The grant did not cover the cost of the furnishings, office equipment or appliances needed for the new building, so a fundraising campaign is underway to meet these needs. Ms. Slaba said that they have raised over 50% of the \$60,000 needed to complete the building furnishings, with the estimated move-in date set for early June. For more information, or to make a donation, contact Desiree Slaba at 665-4811.

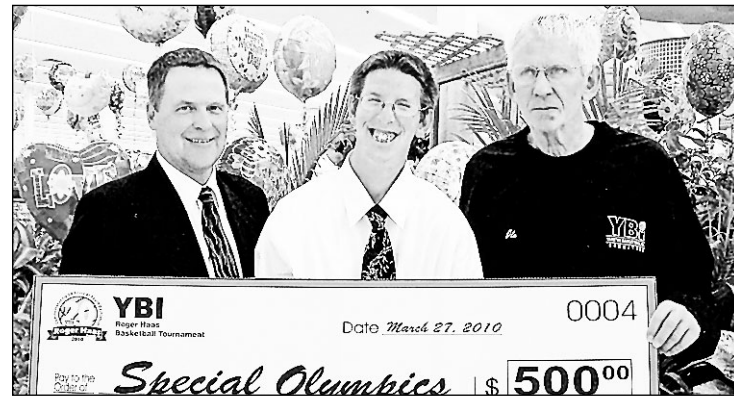
GOEDEN FUNDRAISING



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Yankton Education Association representatives recently presented Susan Goeden with a check in the amount of \$3,415. The money was raised by school district employees to help defray medical expenses for Goeden, a YHS and USD graduate, who was recently diagnosed with Large B Cell Non-Hodgkin's with characteristics of Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She will receive six chemotherapy treatments at the University of Nebraska Medical Center during the next 18 weeks, followed by radiation. Goeden has taught in the Yankton Public School system at YMS, Stewart Elementary, and for the past six years in Jr. Kindergarten at Webster Elementary. Further fundraising efforts are currently under way, and an account has been set up at Wells Fargo. If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets, they can be obtained at Webster Elementary or ShurCo. Saturday for Susan is being planned for Saturday, May 15 at Memorial Park.

HAAS DONATION



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Yankton Basketball Inc. is pleased to present a \$500 check to the Yankton Area Special Olympics on behalf of Roger Haas' memory. Roger was an avid supporter of the Special Olympics prior to his death in 1991. YBI celebrated their 20th anniversary of the Roger Haas Basketball tournament this past March. Pictured are YBI Board Members Buddy Hovland and Dale "Ole" Hansen along with Special Olympian Neil Schaefer.

MEETING MINUTES

GRWC YANKTON WOMEN'S CLUB

GFWC South Dakota held its 110th State Convention in Chamberlain the weekend of April 30, May 1 and 2. Mary Ellen Laister, First Vice-President of the GFWC International was guest keynote speaker.

Five members of GFWC Yankton Woman's Club representing the club as delegates were Nancy Burgess, State GFWC treasurer, Alta Kussman, assistant State GFWC treasurer, Sally Welter, State GFWC Leadership chairman, Maysel Goltz, State GFWC Constitution and By-Laws chairman and Dot Blaha, President GFWC Yankton Woman's Club.

GFWC Yankton Woman's Club received numerous awards within the various volunteer categories. First place awards were received for Conservation, Literacy, Helping Hands and Financial Issues. Second place awards were received in Focus on Health, Community Safety and Legislation and Public Policy. Third place awards were received in the areas of Education in the Community, Public Affairs and Membership. They also received an Honorable Mention in Domestic Violence.

Along with poetry and short story writing, art and photography GFWC also has competition in various crafts. Eileen Leshar was awarded a purple ribbon for a hand knit lamb and a red ribbon for a hand knit baby afghan. Nancy Burgess received a purple ribbon for her ceramic basket and flowers. Cindy Filipis of Yankton was the winner of the Marghab linen.

Nancy Burgess was one of four Empowered Women recognized by GFWC South Dakota. Mary Ellen Thompson was recognized as a 50 year member. Mary O'Leary, Edith Pike, Kathleen Teget and Bridget Ruppier were remembered during the Memorial Service.

Newly elected GFWC South Dakota officers are treasurer Dorothea "Dot" Blaha of Yankton, secretary Dorothy Pulscher of Sturgis, third vice-president LaRae Prentiss of Brookings, second vice-president Dorothy Nolthardt of Beresford. First vice-president/president elect is Linda Dodds of White Lake and President is Pat Chadwell of Alcester. District presidents are Dorothy Boes of Bonesteel, Western; LaRae Prentiss of Brookings, Northeast; Nancy Burgess of Yankton, Southeast. International GFWC First Vice-President Mary Ellen Laister installed the elected officer.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. GFWC Yankton Woman's Club was recognized for 115 years of volunteer service to Yankton and South Dakota.

GFWC YANKTON WOMAN'S CLUB

Members of GFWC Yankton Woman's Club met Saturday, May 8 at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club for its final gathering prior to the summer recess. Gwen Steckler presented a program on Healing Touch.

President Dot Blaha opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, South Dakota Pledge and Collect For Women.

Leadership Chair Marge Gross presented a brief report. Reports from GFWC South Dakota 110th State Convention were given. Mary Ellen Laister, First Vice President of GFWC International was guest keynote speaker.

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Nancy Burgess received special recognition after 22 years of service as State Treasurer. Routine business was conducted prior to installing officers for the 2010-2012 term. Those installed were Treasurer Alta Kussman and President Julie Clifton. Remaining officers will be installed in the fall.

TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

The Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met on Saturday, May 8 at 7:30 a.m. at the Fry's Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President Jeremy Skrenes. The invocation was given by Skrenes followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Vernon Arens was introduced as the Toastmaster of the meeting. He called on grammarian Mike Arens who gave the word of the day, which was "Integrity." Table Topics was led by Joy Winther on the subject of Mother's Day. Speeches were given by Harry Voelzke on "Talent is Never Enough" from the CTM manual, Angela Mann on "The Happiness Project" from the Speaking to Inform manual. Master Evaluator of the meeting was Skrenes, who evaluated the meeting and called on Mike Arens to evaluate Voelzke,

Steve Hamilton to evaluate Mann. Presentations were also given by grammarian Mike Arens, joke master Skrenes, Ah Counter/Naïl Dropper John Swensen, liner Swensen, and Vote counter Winther. Table Topic winner was Hamilton, best speaker was Mann, and best evaluator was Mike Arens.

For more information call 665-8448.

GET UP & GO

The Get Up & Go 4-H Club met May 2nd at the Irene Legion Hall. President Trevor Hansen called the meeting to order. The American Flag

Pledge was led by Heather Hauger and the 4-H pledge by Erin Hansen. Heather Hauger's demonstration was How to Shade a picture. Katrina Hauger's demonstration was a Babysitting tote for preschoolers.

Our 4-H club will be doing wheelbarrow races for the Barnyard Olympics. We will be serving lunch at Alton Nieman sale on June 25th. Karen Richelieu served lunch. After the meeting we planted flowers at the nursing home in Irene for a community service project. Our next meeting will be June 6th at the Irene Legion Hall.

Want to Help Your Community?

The South Dakota SMP is a volunteer driven program to educate and empower consumers to take an active role in detecting and preventing health care fraud and abuse. This federally funded program is seeking volunteers to attend our next training May 18 & 19, 2010.

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