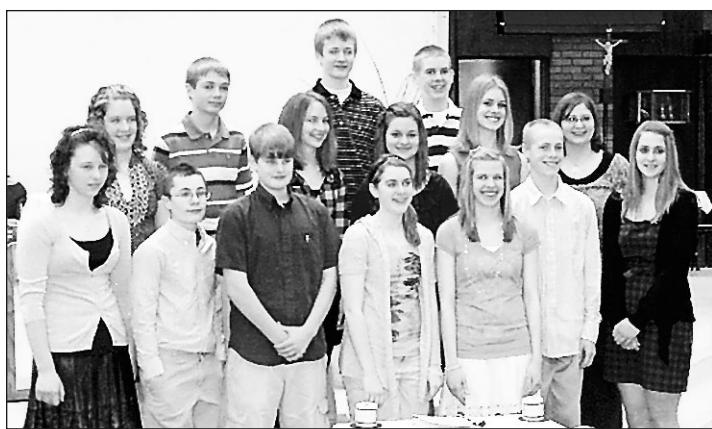


## S.H. HONOR SOCIETY



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On Wednesday, March 23, new members of the National Junior Honor Society of the Sacred Heart Middle School Chapter were inducted. These students must possess the highest qualities in the categories of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and character. Current Members are Charlie Stephenson, Charlotte Ekeren, Mikayla Schroeder, Mitchell Vavra, Madison Dangler, and Matt Fitzgerald. New members are Luke Rockne, Cody Peraklis, Adrienne Kusek, Brianna, Danielle Dvorak, Sarah Rockne, Sydney Ingalls and Jon Barkl. Advisor: Rebecca Peterson.

## ANNA AUST DAY



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Anna Irene Almberg was born March 30, 1911, to Nels (Harry) and Anna Almberg in Sweden. She lived in Sweden until she was 2 when they moved to the United States. She married Lloyd Aust in 1935 and had two children. She has lived in Clay County for 95 of her 100 years and has lived at Town Square Apts. in Vermillion for the last 35 years. Her family had a party for her with friends and relatives at Town Square where Mayor John (Jack) Powell proclaimed March 30, 2011, as Anna Aust Day.

## MEETING MINUTES

## TOASTMASTERS 1294

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 met at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant on Saturday April 2, 2011. Club President Matt Stone called the meeting to order and asked Kathy Hejna to give the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Kevin Buhl served as Toastmaster of the Day and asked grammarian Matt Stone to present the word of the day "Myriad." Manual speeches were given by Carol Hale entitled "Why Save Endangered Species?" and John Swensen entitled "A Day in the Life." After the speeches, table topics were lead by Jeremy Skrenes who called on members at large to "fill in the blank." The evaluation portion of the meeting was lead by master evaluator Joy Winther who asked Woody Sanders to evaluate Carol Hale and Angela Mann to evaluate John Swensen and then presented her evaluation of the meeting in general. Other functionaries at the meeting were asked Kathy Hejna as timer, Janice Stone as ah counter, and Vernon Arens as vote counter and joke master. Trophies were awarded to Matt Stone for best table topics response, Angela Mann for best speech evaluator, and John Swensen for best speech.

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.

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Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 met at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Acting Club President Kevin Buhl called the meeting to order and asked Janice Stone to give the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Carol Hale served as Toastmaster of the Day and asked Grammarian Kevin Buhl to present the word of the day "Stedfast." Katy Hejna gave a speech from the Competent Communicator Manual titled "Researching Easter." The Table Topics was led by Angela Mann who asked 8 different members to provide a definition of an uncommon word she provided. The evaluation portion of the meeting was led by Master Evaluator Joy Winther who asked Steve Hamilton to evaluate Kathy Hejna. Vernon Arens

was the timer for the meeting, Jeremy Skrenes was the "ah" Counter and Janice Stone was the Vote Counter. Joy then gave her evaluation of the meeting in general. Joke Master Roy Wilcox provided the joke of the day. The Best Speech trophy was awarded to Kathy Hejna, the best evaluator was awarded to Steve Hamilton, and the best Table Topic Speaker award was given to Jeremy Skrenes.

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## SHANNON TRAIL PROMOTERS

Shannon Trail Promoters met Tues., April 26 at Bill's Place in Wausa. In attendance were Sally Gubbels, Herb & Susan Bengston, Laurie & Gil Larsen, Steve & Bonnie Ruzicka and Shirley Kehne.

The April 9 Dancing for Tourism event was reviewed. Despite the damaging hail storm it was termed a success.

Lindys replacement Shannon Statue is being carved. A legal description of the sight for the Shannon County sign is all that is needed before it is erected. The permit is ready.

Herb & Susan had attended a Middle Missouri Lewis & Clark Federation meeting at Gifford Farms near Bellvue. Pres. The Shannon Trail Promoters will host this group on August 26 when they meet at the St. James Market Place.

The Northeast Nebraska Travel Council will likely hold their annual meeting in Norfolk. The Dinner Train trip was deemed too expensive at \$50 and would not readily accommodate a meeting.

Our 3,000 brochures are going fast. If the Knox Co. Lodging Tax Grant comes through the money will be used to have more printed.

The May/June issue of Nebraska Life has a feature article on the World's Only Winnetoon.

Laurie said the summer KK93 Park Show begins in May. Shannon the Mannequin is near Yankton at the Lewis and Clark State Park. These shows air at 9 and at 4 on Fridays.

On June 7th the group will meet in Wynot at their new café.

## Waltners Complete Leadership Training

The 26 graduates of Year 19 of Partners in Policymaking were honored to have Governor Dennis Daugaard and First Lady Linda Daugaard in attendance for their banquet held in Sioux Falls in April. Over 475 individuals have completed this state-wide leadership course.

Lincoln Waltner of Yankton received his certificate for completing the 6-month training course. The class motto for Year 19 was "We Are All Alone in This..... TOGETHER!"

While in the class, Waltner and his classmates studied about the history of disabilities, inclusive education, presented mock testimony to a panel of South Dakota legislators, learned about meetings, Social Security, employment, assistive technology and inclusive communities.

Keynote speaker was Dr. Jerry Blake of Sioux Falls who told the class to "never tire of doing the right thing." Receiving awards for advocacy were Elaine Roberts of SD Parent Connection in Sioux Falls and former Secretary of State Chris Nelson of Pierre. Other guests attending the banquet included Carmyn Egge of Sioux Falls representing Senator Tim Johnson, Jeannie Hovland of Sioux Falls from Senator John Thune's office and representing Representative Kristi Noem was Brad Otten from Rapid City. Also in attendance was former state Senator Dan Ahlers from Dell Rapids.

Members of the Class of 2011 included: Angela Albonico, Spearfish; Jamie Assel, Rick Rust, & Thad St. John, Watertown; Robert Bohm, Jackie Nelson, Jennifer Pierstorff, Ellen Schellinger & Stacy Seigfred, Sioux Falls; Faith Boll, Beresford; Dan Burgers, Colton; Vicki Carsrud,



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Montrose; Cathy Colwell & Heather Lafferty, Vermillion; Sandi Glover, Aberdeen; Angela Goebel, Gettysburg; Juanita Harrington, Piedmont; Julie & Maryalay Larson, Chamberlain; Desiray Nelson, Onida; Brittany Norin, Centerville; Kevin Papen & Cindy Roan Eagle, Rapid City; Amber Rear, Buffalo; Lincoln Waltner, Yankton; and Peggy Waltner, Freeman.

Partners training analyzes developmental disability issues and builds skills that consumers, parents, and guardians need to effectively obtain the most appropriate state-of-the-art services for themselves and others and participate in decision-making situations.

Partners is Policymaking is a nationwide training now in 38 states and also in the UK, Scotland, New Zealand, Ireland and the Netherlands. National and state speakers who are knowledgeable of disability issues

present on current issues affecting people with disabilities, best practices, and the policymaking and legislative processes at the local, state, and federal levels. The overall goal of Partners in Policymaking is to achieve a productive partnership between people needing and using services and those in a position to make policy and law.

The training program in South Dakota is conducted by SD Advocacy Services (SDAS). Sandy Stocklin Hook of Pierre is the project coordinator for the statewide training course. She noted, "We now have 499 individuals throughout South Dakota who have completed Partners in Policymaking. Their voices are being heard!" Stocklin Hook also commented "We strongly believe that individuals who use services should have a major role in determining what services they are being provided and how they are delivered. It is really exciting to see the Partners' enthusiasm and commitment to

improving national, state and local services." Robert Kean, Executive Director of SDAS, noted, "Partners is a training event that is growing in stature and being recognized as one of, if not the premier advocacy effort in the state."

Class speakers for graduation were L. Waltner, Harrington, J. Nelson and Bohm.

In addition to graduation ceremonies, 151 graduates of prior years of SD Partners in Policymaking spent the weekend in Sioux Falls attending continuing education classes on current issues. "Networking is a very integral part of the entire training initiative. We have made a commitment to gather all graduates with the current class and offer continuing education and networking. Once a Partner graduates from the course, they are not forgotten," commented Stocklin Hook.

Year Twenty of South Dakota Partners in Policymaking will begin in November 2011. For more information on the program, contact Sandy Stocklin Hook, SD Advocacy Services, 221 S. Central Ave., Pierre, SD 57501 or call 1-800-658-4782. Or you can visit the SDAS Website for Partner information at [www.sdadvocacy.com](http://www.sdadvocacy.com) or email [hooks@sdadvocacy.com](mailto:hooks@sdadvocacy.com).

Partners is sponsored in South Dakota by grants from the SD Council on Developmental Disabilities, Center for Disabilities at Sanford School of Medicine at USD; Children's Care Hospital and School; and SD Parent Connection. South Dakota Advocacy Services facilities the training and contributes funding through the Protection & Advocacy Developmental Disabilities Program; Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Program; and Protection & Advocacy Individual Rights Program.

## YANKTON COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Yankton College Board of Trustees gathered at the Summit Activities Center for the annual spring board meetings April 15-16. The Nominating Committee announced the acceptance of Monte Farnsworth (76) of South Dakota and LTC Terrence Flynn (75), presently stationed in Texas but soon to be retired to Falls City, Neb., which brings the total of trustees to 18.

Farnsworth has a degree from YC in Business Administration and Economics. He is a veteran of the South Dakota Highway Patrol system, and has served in dozens of capacities. Farnsworth is presently the special assistant to the attorney general and has been serving from 2002 until present as Traffic Services Coordinator. Farnsworth has worked for several years with the Legacy Committee at YC.

Flynn spent 11 years teaching and coaching, then earned a second Bachelor's degree in Nursing and entered active service with the U.S. Army. He

has been assigned all over the globe. His resume shows a variety of leadership positions assigned and performed.

The Yankton College Scholarship Committee announced the names of the 2011 Yankton College Scholarships. These students with a YC connection will receive \$1,000 to assist in the cost of their tuition at an accredited college or university for the 2011-2012 academic year.

The general high school recipients are:

- Matthew Stoltz, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.: the Carl & Cle Youngworth Scholarship;
- Margaret Dery, Franklin, Mass.: the Brown Daniels Scholarship;
- Charlotte Walter, Howard: the Bennett-Walter Scholarship;
- Andrew Baker, Washington, Mo.: the Rivola Family Scholarship;
- Daniel Pfeifle, the Rosamond Burgi-Hall Scholarship;
- and the post-graduate recipients are: Jordyn Michaud, Eagan, Minn., and Jessica Middleton, each a Brink Scholarship; and Meghan Powell, Gayville, the Sherman Scholarship.

In addition, there are three other Yankton College scholarships announced to graduating seniors selected by Yankton High School, who met the criteria. The 2011 recipients are: Sara Watt, the Donald B. Ward Scholarship at \$1,000, Taylor Tielke, the Isabel Reedy-Sattler at \$1,000 and Allison Kathol, the Harry Speece Scholarship at \$500.

Other agenda topics included: a Policy & Procedure recommendation on preservation and the Yankton College, and Eden Theological Seminary collaboration.

The YC Alumni Advisory Board also met on April 15 at the Summit Activities Center to begin plans for the 2012 All-Class Reunion to be held in Yankton. Election of officers was held: Ron Bertsch, Chair; Cindy Filipps, Vice Chair; and Marian Danforth-White, Secretary.

There was an opportunity to hear a presentation on the Mead Building by Executive Director Crystal Mensch-Nelson from Dakota Territorial Museum.

For further information, call the

Yankton College office at (605) 665-3661.

## INTERCHANGE, INC.

Interchange, Inc. met at Minerva's at noon on Monday, May 2. Vice President Kathy Jacobs called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Julie Perkalis, Keep Yankton Beautiful, and Anne Doherty-Stephan, National Park Service, announced the 3rd annual Watershed School Festival will be on May 6. They also mentioned the Missouri River Cleanup is to be held from 8:30 a.m.-noon, on Monday, May 7.

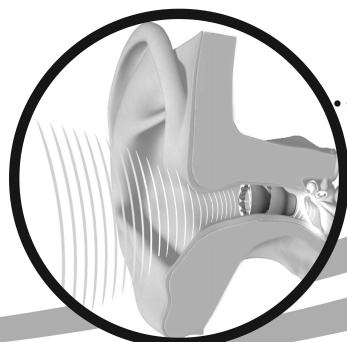
Kathy Jacobs of the Yankton City Library introduced the speaker Doug Russell, Yankton City Manager, who spoke about Yankton's upcoming 150th Celebration to be held June 2-5. Doug outlined the events happening over the weekend and encourages all Yankton citizens to take part in the celebration.

The next meeting will be noon, Monday, May 9 at Minerva's.

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