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Standing Up To Bullies

Rally Celebrates Webster School's Effort To Fight Widespread Problem

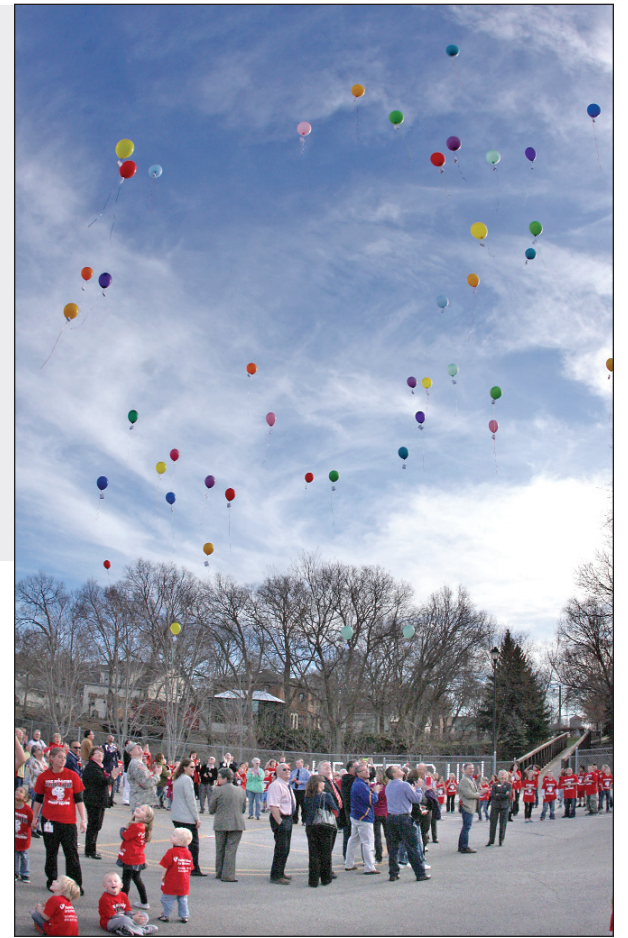
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Every seven minutes a child is bullied on a playground. 10 percent of kids say they are bullied on a regular basis. One out of five students admit to being a bullying, or engaging in an act of bullying. Webster School students and teachers were

joined by community members on Tuesday to participate in a rally against bullying, and to say they are all standing up against bullying. "The community support is vital to us. When our teachers were trained in the Olweus bullying prevention program, they said you have to have community members and parents on board," said Webster principal Melanie Ryken. "So to see standing room only in our gym means a lot to us." About a dozen teachers and officials from

Webster School were trained on the Olweus program this summer. Two trainers from Sioux Falls trained the teachers several times this summer, other staff members were trained in the fall. "The Olweus program is research-based which separates it from other bullying prevention programs," Ryken said. "We did a survey with the

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KELLY HERTZ/P&D Students, faculty and visitors at Yankton's Webster Elementary School release balloons Tuesday as part of the launch of the school's new anti-bullying program.



Some Thoughts Of Thanks On Thanksgiving 2012

As the name implies, Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for our blessings and for the things we cherish most in our lives. It's arguably the humblest and most enriching of our holidays. As it happens, it's also probably the best fed, with Americans congregating to plentiful feasts and bountiful tidings. On this day before Thanksgiving, we have once again asked young students in area schools to tell us what they are most thankful for on this holiday. Here are their responses ...

BEADLE SCHOOL/FIRST GRADE

Mrs. May's Class

Quincy Gaskins — I am thankful for the earth because if it wasn't here, we wouldn't be here. I

am thankful for my parents, They take care of me. And food, it makes me strong.

Keenan Wagner — I am thankful for my mom, my dad, and my dog because I like to hug them.

Rebecca McShan — I am thankful for my family, my mom, my dad, and my brothers who love me. I have friends that play with me.

Ryker Heinz — I am thankful for my dogs, my family, and my friends. I'm thankful for my dogs because one is wild and the other is old. My family takes care of me. My friends play with me.

Sydney Roux — I am thankful for my pet Lewis, my mom, and my dad. They help me clean my room.

Simeon Big Eagle — I am thankful for my mom, the computer, and my brother. I like my computer because I play it.

Nivia Solis — I am thankful for my aunt, brother, and my teacher. My teacher is nice, my aunt makes the best pumpkin pie, and my brother

he plays with me.

Peyton Leifeste — I am thankful for my family, my brother Cannon, my Dad Travis, and my mom Lindy. My mom cooks me dinner. My dad listens to me read, and my brother plays with me.

Trinity Gullikson — I am thankful for my mom, aunt, and my family. I help them do crafts.

Eliana Vondracek — I am thankful for family, friends, and neighborhoods because my family cares about me.

Josue Trujillo-Melgoza — I am thankful for my city, Yankton. I like the malls of Yankton and I buy an X-box 360.

Arias Huntley — I am thankful for God, the earth, and the planets. I like to see the pictures of them.

Garret Wolhoy — I am thankful for my mom and dad because they take me to the stores. I like

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Yankton Co. Officials Use Election Success To Plan For The Future

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By opening up the voting process during this month's general election, Yankton County has set the stage for future elections, county officials say.

Yankton County reduced the number of polling locations by replacing the 13 precincts with seven voting centers. In addition, the government center was designated as a voting site for absentee ballots.

Yankton County also replaced poll books with an electronic version known as ePollbooks. Voters could cast their ballots anywhere in the county and not be restricted to one precinct. Voters still cast their ballot by paper and pencil, not by a machine.

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"We had a lot of good feedback about the speed at the voting places," Auditor Paula Jones said.

The new technology with ePollbooks went smoothly, the auditor said.

"The (election) workers liked the machines. We had three training sessions, and they weren't intimidated," Jones said. "You just scanned the voter's photo ID."

Commission chairman Bruce Jensen was

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BLESSING THE GIFTS

Father Thomas Wordekemper delivers a blessing upon several food baskets, which were presented to members of the Yankton community, during the prayer service Thursday in the Peace Chapel at Bishop Marty Chapel in Yankton. The baskets are part of a Mount Marty College project to help the needy during the Thanksgiving holiday. (Kelly Hertz/P&D)

County Debates Grain Facility

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While a Dakota Plains Ag Center official was adamant Tuesday that his company wants to build a large grain facility in Yankton County, members of the Yankton County Commission said it would not be done at the expense of taxpayers.

Matt Winsand, the new general manager for Dakota Plains, wanted to discuss issues surrounding the proposed project that would be located along the railroad approximately three miles northwest of Yankton at Napa Junction.

"We want to build at that spot," Winsand said. "It will give us good access. We could go back up the track 13 miles, but the problem with that is, we get out of your county. You're still going to have the traffic but not the income base."

"We're looking to spend about \$30 million out there," he continued. "At full capacity, we'll have 10 full-time positions. During the course of construction, we'll have over 200 construction workers for six months."

The estimated \$28 million first stage of the project would include the establishment of a circle track coming off what is known as the Napa Junction switch. The loading point will have the capability to fill 110 shuttle cars within 10 hours.

Winsand said the company wants to break ground next year. "We're going to have a road issue," he added. "That's going to

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