

## Heilman Awarded Child Development Associate Credential

Kyla M. Heilman has been awarded a national Child Development Associate Credential from the Council of Professional Recognition in Washington, DC in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The Council recognizes and credentials early care and education professionals who demonstrate an understanding of how the Council's nationally recognized CDA Competency Standards can help teachers support young children's early care and learning experiences.

"It takes special knowledge, skills and expertise to be an effective teacher of young children," says Valora Washington CEO of the Council. "It's a great honor to earn a CDA and it shows a commitment to quality early childhood education."

To obtain a CDA Credential, Candidates must demonstrate through a comprehensive evaluation process their knowledge of the Council's CDA Competency Standards and be observed working with young children. Only after the Candidate successfully completes the observation and an exam at a local Pearson Vue testing center are they awarded the national Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential—valid for three years.

Earning a CDA Credential from the Council for Professional Recognition verifies that early care professionals



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have the ability to put the following CDA Competency Standards into practice:

- \* Establishing and maintaining a healthy and safe learning environment for children

- \* Advancing the physical and intellectual competence of young children

- \* Supporting social and emotional development and providing positive guidance for children

- \* Establishing positive and productive relationships with families

- \* Ensuring a well-run, purposeful program that is responsive to participant needs

- \* Maintaining a commitment to professionalism, early care and education

More than 325,000 early childhood professionals make up the CDA community and they are having a positive effect on the quality of early childhood education by helping preschools, day care centers and family child care programs hire qualified and competent professionals who ensure the best care for our nation's youngest children.

Kyla is a lead teacher at Karen 4 Kids Daycare and has been working in the daycare field for seven years.

## Yankton/Missouri River KOA Wins Awards

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The Yankton/Missouri River KOA has earned the prestigious 2016 KOA President's and Founder's Awards from Kampgrounds of America Inc., the world's largest system of family-friendly, open-to-the-public campgrounds.

The awards were presented Wednesday, Nov. 18 at KOA's Annual International Convention in Daytona Beach, Florida. KOA is celebrating its 53rd anniversary in 2015.

The KOA President's Awards are presented annually to campgrounds that receive high scores in customer service from their campers, and also receive high scores in KOA's annual Campground Quality Review.

The KOA Founder's Award is named in honor of Dave Drum, who founded KOA on the banks of the Yellowstone River in Billings, Montana in 1962. It is given to those KOA

campgrounds that attained the very top scores in both customer service and the KOA Quality Review.

KOA surveys hundreds of thousands of campers each year regarding their KOA camping experience, and those surveys are used as a basis for the awards.

"We know that our overall success at KOA hinges on the experience our campground owners provide to our guests," said KOA President Pat Hittmeier. "Our owners just keep getting better and better at providing great camping for our guests. At the same time, they continue to invest in their KOA properties to add activities and amenities that ensure our success in the future."

"It's an honor to recognize these great KOA owners for their efforts," Hittmeier said. "The KOA President's Award and KOA Founder's Award are well deserved."

### From Our Readers

# Let's Look At The Facts About Local Wind Farms

BY RONNIE HORNSTRA

Avon

At the Oct. 20 Bon Homme County Commission public hearing regarding adding Article 17 to the County Zoning ordinance the terms Factual and Reality were frequently used by the leaders of those opposed. I strongly agree that it is absolutely necessary that we keep everything within these guidelines as we discuss something that is as important as this Wind Farm is to our County.

Let's review some of the items that were presented by the opposition at this meeting and in editorials and see how well they fit this test.

Claim: The Beethoven Wind farm is responsible for NorthWestern asking for a 20.24 percent rate increase.

Fact: Nowhere in the rate increase application filed in December of 2014 is wind power even mentioned. The increase is primarily for new natural gas peaker plant, enhancements at its coal fired plants and transmission upgrades.

Claim: In addition to the rate increase NorthWestern will be getting an additional \$9 million per year to pay for the Beethoven farm.

Fact: The rate case was settled on Oct. 29 and the addition of the Beethoven wind farm in a large part resulted in the increase being lowered to 15.5% rather than the 20.24% originally requested.

Claim: The Production Tax Credit is a payment to "Fat Cats" such as Warren Buffet.

Fact: First, the PTC is not a payment, but rather a credit on taxes that are due. Second, NorthWestern requested and the PUC required NorthWestern to pass the PTC benefits from Beethoven on to its customers starting Oct. 2 at a rate of \$0.00766 per KWH. This is projected to reduce electric bills for North-



Western's customers by \$11 million a year. The impact to NorthWestern's more than 60,000 residential customers is for every 750 KWH they use per month their bill is reduced by \$5.75.

Claim: Article 17 is just a carbon copy of the State Draft Ordinance and that the local zoning board did nothing to enhance it.

Fact: Although Article 17 closely follows the State Draft Ordinance the County Zoning board did make several changes that are more restrictive than what the State ordinance calls for. An example is that the sound level was dropped from 55 to 45dBA on the outside of the nearest inhabited dwellings. Forty five dBA is less than the sound of a refrigerator. In Mr. Hubner's letter to the editor last week he included a hyperlink to the PUC website to check out the draft ordinance, please do so. Speaking of hyperlinks, you may also find it interesting to visit the following PUC web address: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2014/EL14-106commentsandresponses.aspx>

All correspondence on open dockets such as the NorthWestern rate case are required to be open to the public. It is very informative to follow communica-

tions between Mr. Hubner and the PUC from 10/8/2015 to 10/13/2015.

Claim: That the Developer comes into the area and "dupes" locals into securing land leases from fellow farmers.

Fact: Thanks to the generous help of the late attorney Tom Alberts the original local group formed Southeast Dakota Wind with the expressed mission of improving the social and economic development of rural Southeast South Dakota. We later interviewed several development companies before retaining the firm that we still use today, as I have said before "They are our employees" and we asked them to come here to help us.

So for a reality check: The community developed project that has become known as Beethoven has been a success. In northern Bon Homme, eastern Charles Mix and southern Hutchinson country lanes that were just dirt trails have been rebuilt into all-weather roads. Many additional tax dollars are coming into the counties, townships and school systems plus many full time well-paying jobs have been created. All this at no cost to the local tax payers, almost nothing being consumed, not even water, and no amount of waste created. At the same time the project is helping hold down the cost of electricity for all NorthWestern customers in South Dakota. With community support all this and more can be achieved with the Prevailing Winds project. We are so fortunate to have not only the wind resource but also the transmission lines needed to make this next project a success.

There is an old Chinese proverb that states, "When the winds of change blow, some people build walls, others build windmills." Let's build windmills.

## Masaba Offering Two New Conveyor Axle Configurations

VERMILLION — Bulk material handling equipment manufacturer, Masaba, is now offering Folding Axles (FA) and Hydra Shift (chainless drive) as options on Portable Radial Stackers and Magnum Telescoping Conveyors. These new drive options are available on Radial Stackers up to 125' in select belt widths and select 36" models of Magnum Telescoping Conveyors up to 150'.

Masaba FA Axles make leveling your conveyor easy on uneven ground and allow for transition between travel and operational positions in just minutes. Axles can be operated simultaneously or each can be raised or lowered independently. Available in both 2 and 4-wheel drive, Masaba FA axles ensure positive traction



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in the field.

The innovative Hydra Shift drive simplifies the set up process and reduces maintenance time by remov-

ing the chain. Hydra Shift allows the operator to engage and disengage the drive by simply flipping a switch on the hub.

Masaba, Inc., is aggregate and mining manufacturer in Vermillion. Harold Higman, Sr. founded Higman Sand and Gravel in 1939 in Akron, IA. He designed much of his own equipment. His son, Harold Higman, Jr. officially formed MASABA in 1962. His son Jerad Higman took over MASABA in 1999. In 2005 he moved the manufacturing location to Vermillion, SD. In 2008 Masaba expanded globally by adding a Canadian location. Markets served now include: mining, aggregate, agriculture, ports and inland waterways, industrial, power plants, pulp and paper, wood chips and specialty minerals. For information call (605) 624-9555 or visit the website at [www.masabainc.com](http://www.masabainc.com).

### MEETINGS

#### TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, November 21, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President Roy Wilcox. John Swensen gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Toastmaster of the Day was Steve Hamilton who conducted the meeting. Grammarians Hannah Horn gave the word of the day, "recondite," which means little known or obscure. Jack Dahlseid gave a speech from the Competent Communicator Manual titled "Mom and Dad" with the objective to begin speaking before an audience. Dahlseid conducted Table Topics and asked members to talk about "why" as in Why Him, Why Her, Why USD, etc. Horn gave an impromptu talk about her trip to Peru last summer. Wilcox evaluated the meeting. Kevin Buhl evaluated Dahlseid's speech. Presentations were given by "ah" counter Vernon Arens, grammarian Horn, timer Swensen, and vote counter Dahlseid. Trophies were presented to Horn for best table topics response, Buhl for best evaluator and Dahlseid for best speaker. The business meeting was led by Wilcox.

Guests are welcome. Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 welcomes anyone interested in improving their speaking and leadership skills. For more information call 665-8448 or <http://1294.toastmastersclubs.org>.

#### KEYSTONE CHAPTER #33, OES

Keystone Chapter #33, OES, met Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Masonic Temple, Yankton. Chris Bryan, Worthy Matron, presided. She reported

on her attendance at General Grand Chapter session in Pittsburgh Nov. 1-5. She is a member of the General Grand Chapter Scottish Rite Charities Committee.

The chapter conducted an Eastern Star funeral service for Velma Weverstad on Nov. 13.

Fifty-year pins were received by Charles Bryan, Joanne Bryan and Carol Becker.

Annual reports were given by the officers. A donation was sent to the Eastern Star Home in Redfield. A service of installation was held for the new slate of officers. Official visit for next year will be held March 5, 2016.

The next regular meeting will be at the Masonic Temple in Yankton, on Thursday, Dec. 17, starting at 7:30. A Christmas party will follow the meeting.

#### TOASTMASTER CLUB 6217

With a Thanksgiving theme, Gale Vogt, Pierce, Nebraska, and Fran Kocer, Wagner, led the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters Club 6217's noon meeting Nov. 19, 2015, in the Pavilion's Conference Room 2. As General Evaluator, Vogt was responsible for the speakers' critiques; while, Kocer was the meeting's emcee.

Steve Anderson led the invocation. He prayed that this Thanksgiving, we not only appreciate what we have, but retain hope that things will be better in the future.

"Danke," an interjection that expresses gratitude, was Joyce Stevens' appropriate word of the day. She related the word to the friendly people she met on her recent trip to Germany.

Chelsi Hames, Crofton, had "Biggest Blessing" as

her speech title. It was a personal account of her blessings of motherhood and sharing those joys and blessings with her sister. Hames was evaluated by Sandi Spady, who thought Hames' speech was very emotional and especially persuasive.

Jen Hovland, Elk Point, was "Sharing the Vision" when she volunteered to be the October 2016 Fall District Conference chairperson through Toastmaster's High Performance Leadership program. She stated her vision, values and mission of working together. Stan Sudbeck, Hartington, liked Hovland's use of hand gestures and her positive, enthusiastic attitude.

Table Topics Master Jeff May is thankful for the many games and sports that are played and can be played with family and friends over the holiday. Stevens and Greg Stach are not superstitious about those games. Stevens doesn't believe that God favors any particular team. Stach recalls snow days when he played Tripoly with his brothers during lulls in shoveling out the barnyard.

One of Vogt's favorite sports is watching Huskers football. He likes to use his phone to catch up on the score and plays while hunting, which is his other favorite sport.

Playing poker with a good "poker face" is not one of Anderson's favorites; but he will indulge in Black Jack at times. Whereas, playing Legos and board games with her grandson is one of Muriel Stach's favorite past times.

Vogt timed the speakers, Stach counted the run-on sentences speakers used, and Stevens noted the

use of "Danke" and other interesting phrases.

#### GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB

The Yankton Chapter of GFWC Woman's club met Nov. 7, 2015, at 11 a.m. at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. President Pauline Akland called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance, South Dakota Pledge, and the Collect for Women were given.

Program: Dave Hosmer shared his experiences from interviewing World War II Veterans. He spoke of the many stories told by those who had served during the war.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Denise Erickson gave the Treasurer's Report. This report is for information and is filed for audit in June 2015.

Minutes were approved as written.

Leadership: In keeping with the remembrance of veterans, Cindy Filips read excerpts about women who had enlisted and served in the Civil War.

Bingo: Volunteers for Bingo at Majestic Bluffs on Saturday, October 24, were Sharon Kreitzinger, Doree Allan, Fran Fox, Kathy Harens, and Jo Anne Weber.

Fundraiser: Marilyn Huntley reported this would be the last meeting to order from Terry Lynn, Inc. Purchased items will be available at the December meeting.

Business: President Pauline announced there will be a coalition team formed next year to plan events to fight drugs and get to a drug-free city. There will be a speaker and other events planned for a city-wide effort.

Door Prizes: Donna DeJean, Anneliese Dehmer, Joan Neubauer, Marlys

Blaalid, Donna Fischer, Relda Trout and Jo Anne Weber were awarded Door Prizes.

Hostesses: Joyce Franklin, Muriel VanGerpen and Diane Butzlaff were hostesses.

No further business the meeting was adjourned.

#### INTERCHANGE

Interchange held its regular weekly meeting Monday, Nov. 23, 2015, at noon at Mount Marty College. Interchange President Sherri Rodgers-Conti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Shannon Viereck, MMC, introduced her guest, Raelynn Coldwell. Raelynn is the Communications Director for Sacred Heart Monastery.

Shannon Viereck, MMC, announced that Vespers can be heard on KYNT on Christmas Eve and viewed on SDPB. Rita Wentworth, retired, announced that the Crimson Door opens on Friday, Nov. 27, 2015. This is at the GAR Hall and is a great opportunity to buy unique gifts. Also, Tour of Homes tickets are on sale and available at GAR Hall, Rexall, and HyVee. The event is Dec. 6, 2015 and tickets are \$25.

Member Spotlight featured Pauline Ackland. She grew up in Wahpeton, ND and started a cleaning business at the age of 15. Her most important thing she learned is her work ethic. She currently works for Shurco.

Hostess, Rita Wentworth, retired, introduced guest speaker Jolene Steffen. Jolene is a very popular local artist who lives in Crofton, Nebraska. Jolene shared her journey of being a "hobby" artist to a professional artist and how her work has evolved. One of the biggest joys of her painting career

is the people she meets at shows. Jolene is a very grateful and inspirational person! Thanks for the notecards you gave to those who attended the meeting.

The next meeting for Interchange is at noon on Monday, Nov. 30, 2015, at Minerva's. For more information about Interchange send an email to [Interchange@yahoo.com](mailto:Interchange@yahoo.com).

#### YANKTON COMMUNITY FORUM

Yankton Community Forum met at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 10, 2015, at Elks Lodge No. 994. President Bob Wittmeier introduced Frani Kieffer who spoke of her managerial duties with Yankton Area Boys and Girls Club. She stressed how important and welcome community support, especially that of Yankton School District, is to providing opportunities for all children through eighth grade by focusing on academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy life styles.

On Oct. 13, guests included Veronica Trezona and Lorraine Slade; on Oct. 20, guest speaker Allison Spak, long associated with Children's Theater and City Recreation, acquainted us with the South Dakota Drug Awareness Program, project of the Elks National Foundation. On Nov. 3, Forum now meeting at Elks Lodge, we were treated to talks by Veronica Trezona and Sherry Duke, focused mainly on the importance and success of Literacy Council Yankton Area and also needs served by Southeast Job Links.

Please feel welcome to join this senior group, now meeting regularly at Elks Lodge the first three Tuesdays of every month.