

Nearly 100 Vermillion Teens Clean Up City

VERMILLION — On Saturday, Oct. 15, nearly one-hundred Vermillion High School students met at the armory to clean-up the town. This was the Second Annual Vermillion City-Wide Clean-Up, a completely student organized and led event.

The idea was the brainstorm of then senior, Sarah Szymonski.

"I first decided to organize Vermillion City-Wide Clean-Up because I noticed a lot of trash around Vermillion and thought someone should pick it up," she said.

Knowing she couldn't do it alone, she enlisted the help of her peers. The project was continued this year by her younger sister, Beth Szymonski, Mackenzie Huber, Brooke Schwasinger, Sarah Hanson, and William Card.

Participants received a T-shirt, lunch, and extra credit from most of their teachers for helping out.

The planning committee has been hard at work for the past months. They had to solicit local businesses for money, supplies, and food. They also had to sign up students, design the T-shirt, ask teachers for extra credit, designate routes for students, plan the lunch, and set up accommodations for the armory and landfill.

"The local businesses really helped out! We could have never done it without their support," commented Huber.

The VHS Booster Club, The Road House, Cherry Street Grill, Jones, Hy-Vee, the Szymonski family, Vermillion Chamber of Commerce, First Bank and Trust, Hanson Funeral Home, Vermillion Beauty Shop, Davis Pharmacy, Rasmussen Motors, Campus Cuts, Vermillion Landfill, MidAmerican Energy, Vermillion Parks and Rec, Dominoes, Whoopit Doo Hair Solon, and University



PHOTO: BETH SZYMONSKI

Heidi Kronaizi, Natalie Williams, Mikaela French and Megan Olson work to pick up trash during the Second Annual Vermillion City-Wide Clean-Up.

Cleaners and Formal Wear were the contributors.

"It was a huge, overwhelming task at first, but we broke it down and pulled it off. Next year will go more smoothly now that we have experience," Schwasinger pointed out.

On the day of the clean-up, student-volunteers came to the armory at 9 a.m. and departed on their routes shortly after. They covered almost 15 total miles of city streets and collected 350 pounds of trash. They met back at the armory after to enjoy hot

chocolate and lunch.

"I am really proud of all our peers who came and helped!" stated Beth Szymonski. "It's great to show the community that teenagers can volunteer and make a difference."

Goals for next year include more participants, more trash, and to try to recycle as much as possible.

"We plan to keep this going as long as we can," noted Huber. "We'll just keep passing it down to younger students hopefully."

AAA: Tips For Keeping Kids Safe On Halloween

SIOUX FALLS — On Halloween night, ghosts, goblins and ghouls will fill the streets to celebrate. And if that's not scary enough, AAA has uncovered this frightening fact: Oct. 31 is the deadliest night of the year for pedestrians, according to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

"On Oct. 31, it's vital that motorists keep their eyes moving, limit distractions and expect the unexpected, especially after dark when pedestrians are most vulnerable," said Mark Madeja, spokesman for AAA South Dakota. "Whether walking or driving, all road users need to employ extra caution so that Halloween doesn't turn tragic for young trick-or-treaters."

AAA urges motorists to take the following precautions:

- Avoid neighborhood shortcuts.
- If possible, don't cut through residential streets where trick-or-treaters are likely to be walking. Watch for pedestrians

who may not see you. If providing directions to a party, try to avoid routing guests through residential neighborhoods.

- Watch for children in the street. Watch for children walking on streets and driveways, as well as in medians and on curbs. Excited trick-or-treaters, often in dark costumes, may have reduced visibility. They may unexpectedly cross mid-block or run out into the street from between parked cars.
- Slow down. According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, a pedestrian is more than twice as likely to be killed if they're hit by a car traveling at 35 mph compared to 25 mph. What seems like a small



difference — just 10 mph — can be deadly.

- Get home safely. If you plan to drink or are hosting a party where alcohol will be served, ensure that you and/or your guests have a designated driver or other way to get home safely.

AAA offers the following tips for parents to help keep their trick-or-treaters safe:

- Trick-or-treat together. AAA recommends that parents accompany young trick-or-treaters and carry flashlights or glow sticks.
- Make a plan. Review trick-or-treating safety precautions and plan the route ahead of time. Remind children to stop at the end of driveways to check for cars, and to never cross the

street mid-block or between parked cars.

- Check costumes. Choose disguises that don't obstruct vision, and opt for non-toxic face paint instead of masks. Check and adjust the length of the costumes to avoid tripping, and add reflective material or tape to keep kids visible.
- Buckle up. If driving trick-or-treaters between neighborhoods, always use appropriate car seats and have children exit and enter on the passenger side of the vehicle.

A not-for-profit organization, AAA South Dakota serves its 90,200 members across South Dakota with emergency help on the road, auto travel assistance and a wide range of personal insurance, travel, financial and automotive services through its 42 retail branches, regional operations center and the Internet at www.AAA.com.

SHREDDING FOR OTHERS



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A record amount of paper was shredded and recycled at this year's Services Center FCU Semi Annual Community Shred Day, held on Oct. 19. More than 6,400 pounds of paper was shredded and a record amount of non-perishable food items and cash were donated to local food pantries. The Services Center FCU would like to thank everyone who donated to the food pantry. Pictured are Jennifer Adamson, from the Contact Center, and Coreen Simonsen and April Tompkins from Services Center Federal Credit Union.

SAYING 'THANK YOU'



SUBMITTED PHOTO

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and in honor of the pastors who serve the families of Missouri Valley Christian Academy (MVCA), the students and staff hosted a special chapel on Oct. 14. Students shared scripture, a special "T-H-A-N-K Y-O-U" and homemade gifts. Ten pastors attended along with a number of parents and grandparents. For more information about MVCA, visit www.mvcamustangs.org.

WE GOT THE BEAT



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lord Echo, one of the most versatile steel drum performers of today, has been performing in schools around the country for more than 20 years. On Tuesday, Oct. 11, he performed at Beadle Elementary. Students learned the history of the oil drum as a musical instrument and were entertained by a wide range of music. Thank you to the Beadle PTA for sponsoring the assembly.

MEETING MINUTES

NEB. ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Nebraska Archaeological Society (NAS) will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 1:30 p.m. at the Walt Branch Library, 6701 South 14th Street, Lincoln, Neb.

All meetings of the NAS are open to the general public and everyone interested in archaeology is encouraged to attend. We will host a show and tell after the meeting. This is a great opportunity to bring in that "arrowhead" you found last summer or Grandpa's cigar box collection of beads and scrapers or that sherd of pottery you found down by the creek, for possible identification by members of the society.

The NAS has members from all areas of Nebraska and several surrounding states, and welcomes all interested persons to attend this meeting.

The Nebraska Archaeological Society endeavors to develop and maintain a better understanding among students and collectors of archaeological material, and professional archaeologists, as well as museums and institutions of learning. More information on the Nebraska Archaeological Society can be found on their web site: <http://web.nas.googlepages.com/>

The Nebraska Archaeological Society is a member of the Central States Archaeological Society and further information is available at their web site: <http://www.csasi.org/index.htm>

For more information, please contact Jerry & Nancy Carlson at nfcarls@hotmail.com (402-993-6055) or Kevin Hammond at Hammond100@windstream.net

ASHH TOASTMASTERS

Toastmaster David Fiebelkorn and General Evaluator MJ Rogers conducted the meeting for the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters Club Oct. 6 at noon in the Benedictine Center.

Fiebelkorn introduced both the invitationalist and the day's speaker. They were: Eileen O'Connor, asking all to respect the faith of others; and Muriel Stach presenting a researched speech with personal antic dotes about mandatory testing, entitled "Both Sides Now".

Rogers requested the timer, Tim Bohn, to help all the speakers to stay

within their allotted time. Rogers also named the rest of his team: "ah" counter MaryAnn Wortmann, word of the day "endemic" from Jeff May, and speech evaluator Taylor O'Bryan.

Table Topics Master was Jennifer Wubben. She began several stories by giving the "setting" with a line or two. Greg Stach, Jane Miller and Kary Beltz were to finish the stories.

Fiebelkorn presented awards to O'Bryan for his evaluation and Beltz for her Table Topics response. Fiebelkorn then turned the business portion of the meeting over to Club President Sheryl Schwartz.

ASHH TOASTMASTERS

MaryAnn Wortmann's theme was Columbus and Native American Day. She gave several facts on early explorers in the Americas at the Club 6217 Toastmasters meeting Oct. 13, at noon in the Benedictine Center.

MJ Rogers' invocation related love to the "Velveteen Rabbit" story and becoming "real".

The meeting had two speakers. First was Jane Miller with "The Elephant in the Room," giving suggestions for employee negotiations. Second was Melissa Bader speaking on "Computer Communication Etiquette". Both speakers were reminded of their required time limits by Jen Hovland.

The Evaluators were Kary Beltz for Miller and Tim Bohn for Bader. Beltz could relate to employee problems and Bohn learned from the visual props. Beltz took the Best Evaluator trophy.

Stan Sudbeck invited Sheryl Schwartz to report on the unneeded pauses and "ums" used by the speakers. He also asked Eileen O'Connor to present a word of the day for all to use. O'Connor gave "glacial" as the challenge word.

The day's impromptu questions came from Table Topics Master Eric Taylor on current events. Jeff May, Muriel Stach, Rogers, Schwartz, and Sudbeck were asked about today's political scene. Rogers received the Best Respondent award.

YANKTON REGIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Eighteen members and guests of the Yankton Regional Aviation Association met on Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. in the

terminal at the Chan Gurney Airport for a potluck supper meeting. Participants were from Menno, Tyndall, Vermillion, Yankton, Allen and Dixon. President John Lillevoid called the meeting to order. The YRAA discussed results of the Springfield Airport Breakfast held on Oct. 16. The breakfast served 171 people and had 20 aircraft fly in carrying over 30 people. Photos were displayed from the Chan Gurney Airport Breakfast held on Sept. 18, which served 454 people and had only four planes fly-in due to low ceilings and visibility. A special Young Eagles event will be held on Oct. 30 at the Chan Gurney Airport for 6th graders completing a Read Program. Joe Pilhal of Tyndall gave a program talking about building an RV-9 aircraft with his wife Liza. Their plane and its paperwork was recently inspected by an FAA designated airworthiness representative from St. Cloud, Minn. Joe had begun the test flight phase and has flown the RV-9 about 4 hours. For more information about the YRAA, call 665-8448.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER #33, OES

Keystone Chapter #33, OES, met Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Masonic Temple, Yankton.

Carol Frey, Worthy Matron, presided at the business meeting. She gave a report on Grand Chapter held in Pierre on Oct. 6-8.

Sue Strasburg was thanked for doing the monthly calling of members.

Election of officer was held under the supervision of Richard Buechler. Officers will be installed at the next meeting.

Those with October birthdays were recognized. A coin march was held to

support the Eastern Star Retirement Home.

Corinn Harnisch served refreshments with a Halloween theme after the meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Masonic Temple in Yankton, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Annual reports will be due at that time.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met at noon on Oct. 24, at Minerva's. The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Jacobs, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Nancy Willert, St. Benedict's Church, invited Paula Tacke, Mount Marty College, to present on history and status of the Interchange Scholarship. The Interchange scholarship was established in 1990 to encourage higher education among Interchange members. The scholarship is endowed and offered through Mount Marty College. Contact an Interchange member to learn more.

Next meeting will be at noon, Oct. 24, at Minerva's. Gert Thomas has invited Dave Becker from the Corp of Engineers.

ROY ANDERSON POST #12

Roy Anderson Post #12 held its monthly meeting on Oct. 13, 2011, at the V.F.W. Post home. All saluted the flag and recited the Preamble, Commander Ausborn gave the Invocation.

Commander Ausborn then declared the meeting open with five members present. The financial report was read and approved by the members.

Children and Youth: We are starting to get quite a collection of equipment for the children on the reservation

Keep it coming they can use it.

Americanism: Grocery delivery going well but numbers are down a little due to the nice weather; also Chuck Tiengen will be the chair for the Dist. 8 Oratorical competition.

Membership: Don List reported that we have 162 paid members thus far with a goal of 225. Please keep the dues coming in thank you.

Post POW/MIA representative reported that 16 pow/mia's had been identified and returned to their families in the last month, 3 Korea, 10 WW2 and 3 from Vietnam. Welcome home.

The State Mid-Winter will be Feb. 10-12, 2012, at Oacoma. More information to follow later.

Jay Youngbluth was elected as our new Dist. 8 Commander at the fall District meeting that was held in Irene recently.

Post 12 gained a new transfer this month, Mr. Carl Kretsinger from Neb., Welcome aboard Carl.

Commander Ausborn gave the benediction and the meeting was declared adjourned. The next meeting will be Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Home.

YANKTON AREA WRITER'S CLUB

The Yankton Area Writer's Club met Monday, Oct. 17, at the Fry'n Pan in Yankton. Erika Moen, Lorinda Pullen, and Margaret Rahn read original works. Erika Moen finished her novel, entitled "Flames," for National Novel Writing Month.

The Yankton Area Writer's Club will meet Monday, Nov. 14, at Books & Beans. Books & Beans itself is moving to 200 Walnut, Yankton, formerly home to Mike's Bikes & Ice. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Membership is free and open to all ages and all genres of writing. For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.iw.net/~nburk/>, e-mail yankton.area.writers.club@gmail.com, or contact Nancy Burk at (605) 664-6582.

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