

United Way's Make A Difference Day to collect coats, boots, hats, mittens, etc. Each homeroom was given points for each item. It is estimated that the students ended up collecting 800 coats, 25-50 pairs of boots, hats, mittens, and scarves. The first place homeroom gets a breakfast pizza party.

**October 26**

The Yankton High School boys' and girls' Cross Country Teams won the Class AA state titles over the weekend. This was the Bucks fifth straight crown, the Gazelles sixth title in seven years.

**November**

**November 2**

CIT has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy after struggling for months. CIT's move will wipe out current holders of its common and preferred stock. That means the U.S. Government will likely lose the \$2.3 billion it sank into CIT last year in return for preferred shares to prop up the ailing company. Treasury department spokesman Andrew Williams said the government would closely monitor the bankruptcy proceedings.

**November 5**

Federal officials have confirmed that a 13-year old cat has been infected with the swine flu. It is believed to be the first case of the H1N1 virus in a feline.

Kolberg-Pioneer has announced that with the continuing economic slump that they are reducing their workforce by 4 percent. KPI President Joe Vig said the layoff affects 15 employees.

The New York Yankees dropped the Phillies to win the World Series. Hideki Matsui tied a World Series record with six RBIs. New York beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-3 in Games 6 last night.

**November 6**

Families and friends in Fort Hood, Texas, and across the country waited for word of their loved ones' safety yesterday as news spread that a gunman had opened fire on the military post. The alleged shooter, Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, a psychiatrist who worked in a hospital at the post, is blamed for the deaths of 13 soldiers and one civilian, military officials said. More than 30 more people were wounded and taken to area hospitals.

**November 11**

Today we are honoring Veteran's Day. Through Nov. 18, Yankton residents will have an opportunity to remember, to celebrate and to thank 25 South Dakotans who have given their lives in that sacrifice. The South Dakota Fallen Heroes Banner Program is on display at GAR Hall in Yankton through Wednesday, Nov. 18. The Fallen Heroes Banner Program was created to honor, respect and remember those who have sacrificed their lives protecting our freedom, to do that organizers have had printed a banner for each fallen South Dakota soldier. Banners include photos and brief biographical summaries that have been selected by each soldier's family.

**November 17**

Three Yankton School district teachers were honored at the dome during the state football finals at the Dakota Dome in Vermillion over the weekend. Loy Gravholt, Arlin Likness and Dan Mitchell. Likness will be inducted into the

South Dakota Football Coaches Association in January. He has coached for 31 years, and has been at YHS since 1995. Yankton assistant coach Dan Mitchell was recognized for 25 years of coaching, he has spent his entire career at YHS.

**November 18**

Police Chief Duane Heeney is retiring Friday after 43 years as a law enforcement officer. He began his career with the Yankton Police Department in 1989 and became chief in 1995. Hartington Cedar Catholic's football team defeated Cambridge in Class 2 semi-finals at the Nebraska State Football Playoffs yesterday 26-20. The game winning score was with six-tenths of a second left on the clock. Cedar Catholic will now advance to the state tournament.

**November 19**

Carmen Schramm executive director of "Keep Yankton Beautiful" has been named to the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce director of member services effective Dec. 7th. Carmen has lived in the area her whole life. She has a background in marketing, sales and organizational decision-making, which made her, stand out among the applicants for the position.

**November 21**

The city of Yankton may purchase the Yankton School District's Administration Building site for use as the parks maintenance shop. The school district is building a new facility on West City Limits Road.

**November 23**

The Wagner High School girl's volleyball team won their second consecutive Class A volleyball title with a 3-1 victory over Milbank.

**November 30**

Pat and Elmo Christensen were recently notified that her father's high school class ring and World War I medals including a purple heart were discovered in her step-sister's garage in California. It took a drunk driver running into her garage and knocking everything over for her to find the box of treasures. The Christensen family donated the class ring and yearbook to Yankton High School to put on display at the school.

**December**

**December 4**

Sister Margo Tschetter, 5th grade teacher at Sacred Heart School received the South Dakota DARE Officers' Association Educator of the Year Award during the Drug Abuse Resistance Education programs graduation ceremony held on November 23. She has been a teacher at Sacred Heart School for more than 40 years.

The Yankton Children's Choir will be performing in Pierre at the 29th annual Christmas at the Capitol on December 19th. The theme for 2009 is "Do You See What I See?"

**December 10**

Nebraska Cornhusker Ndamukong Suh was awarded the Rotary Lombardi Award for the nation's top lineman. He also won the top defensive player and is a finalist for the Heisman Trophy.

**December 11**

YAIA, Alcoa Arena will be celebrating there fifth year of youth hockey this weekend.

They will be hosting a game tonight with the Yankton Miracle boys' home game against Brookings at 7pm. Nearly six years ago Dave Spencer and a group of supporters started their quest for an indoor ice rink.

**December 14**

During Saturday's fall commencement at Mount Marty College two nuns who are also twins received honorary doctorates. Sisters Jeanette and Jane Klimisch were recognized for their lifetime commitment to MMC.

**December 15**

Marking the program's highest national ranking, the Mount Marty College women's basketball team moved up to No. 7 in the latest NAIA Division II Top 25 poll. The Lancers (11-1), who have already defeated five ranked teams — including Saturday's 75-73 thrilling win over defending national champion Morningside.

**December 16**

Countryside Manufacturing of Yankton helped make a Christmas homecoming celebration for a brigade of U.S. Army troops. The company made an etched ornament bearing the Blackhawk logo at the request of U.S. Army officials. Gary and Renee Becker were contacted by the military to create the ornament. They made a total of 4,500 pieces.

**December 18**

Staff Sgt. Michael Huitema and other soldiers from the 109th Regional Support Group, South Dakota Army National Guard, help to load more than 40 boxes of acre packages at the Rapid City to be sent to fellow Guard members overseas from the 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery. Members of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program put the care packages together.

**December 23**

St. John's Church has received money, materials and prayers from across the nation since last spring when arson caused \$2 million in damages to the church and pre-school. The reconstruction, remodeling and expansion project remains a work in progress. The Revs. Dave Gunderson and Steve Weispfennig hope to be finished and be back in the church on April 4, one year

**December 24**

Chad Greenway, a native of Mount Vernon, South Dakota was named the state's sports Celebrity of the Year by the South Dakota Sportswriters Association. Greenway is a member of the Minnesota Vikings football team and plays linebacker.

**December 28**

Yankton saw a record snowfall of 20 inches of snow over the Christmas holiday. The Christmas Blizzard of 2009 was the snowiest on record with 31.1 inches; the old record was 27.6 inches set back in December 1968. In the western part of the state by the Black Hills they received anywhere from 30-40 inches.

**December 29**

A Christmas Day attack on a



U.S. airliner is being looked at as a terrorist attack. Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab is accused of trying to detonate an explosive device hidden on his body as the plane approached Detroit on a flight from Amsterdam. An al-Qaida group is claiming responsibility for the assault.

The Nebraska Cornhuskers beat Arizona 33-0 in the Holiday Bowl last night. This was the first shutout in the 32-year history of the Holiday Bowl. Nebraska ends the season with a 10-4 record.

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