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**February 14**

Yankton honored 2010 Citizen of the Year Mrytle Andersen yesterday. She began her teaching career in 1939 and still does volunteer work at Beadle School.

**February 16**

Yankton wrestling coach Ken Schaefer has been named to the Wrestling Hall of Fame. Induction will be during the upcoming state-wrestling tour-

nament. Schaefer is a 1969 graduate of Yankton High School and began coaching in 1974.

**February 18**

Pauline Rhoades was recently named the Cornerstone Award winner at the Yankton Chamber of Commerce's Annual meeting. The award is given to honor an individual who has a strong community relationship.

**February 22**

The 2011 Women of

Distinction awards were presented to Nancy Wenande for community service and Dr. Lori Hansen for professional service to the community. They were honored for their selfless giving to the community of Yankton.

Lille Dennis of Patrick Henry Middle School in Sioux Falls won the Press & Dakotan spelling bee last night. Jade Nelson of Yankton Middle School got second place. Shreya Chandran of Sioux Falls O'Gorman got third place.

**February 23**

U.S. Senator John Thune has decided not to seek the presidential bid in 2012. He said a national campaign would distract from his senate duties.

**February 24**

President Barack Obama has ordered his administration to stop defending the constitutionality of a federal law that bans recognition of gay marriage; a policy reversal would have major implications for the rights and benefits of gays.

Oil prices are skyrocketing they topped \$100 a barrel yesterday. The national average was \$3.19. This is 53¢ more than a year ago. Analysts expect between \$32.5 and \$3.75 this spring.

**February 26**

Dakota Territory will be celebrating their 150th birthday on March 2. On March 2, 1861 President James Buchanan signed into existence Dakota Territory. The territory included what is now North and South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming. Yankton was named the capital.

**February 28**

Yankton's Mark Vetter and Logan Smith won individual state titles for Class A wrestling. The Yankton Bucks team placed 8th at state in Sioux Falls.

Actress and World War II pin up bombshell Jane Russell dies at the age of 89.

**March 2011**

**March 2**

Eleanor Wrede Nielsen of Bloomfield, Nebraska celebrated her 108th birthday on January 26th. She is the fourth oldest person living in Nebraska.

**March 3**

Joyce Wentworth is retiring from the Yankton School District. She has been with the district for nearly 40 years as the director of student services.

The Mount Marty Lancer women's basketball team has been selected play in the NAIA tourney in Sioux City, Iowa. The will face number 15 Marion, Indiana in the opening round. Jenny Miller, Cassie Neth, Tierney Schumacher and Kylie Gross received GPAC honors. Jared Wall and Weston Kusser of the men's basketball team were also recognized by the GPAC.

**March 7**

YHS Newspaper "The Woksape" will now be published in the Press & Dakotan. Boller Printing had recently notified the school that it would be ending their 50-year print relationship due to unforeseen circumstances at the business. Instead of the school paying for the printing of the paper it will be published in the Press & Dakotan and will be supported by advertising dollars.

An Open House was held yesterday honoring the 90th birthday of Howard "Hod" Nielsen. It was held at the Walnut Village. Nielsen was a longtime print and broadcast journalist, local businessman, and athletic and education booster. The event also included a program that featured remarks by several of his friends, as well as a recorded message from Tom Brokaw, who featured Nielsen in his book "The Greatest Generation."

**March 9**

U. S. Space shuttle Discovery had ended its career as the most flown U.S. Spaceship, returning from orbit for the last time.

**March 10**

Chris A. Miller of Scotland, SD is facing murder and manslaughter charges relating to the death of his four-month-old son Jacob. Miller, 37, will appear in court today. Jacob Miller died earlier this week at a Sioux Falls hospital.

Gayville Postmaster Dick Fuhrer is retiring after 48 years with the USPS. He has been the postmaster in Gayville for the last 31 years.

**March 11**

Yankton is set to host the first ever Special Olympics South Dakota State Basketball Tournament this weekend. Approximately 500 Special Olympians are expected to participate said Yankton area coordinator Jan Putnam.

A powerful 8.9 earthquake hit Japan yesterday. The earthquake spawned a deadly tsunami. Hundreds of people are killed and missing. The death toll is expected to rise. People in Hawaii were also bracing for a tsunami, which is moving at 500 mph. across the Pacific. Japanese officials said they are also having radiation problems inside the damaged nuclear power plant.

**March 12**

The Yankton School District is mulling an opt-out. The state of South Dakota passed an 8.6 percent cut in the per student allocation. The total deficit for the district's general fund is an estimated \$3.2 million.

**March 15**

The Yankton School District passed a resolution for a \$4.175 million per year opt-out for the school district. Jason Bietz said that the board chose to opt out of the school tax levy limitations, which effectively gives them enough revenue for the next five years, which is based on the current projections.

There has been a third explosion in four days at the nuclear power plant in Japan. Japanese officials say the radiation levels at the plant are within safe limits. International scientists are worried there could be another Chernobyl incident like what happened in 1986 in the Ukraine.

**March 17**

Chris A. Miller, 37, of Scotland was indicted yesterday on murder and manslaughter charges related to the death of his four month old son Jacob. Miller was indicted on tow alternative counts: second degree murder, a Class B felony with a mandatory penalty of life in prison, and first degree manslaughter, a Class C felony with a maximum penalty of life in prison.

**March 18**

Applied Engineering of Yankton expects their new 25,000 square foot expansion to be completed by the end of the year. Tom Bohnet of Applied Engineering said the new addition is necessary to keep up with the growing demands of customers.

Former U.S. Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher died at the age of 85.

**March 22**

Twenty-seven members of the Yankton High School National History Day competition are moving on to represent the school at the state competition in Brookings in April. This year is the largest group ever to advance from the school.

**March 23**

SD Governor Dennis Daugaard signed into law that women in SD who want an abortion will have to face a three-day waiting period. This is the longest waiting period in the nation. The women would also have to undergo counseling at pregnancy help centers.

SD Supreme Court Justice Judith Meierhenry has announced her retirement for the bench. She will officially retire in June. Meierhenry, 67, was appointed to the bench by then Governor William Janklow in November 2002.

Oscar winning actress Elizabeth Taylor has died at the age of 79.

**March 26**

Former Vice-Presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro has died at the age of 75. She was the first female major party nominee.

**April 2011**

**April 4**

The Connecticut Huskie beat the Butler Bulldogs to claim the NCAA men's basketball title.

**April 12**

The Yankton community turned out in full force for the Yankton School Board meeting on the opt-out. The board read the names of the 22 teachers who would be laid off if the district slashes the budget.

**April 13**

The Yankton County Extension office as well as

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