

Community

Organization donates Christmas stockings to students



Christmas is about giving. That's what the Flandreau School District was able to do for its students this year.

Through the Partnership with Native Americans, based in Rapid City, K-12 students at the Flandreau Public Schools and at Pleasant Valley Colony all received a stocking for Christmas.

All the stockings were distributed to the students last week.

The Title IV Program at FPS represents the Indian education program initiatives. Elisabetta James, the program's coordinator, worked with the Partnership with Native Americans to provide stockings for the students.

Because the weight of all the stockings donated was so large when they were delivered, over 3,000 pounds, a loading dock had to be used.

PWNA is a nonprofit organization committed to serving and supporting long-term solutions for strong Native American communities. The organization provides service to 60 reservations in 11 states.

During the holiday season, PWNA donates gift bags for every elder the program serves, stockings for every child and personal care items for every teenager.

The stockings are filled with practical items to meet immediate needs of the children who receive them.

Other services the PWNA offers include capacity building, higher education, community investment and animal welfare.

Through their food and water service, the organization supplies food boxes to food pantries, staple foods for elderly dining programs or soup kitchens and distributes emergency food boxes to individual families and community-wide meals during Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

With the distribution of stockings to all students at FPS and Pleasant Valley, PWNA hopes to bring Christmas warmth and cheer to the students leading up to their Christmas break.



Through the Partnership with Native Americans, the Flandreau School District was able to hand out stockings to each student K-12 at the public school and to each student at Pleasant Valley Colony school.



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through the two chick barns where currently the cages sit empty, but soon shipments will start. Each case holds 19 birds and each building has over 5,000 cages.

The city council hired Matt Joachims as an officer for the Flandreau Police Department in an effort to bring the department closer the full staff at six officers.

February 3

Commission Assistant Kay Peterson announced her resignation. She started as a deputy auditor in 2011 and will be exploring a new career in Sioux Falls.

Team of Angels, which was founded 13 years ago by Dave and Kathi Bennett and Sherrill Broekhuizen, has a new board consisting of Holist Sutton, Marty Skroch, Jenna Carr, Jeremy Duncan, Heidi Johnson, Trevor Penning and Laura Hagedorn. The organization provides funds for families with medical emergencies ranging from diabetes, burns, accidents or cancer.

The Wakpa Ipaksan Koska k'a Wikoske participated in a Dakota language jeopardy challenge over the weekend where they placed first. The Dakota Language Jeopardy Challenge was hosted by the Sisonwan Oyate tribe at the Dakota Oyate Challenge in Huron. The students were judged on their knowledge and the speaking of the Dakota language. Sergio Morales, Justis Shortman, Gayle Vazquez and Angel Vazquez represented Flandreau.

February 10

Legislative Cracker Barrel was held this past Saturday at the Crystal Theatre in Flandreau. Representatives Mathew Wollmann, Leslie Heinemann and Senator Scott Parsley. About 30 people attended asking the legislators questions mainly revolving around education and teacher pay.

The Flandreau High School one-act play Radium Girls earn a superior at the state competition in Sioux Falls. The play is a true story about female factory workers in Orange, N.J.

Mad Mary's held an open house for the new addition onto the building on Sunday at noon.

February 17

Moody County commissioners approved the hire of Mike Eisenbarth and Mark Lee as full-time deputy sheriffs. With these hires, the sheriff's office is back to full staff at five law enforcement officers.

Flandreau Public Schools received a \$50,000 donation from the late Eileen Neprud, a retired school teacher who spent 44 years teaching in Trent and Flandreau. The school is taking suggestions from the community on how to

spend the money.

New Sparkle Car Wash owners Bart and Cassandra Sample and Melissa and Chuck Jones will start to implement a new donation program where a percentage of each month's proceeds will go towards a nonprofit organization or fundraiser in Moody County up to \$500 a month.

Weekend Fuel has received a \$2,500 donation from America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund and directed by local farmers Chad and Kyndal Strenge. The donation will help provide food for children who need it over the weekend and allow for about six months of food for 25 children.

March 2

A letter to the editor questions the county's hire of Mike Eisenbarth as deputy sheriff after he resigned a few years amid an internal investigation of the police

department. The county stood firmly by its hire.

Flandreau Public School and the police department are working together on ways to handle and prevent drug use among students and at the school.

The city of Colman was named Water/Wastewater System of the Year by the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems.

The Flandreau soccer club opens for registration at \$50 per person for the whole season.

March 9

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe is set to receive \$876,000 settlement from a class-action lawsuit against the Obama administration. Four Nebraska tribes filed the suit against the government stating it shorted tribes on contract costs for education, law enforcement and other federal services. The lawsuit dates back to 1990 and was brought to the

Supreme Court in 2012.

Dave Ahlers attended the county commission meeting to address the commissioners and Sheriff Troy Wellmann about the county's decision to hire back Mike Eisenbarth after he resigned from the Flandreau Police Department in 2013 after an investigation by Department of Criminal Investigation. Jerry Doyle, commission chair, said it was their understanding that Eisenbarth had been cleared of any wrongdoing. Ahlers plans to continue checking in with the commission on this matter.

March 16

After eight years in Flandreau, hospital administrator Lindsay Flannery has taken a job in Yankton at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital as the vice president of patient care.

Elementary school principal Brad Olinger has turned in his res-

ignation and will move on to a position as the principal at Hillcrest Elementary School in Brookings.

The city council approved a project on Crescent St. that will give the block between Pipestone and Second Aves. new sidewalks, curb and gutter and storm inlets to help solve the drainage problem in the area.

Superintendent Rick Weber received one of 12 Distinguished Service Awards from the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

March 23

At the last county commission meeting, Dave Ahlers handed out packets to those in attendance that included documents about the history of county-wide law enforcement. He asked the commission to consider returning to county-wide law enforcement.

Flandreau native Danny Thomas will be inducted into the

South Dakota Rock and Rock Music Association in April. He passed away in 2014.

March 30

Downtown business owners attended the city council meeting to voice their concerns and opinions about the Crescent St. water/wastewater project, which will cost them money.

Members of the city council asked community members to trust the police department and to consider the positive changes that have been made within the department since the investigation in 2013. The conversation about a shift to county-wide law enforcement will continue. A hearing about Mike Eisenbarth's certification will be held in April.

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We want to tell all of our wonderful friends and customers Happy New Year and let them know just how much we appreciate them!

Celebrate the new year with your friends BUT we ask that you do not DRINK and DRIVE... If your plans include a party be sure to have a DESIGNATED DRIVER. We look forward to seeing and serving you in 2017!