

ECHOES

By Alpha Alpha

Welcome to the second addition of the Echoes! Congratulations to all the chapters that are busy doing their fundraisers. I hope things are going good for you all and that the weather hasn't been a deterrent for getting the fundraisers in.

I am so excited to get this paper done for you. I have enjoyed getting and reading the articles from all the chapters. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of doing the Echoes!

Here is a link to include in the Echoes.

Scholarship Opportunities

South Dakota offers 45 scholarships to students through ESA. Please let your school counselors know of these opportunities for students. Some of them have very early deadlines so it would be nice to get them to the counselors ASAP so that students can work on them over their Christmas break.

Here is a link.

<http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants/scholarships/results/?state=South%20Dakota>

Dear Chapter President:

Congratulations for your decision to participate in the Distinguished Achievement Award Program. At ESA Headquarters we are excited about this award and the tremendous possibilities it provides for meaningful publicity.

Here is an effective way to show our communities what ESA is. Through the Distinguished Achievement Award those outside ESA can see the emphasis we place upon unselfish service to others and the high ideals we honor.

Churches, civic and service groups will learn more about the good works and ideals of ESA as you provide them with the carefully prepared nomination forms. Distinguished Achievement Award publicity promotes the achievements of interesting, worthwhile individuals as nominees.

The award also provides inspirational news and feature materials for all types of community media.

Plan to go all-out planning the Distinguished Achievement Award presentation. Make it a newsworthy, festive evening with the most important people in the community present. Show your creativity and charm in the details of the occasion.

As you plan this special community event, remember that you will be promoting a positive image for your chapter and for ESA as a whole.

If you have further questions about regarding the Distinguished Achievement Award please contact:

Contact information:

International Council Awards Chair
Frankie McKay
109 Park City Road
Rossville, GA 30741

H: 706-861-1140 C: 423-488-0612
Email: frankiemckay1@aol.com

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The Distinguished Achievement Award
Nomination Form

“To recognize works of outstanding public service”

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International, one of the world’s premier leadership-service organizations is looking to identify people who have unselfishly given of themselves to a remarkable degree in some area of service that benefits others. This person exemplifies the wholesome and inspiring qualities of love, faith, and courage that reflect the ideals of Epsilon Sigma Alpha.

These people may or may not have been recognized for their service before. They may be in the public spotlight on a daily basis or be working quietly in the community to benefit others. In either case, ESA needs your help in identifying such individuals to be honored with one of our organization’s highest awards, The Distinguished Achievement Award.

Award Procedures · Upon identifying the nominee, have them help the sponsoring chapter complete the Distinguished Achievement Award nomination form. · Return the nomination form materials to the contact person listed by the date listed on the nomination form. · A panel of distinguished judges in the community will select the local winner from the finalists. · The winning nominee will be honored at a special celebration sponsored by Epsilon Sigma Alpha · The winning nominee, their family and friends will be invited to participate in the celebration honoring the award recipient. · The local chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha will provide and circulate information about the event and the award winner to the local media. Criteria for Judging

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Epsilon Sigma Alpha is looking to honor others who also value service as a part of their daily life. The following information which is requested on the award nomination form will be used to determine who

is to be awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award of Epsilon Sigma Alpha.

1. A description of nominee's current contribution and the benefit received by others as a result.
2. What is remarkable or unique about their contribution?
3. What portion of their time is spent in this endeavor?
4. If married, how great is their involvement with their children and their activities.

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5. Other responsibilities (those of most vital concern to them).
6. What impact has their work had on others, including their community?
7. Whether they receive a salary for their contribution.
8. Past accomplishments.
9. Obstacles and difficult circumstances over which they have triumphed.
10. How do they plan to continue their service in the future?

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Name and contact information of Local Award Chairman

Thank you for your interest in the Distinguished Achievement Award. ESA hopes you will help honor individuals who help and inspire others through their pursuit of public service ■

Dear SD ESA Members:

This month has been extremely busy for me and as I sit to write this I can't for the life of me think where the time has gone. We are in to the end of November and I am preparing for and looking forward to a time of thanks and appreciation next week during the Thanksgiving holiday. I want to again thank Alpha Sigma for hosting a wonderful Fall Council Meeting. I so enjoyed seeing everyone, participating in the fun, virtual St. Jude walk, celebrating Barb's birthday and overall just learning and reconnecting with one another. I also enjoyed attending my first MARC conference. Although I could only be there one day and was rushed in between meeting my military requirements, I was extremely honored to represent SD and to further my knowledge about ESA on the MARC level. SD was well represented!!

I am still hoping to attend one meeting, function, event etc. with every chapter. Please invite me!! I have a couple chapter visits planned but sure would like to see if I can schedule more. I have received wonderful news of membership growth in some of our chapters. I know you are polishing your sparkle and showing your passion about ESA--it is paying off with new membership. I encourage us all to continue to show our passion and polish our sparkle when we are hosting events, sharing time with family, friends,

coworkers etc. ESA is a truly wonderful organization and our greatest asset remains us--OUR MEMBERS. I look forward to hearing from all chapters about membership growth opportunities. If I can be of any assistance--just ask!

I am thankful for each and every one of you. ESA continues to be an integral part of my life and allows me the opportunity to do so many things I would not be able to do without ESA as the foundation. I look forward to reading the ECHOES and sharing in all the good work you are doing across the state.

Ashley has set the date for spring leadership. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, 5 Mar 2016 in Winner, SD. It is never too early to start thinking about serving in some capacity on the state board for the 2016-2017 year. Please feel free to contact me, Ashley, or any ESA member if you have questions. Make sure to let us know if you are interested!

Love in ESA-

Amber Heinert, SD State Council President

Vice President, Ashley Augspurger

New to ESA is the Ambassador Club! This is a great incentive to increase our membership across the state. It involves three STEPS:

- The "1st STEP" Award: sponsor 4 new members during a campaign year (June 1st - May 31st), these ESA members/sponsors will receive **one year's' dues FREE** and will be awarded a certificate in recognition of their efforts as an ESA Ambassador.
- The "2nd STEP" Award: sponsor 8 new members during a campaign year (June 1st - May 31st), these ESA members/sponsors will receive **two years' dues FREE**.
- The "FINAL STEP" Award: sponsor 10 new members during a campaign year (June 1st - May 31st), these ESA members/sponsors will receive a **LIFE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP** in ESA and will be awarded their **Life Active dangle**.
- **NOTE:** *Legacy Pledges do NOT qualify for Ambassador Club credit.*

I attended Theta Omega's Relay for Life fundraiser "She Said Yes to the Dress!" on Saturday, October 17th in Vermillion and thoroughly enjoyed it! My dream job has always been a wedding planner/coordinator so I was in complete awe of the numerous beautiful dresses modeled. This was such a great way to showcase ESA's *Service is in Style!* Special thanks to Patty Rarick, Earleen Varns, Barb Campbell, and Paula Verzani for being so welcoming!

I'll be attending Leadership Conference in Denver on February 4-7, 2016 and look forward to bringing back useful information for both our State Council and all chapters to utilize. Spring Leadership will be held on Saturday, March 5th in Winner (location TBD). I have decided on a theme for 2016-2017 and cannot wait to share it with everyone! Beta Alpha will also be doing their Paint n Pour fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital that afternoon and invite everyone to join us! Registration information will be provided in the near future.

Please consider running for 2016-2017 State Council and let me know ASAP if you're interested! Don't be afraid to spread your wings and try something new! You'll have plenty of support along the way with many past members who have held the positions and will guide and direct you as needed. A nomination form has been attached. **Nomination forms need to be mailed to me no later than January 15th.** My address is PO Box 1646, Winner, SD, 57580.

I've appreciated everyone's support and encouragement with my upcoming journey as State President, and I hope to see everyone at State Convention in Hot Springs on April 29th & 30th! Remember...it's never too early to start working on a skit as part of the Friday Night Mixer's entertainment!!

Webmaster, Ashley Augspurger

Please remember to email me photos to add to the website and Facebook. These photos will come in handy when each chapter designs a scrapbook page for current State President, Amber Heinert!

Also, we now have a Facebook page (Epsilon Sigma Alpha - South Dakota State Council) that anyone can "like" so invite all of your friends and family!! This is a wonderful tool to share information about our organization's passions, goals, and community involvement at no cost!

Quills

May 1, 2015

The Quills meeting was called to order by president, Melanie Niehus. Those in attendance were: Emmy Neustrom, Ruth Creasy, Sandie Sullivan, Kathy Loyd, Luann Ouellette, Earleen Varns, Barb Campbell, and Melanie Niehus.

The Rotation Plan for 2015-16 was reviewed and will be voted on at the Fall Council meeting. Quills are responsible for the MARC gift to go to the October 2015 MARC Conference. It is the duty of the Quills President to fulfill this obligation with the help of the Quills membership.

Dues were collected by Earleen Varns from attending members.

Melanie informed us that she had the gift for the 1st time convention attendees drawing that would be given on Saturday. Induction for Paula will be to give her a gardening tip for her retirement as SD President and our painting from the Wine and Canvas evening activity if we so desired.

Election of officers for the Quills 2015-16 year was held with the following results:

President – Marsha Risseeuw

Secretary – Earleen Varns

Treasurer – Barb Campbell

Ruth Creasy moved and Earleen Varns seconded the motion to give Emmy Neustrom \$100 for expenses as an IC candidate. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Kathy Loyd
Acting Secretary

ESA FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT TOTALS AS OF 5/1/2015

NAME OF ENDOWMENT	TOTAL
BARB & CLAYTON CAMPBELL	6968
BOB & JAN JONES	10,444
CORA & ROYAL SCOTT	14,820
DRS SIDNEY & CORINNE MILBURN	16,743
MARC	14,081
MARC HOPE FOR HEROES	7670
SOUTH DAKOTA	4311
ST JUDE RESEARCH CANCER SURVIVOR	4728

Hats off to ESA

Fall Council
 Saturday, September 26th, 2015
 Hosted by Alpha Sigma
 Mitchell Public Library, Mitchell, SD

9:30 a.m. – Call to Order
 Inspirational
 Tribute to the ESA Flag
 Vice-President/President Elect
 Opening Ritual
 Welcome

Amber Heinert, President
 DJ Smith, Chaplain
 Ashley Augspurger,
 All ESA Members
 Corinne Larson, Alpha Sigma

Roll Call/Attendance Sheet

Rachel Furness, Recording Secretary

<u>Chapter Name and #</u>	<u>Total Paid Members</u>	<u>Total Present Members</u>
Alpha Alpha #5386	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

Alpha Chi #5455	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>
Alpha Lambda #618	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>
Apha Phi #1438	<u>29</u>	<u>1</u>
Alpha Sigma #1012	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
Beta Alpha #5350	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>
Chi Omega #5480	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>
Iota Pi #5537	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>
Lambda Lambda #5436	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>
Theta Omega #4699	<u>32</u>	<u>9</u>

**Correspondence
Secretary**

Carrie Hock, Corresponding

1. Jan Jones sends her love and positive thoughts to everyone as she is not able to be here with us today. Jan said she will see many of us in Omaha for MARC.
2. Ashley Augspurger provided information on the 2016 Leadership Conference which will be held in Denver, CO. The conference will be February 4-6 at the Holiday Inn.

Reports

**President Elect/Membership and Nominations
Beta Alpha**

Ashley Augspurger,

Ashley reported that she had nomination forms to hand out. Forms are also available on the website. Iota Pi reported two new recruits and one new member along with more plans for additional members. Beta Alpha reported five or six new recruits and one new member, who is also their first male member.

**Treasurer's Report
Beta Alpha**

Amanda Work,

State dues need to be paid by December 1, 2015. Checks can be mailed to PO Box 729, Winner, SD 57580. The current balance is \$5,113.00

**Parliamentarian
Alpha**

Melanie Niehus, Beta

No report

Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund

Paula Verzani, Theta Omega

The Disaster Fund was designed to assist an ESA member when their home is damaged by a natural disaster or when an illness occurs. Paula suggests each chapter consider donating one meeting's worth of their brag jar towards the fund.

State Awards/DIANA Chair
Alpha

Sandi & Kristen Hausmann, Beta

Referred people to the ECHOES article and encouraged everyone to get more involved.

Youth Chair Awards
Lambda

Kay Rasmussen, Alpha

No Report

Easter Seals
Omega

Michelle Mueller, Theta

Asked that every chapter do one project for Easter Seals.

ESA for St. Jude
Theta Omega

Kim Robinson, Chi Omega/Lois Nygaard,

- Congrats to Barb Campbell: the 2014-15 amount raised for St Jude was \$43,252.78!
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Love in ESA, Kim Robinson (kimmer1117@gmail.com, 605-351-4624)

2015 State Convention
Chi Omega

Carrie Hock,

There were 62 people Friday, 68 for the Saturday Luncheon and 72 at the Banquet. Income was \$5,343.52 and expenses were: \$4,845.73, leaving a profit of \$497.79. Donna Breed's submission was provided at Fall Council.

2016 State Convention
Chi Omega

Carrie Hock,

Chi Omega and Iota Pi will be hosting the 2016 State Convention which will be held on the 29th and 30th of April in Hot Springs, SD. More to come!

Educational Director
Alpha

Melanie Niehus, Beta

Each chapter encouraged to do an educational and submit a report.

ESA Foundation
Sigma

Ruth Creasy, Alpha Sigma/Emmy Neustrom, Alpha

Everyone was urged to join. There is a one-time \$25.00 charge to join and then \$15.00 each year after that. Every year two scholarships are awarded for \$750.00. Certificates were given out for reaching goals at both the individual and chapter levels.

Hope for Heroes
Omega

Patty Rarick, Theta

Each chapter was encouraged to do something for the military, such as care packages to active duty service members serving overseas, honoring Veterans, or any kind of support to military personnel. There are five family assistance personnel who are available to meet at the post office and help fill out information and send packages out. Patty requested an email on anything sent-off so that she can include it in her next report.

IC Hope for Heroes
Sigma

Emmy Neustrom, Alpha

A handout was given out to chapters about Camp Hope, a retreat for military Veterans to attend a camp in Missouri to participate in outdoor activities.

The cost is \$550.00 per Veteran to attend the camp, which represents all branches of the military from across the country. She encouraged this as a possible chapter project to raise funds for a Veteran from the military to attend this camp.

Note: Earleen Varns has given permission to send care packages to where her son Brian B. Varns is located in NC. His address is as follows:

Varns, Brian B., 250 Chestnut Dr., Raeford, NC 28376-6328 Earleen mentioned that he'd probably share his goodies with all.

**Philanthropic
Sigma**

Tarah Eliason, Alpha

Chapters were encouraged to keep track of points and money spent.

**Quills President
Alpha Phi**

Marsha Risseeuw,

The only activity for the Quills was to provide a gift for the auction at MARC. Please advise Marsha as to who is serving as the treasurer of this group.

**State Project-Domestic Violence
Oulette)**

Thelma Raines, Alpha Lambda (Luann

October is national domestic violence awareness month. Each chapter is encouraged to be more proactive. Alpha Alpha donates nights to gift wrapping. A proclamation against domestic violence was provided at Fall Council by Theta Omega for chapters to consider taking back to their City Council for signature by the mayor and publication in the city paper.

**Webmasters
sodakesa@gmail.com**

Ashley Augspurger, Beta Alpha –

Contact information for every chapter is on the website and there is new information posted on International Council. The private Facebook page is ESA of South Dakota, and the public Facebook page, used for recruitment, is Epsilon Sigma Alpha South Dakota State Council. Email or call Ashley with any questions or suggestions.

Unfinished Business

Beta Eta disbanded, so the following modifications were made to the rotational plan:

- Executive Board motioned to remove the off-year following convention.
- 2016 Educational Board moved to Chi Omega
- 2017 Easter Seals moved to Alpha Lambda

Motion by Patty Rarick, Theta Omega; Second by Sheri Rozeboom-Kloes, Alpha Alpha.

Tarah Eliason would like some wording to be changed in the minutes from 2015 State Convention. In the bi-law voting results, she would like the word “suspended” changed to “rescinded” and the spelling of her name to be corrected in her statement.

Kay Rasmussen, Alpha Alpha, made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Debbie Colvin, Theta Omega. Motion Carried.

New Business

The following International Council Officer nominations are open: 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian.

MARC flags are available for sale (3x5 single sided):

- 1-2 flags - \$107.98 each
- 3-5 flags - \$97.78 each
- 6-11 flags - \$80.98 each
- 12+ flags - \$64.98 each

- It was discussed that SD ESA already has a MARC Flag; therefore, no additional funds were approved for a MARC Flag. President responded accordingly to MARC Rep noting SD would not be purchasing a MARC Flag.

The following recognitions were given:

- Barb Campbell, Theta Omega, Sr. St. Jude Representative, ESA raised **\$43,253.00!!!!**
- Sheri Rozeboom-Kloes, Alpha Alpha, 2015-2016 ECHOES publisher
- Patty Rarick, Theta Omega, Hope for Heroes
- Barb Campbell (Theta Omega), Emmy Neustrom (Alpha Sigma), and Tarah Eliason (Alpha Sigma) were instrumental in providing coverage at the International Convention.

Chapter Updates:

Patty Rarick, Theta Omega, handed out treats for Barb Campbell's birthday; Ashley Augspurger, Beta Alpha, reported on the Show in Sell; Theta Omega will be hosting a Wedding Dress Show on October 17th, tickets for \$10.00; Kay Nordlie, Alpha Alpha, reported on their candy bag program, 125 served.

- Theta Omega members provided an educational program on the Awards and Recognition Program and graciously shared their awards tracking form. Thank you
- Amber Heinert shared a brief educational program on the role of caregivers who care for our Nation's Heroes and the VA Caregiver Support Program.

Closing Thoughts
Omega

DJ Smith, Chaplain, Chi

Closing Ritual:

All ESA Members

All members in attendance participated in the St. Jude virtual walk organized by Kim Robinson, Senior St. Jude Chair. Lots of fun was had and most of all money was raised to continue ESA's support of ST. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Many members then enjoyed lunch together before heading home!

Fall Council Minutes reviewed and approved by minutes audit committee-11/17/2015

Alpha Lambda Chapter is responsible this year for our State Project--Domestic Violence. It is our hope that your chapter has or is planning to support this very worthy project that is against family violence and sexual assault. There is a shelter in or near your community and they can be contacted for "wish list" needs.

- Flandreau--Wholeness Center: 605-997-3535 or 1-866-643-3379
- Mitchell--Area Safehouse: 605-996-4440 or 1-888-996-8909
- Rapid City--Working Against Violence Inc. (WAVI) --1-888-716-9284
- Sioux Falls--The Compass Center: 605-339-0116 or 1-877-462-7474
- Sioux Falls--The Children's Inn: 605-338-4880 or 1-888-378-7398
- Sioux Falls--"Mitka Maske Ti Ki" (My Sister Friends' House): 605-731-1950
- Vermillion--Domestic Violence Safe Options: 605-624-5311
- Winner--Resource Center for Families: 605-842-2736 or 1-877-695-0558

The State Project Report is due on March 15, 2016 and a form will be sent to you in January or February asking in what way your chapter supported Domestic Violence Awareness and the amount of money and/or supplies donated.

A State Project is for all SD ESA Members to raise monies or provide services for our special cause. We will be anxious to announce the ways all chapters participated.

Thelma Raines, thelmaraines@vyn.midco.net
Alpha Lambda Chapter

Chi Omega and Iota Pi request you SAVE THE DATE for 2016 SD ESA STATE CONVENTION. Mark your calendars for April 29th and 30th in beautiful, historic Hot Springs, SD--The Veteran's Town. Both chapters are excited to host you all in true West River fashion. Registration and hotel information will be forthcoming. This is one you won't want to miss! Remember to save your purses and backpacks along with personal hygiene items for state convention.

Chapter Chatter Submission:

Chi Omega and Iota Pi are joining forces to sponsor a Hope For Heroes Project on Monday, 23 NOV 2015 in Hot Springs, SD in collaboration with VA Black Hills Health Care System. November is National Caregiver Recognition Month. A mural will be created throughout the day by Artist Aaron Pearcy with About This Life, Inc. Aaron will create the mural using spray paint. The mural will be officially presented at 5:30 PM and will depict the role of caregivers and all who care for our Nation's Heroes. This event is open to the public and all are encouraged to come and go throughout the day to observe the process and creation of the mural.

Chi Omega is planning a social in January to get back to the basics of ESA and this great organization. Chi Omega and Iota Pi are busy with plans and preparations for the 2016 State Convention. Lots of energy and excitement--Make plans to come!

Iota Pi supported the 1st Annual Hot Springs Trunk or Treat event benefiting the Boys and Girls Club. A 5k and little monster mile run was also part of the event. This was a great event and opportunity to get together, sport our sparkly ESA gear, and continue to bring awareness of ESA in the local community. Iota Pi also put together two baskets to be auctioned in support of city of Hot Springs Recreation Center project. ESA also donated a wreath to the annual Wine & Wreaths Event benefitting the Boys and Girls Club. Member, Kelli Stover designs/creates the wreath annually for the chapter. The chapter just completed their annual butter braid fundraiser and delivered all the goodies in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. Finally, Iota Pi worked a concession stand during the youth football league playoffs with proceeds benefiting the Hope 4 Heroes project. This was a busy yet very successful day and at the close Iota Pi gained a new member--please welcome Deanne Arneson!! Deanne has a mini donut making machine which was a huge success at the concession stand.

Hello my fellow ESA members! A lot has happened since the last edition of Echoes, and there is a lot coming up! One thing I really love about ESA is that there is always an event going on and always someone representing ESA in some way. I was fortunate enough to be able to make it to Theta Omega's "She Said Yes to the Dress" event in Vermillion recently, and it was so much fun. The time and dedication it must have taken to put all of that together is impressive to think about! I was not able to attend any other events due to scheduling conflicts, but I know that whenever I see you wonderful ladies

representing ESA, it makes me so proud that I am not only a member of this organization, but that I also have the privilege of serving on the state board.

The Fall Council minutes will be posted to the website soon. Thank you to everyone who got reports sent in to me to be included in the minutes. Also, Beta Alpha will be hosting the Spring Leadership in Winner and will also be putting on a Paint 'n Pour event the same day. In conclusion, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas season and hope to see you all at Spring Leadership!

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For the community Christmas celebration.

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Hello from Alpha Chi in Dell Rapids!

Soon we will decorate Christmas trees at the Dell Rapids Museum in preparation for the community Christmas celebration.

In early December we have two local businesses hosting fundraising events for the Christmas for Our Kids Project. One of the businesses does a meat raffle and has silent auction items and the other is a fun "girl's night out" with a style show, a variety of vendors, and silent auctions items. The Christmas for Our Kids Project is very special to all of us. The combined efforts of our Dell Rapids community and Alpha Chi ensure that many needy families in the surrounding area have a wonderful Christmas.

On December 11, we will be having our annual ESA Holiday social at the home of Sheba Schlaikjer. This year we are holding a Rush Event this same evening in hopes of increasing our membership. New members=new sisters=new friendships!

In February, our group is planning to host a Wine Tasting event/ladies night out as a fundraising event to also give back out community. We will cross our fingers it will be a success and turn into an annual event!

We wish everyone a very Blessed Holiday Season with your family and friends and a very Happy New Year to All from your Alpha Chi sisters!

BETA ALPHA

Chapter Parliamentarian, Tia DeSersa, welcomed a beautiful baby girl on Monday, October 12th. Jayda Lynn was born at 8:43 am. She weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz. and was 21 inches long. Tia and husband Dustin also have two older daughters, Keyleigh and Presley.

Our annual Show-n-Sell event was held on Saturday, November 21st at the Winner

National Guard Armory. We had over 35 vendor booths; a concession stand featuring chili, loaded baked potatoes, Indian tacos, and homemade goods; and a St. Jude Silent Auction table with a penny raffle! The concession stand money will be donated to the newly-formed Tripp County Backpack Program which provides food items for students to take home over the weekend; and the admittance money will be donated to the local Pink Posse organization which works to give breast cancer patients support, resources, and hope during difficult times.

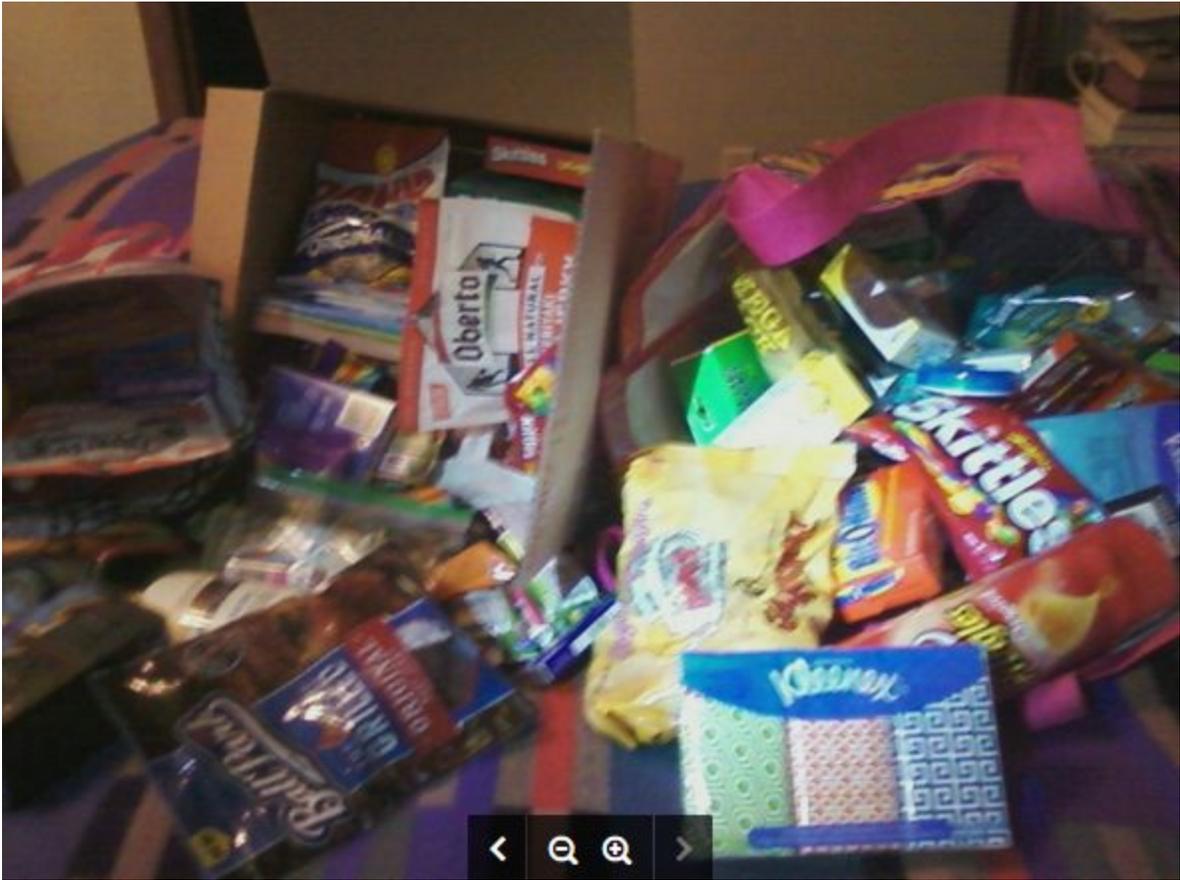
Six of our members will be attending the Winner Regional Healthcare Center's annual Holiday Festival the first weekend in December, and the chapter will be joining Alpha Phi again this holiday season by having a joint Christmas Party on December 9th. We are looking forward to delicious food, fun games, and another opportunity to form great memories!

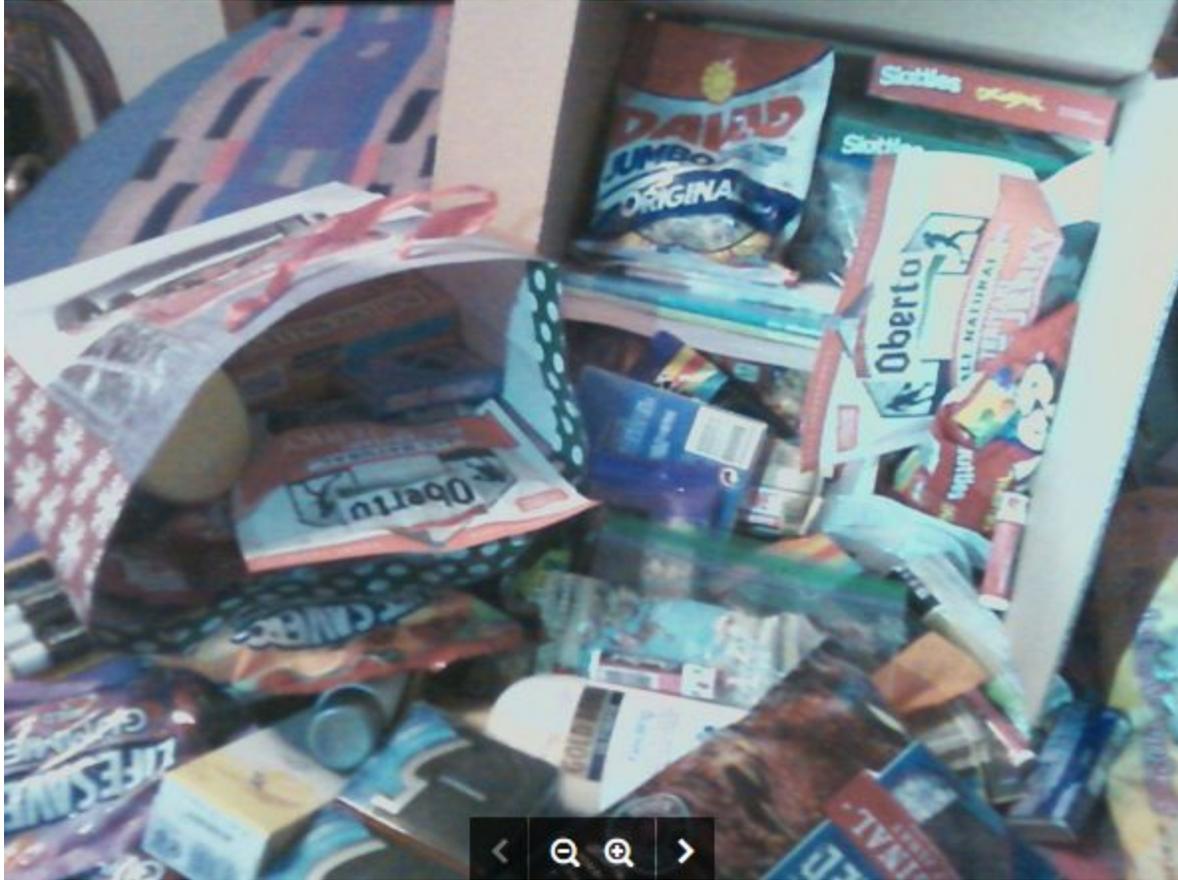
Our next project will be preparing and sending care packages to local members of the 155th Engineer Company based out of Wagner and Rapid City with a branch in Winner. We will also be holding our Paint n Pour event the afternoon of Saturday, March 5th with proceeds going to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. More details to come!!

Theta Omega collected an abundance of items to be sent to a serviceman currently serving in Kuwait. SGT Nygren's wife and two sons live in Vermillion and appreciate this generous outpouring of support. One box was mailed on 11.13.15 with at least two more boxes to be mailed in December, prior to the Christmas holiday.

When one of our members (Brenda Fergen) was buying items in a store, she struck up a conversation with the Wrigley supplier stocking the shelves. In support of this program, he gave her many packages of products (gum, Skittles & Altoids). It's so nice to hear stories such as these of people who also want to give.

Patty Rarick
State ESA Hope for Heroes Chair





We at Alpha Alpha have been busy also. We have been having meetings as our busy schedules allow. We did Halloween candy bags for the children at Children's Home Society and Children's Inn. We helped at the Children's Inn Gift Wrap Booth twice. We have some items coming up on our calendar. The important ones are a "shower" for Children's Inn, the "Death of a President", Candy bags for valentine's day and May basket's to name a few. We also did our annual bazaar in November. Thank you to all who have come out to help us and support us.

Thank you all for waiting for this copy of the Echoes. Looking forward to seeing you all at State Convention.

