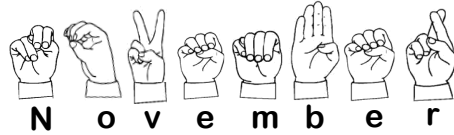


Tidbits

NDSB Resource Center

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Connie's Celebrations

November is Native American Month and we celebrated with a special meal of Indian Tacos and a presentation by Lilia (our resident historian) about the life paths of three Native Americans who attended NDSB many years ago. These three young men are role models that our students can relate to. Our students learned new vocabulary words such as sculpture, mallet and chisel, carve, and swift. NDSB provides services to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing from all four North Dakota Indian reservations (Four Berthold, Spirit Lake Nation, Standing Rock Sioux, and Turtle Mountain).

The North Dakota School for the Deaf continues to adjust to ongoing COVID-19 health concerns while providing services to North Dakota citizens who are deaf or hard of hearing. The Parent Infant, School Age and Adult Outreach programs continue to receive new referrals for services for individuals across North Dakota. This is a reflection of the dedication, passion, and service-oriented staff that we have at NDSB. The model school has completed the first quarter with students on campus. This was only possible as a result of students, families, and staff diligently following the NDSB Health and Safety Plan.

The staff at NDSB are participating in a food drive for the local food pantry. This is the time of year for family celebrations and we will do our small part to make sure families have adequate food. Celebrations may look different this year with smaller in person gatherings and more virtual connections but it is still a time to reflect and be thankful for our many blessings. I am thankful for the opportunity to work with such great staff who provide the best possible services to North Dakotans who are deaf or hard of hearing.

WE ARE
THANKFUL FOR
OUR STAFF!



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Native American Day 2020

**NATIVE AMERICAN
HERITAGE DAY**

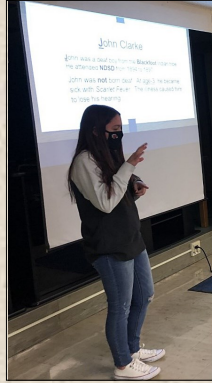


True stories about three
Native American Deaf boys
who attended the
North Dakota School for the Deaf.

Students and staff at NDSD
celebrated
Native American Month
with a special Power Point
presentation created
by Lilia Bakken.



Afterwards, students played
BINGO games that
incorporated terms and
pictures from the
presentation.
Thank you, Lilia.



DORM

LIFE

Looking for hidden rocks to post on
"Devils Lake Rocks"



Trying new recipes; can't mess up Deviled Eggs.



Finding rocks to paint.
"Not this one kids, its too big for us to carry to the dorm."



THANKFUL



Creative activities, creative places thanks to creative dorm counselors.



When your broom is being serviced, ride your rake.

Masks can't hide a smile.



Thank you, Rick Lafleur, for the new pool sticks and darts for our Bulldog Parlor.



Phone Call Attacks

SANS Tip of the Day



Tech Corner

More and more scams and attacks are happening over the phone. Whenever you get an urgent phone call pressuring you to do something (such as a caller pretending to be the tax department, Microsoft Tech Support or informing you that a family member needs help) be very suspicious. It's most likely a scammer trying to trick you out of money or pressure you into making a mistake. Protect yourself—simply hang up the phone. You are not being rude. The person on the other line is trying to take advantage of you.

“Loudness Recruitment”

Let's start with a real-life example from **Stephen Nagler, MD (Atlanta Tinnitus Consultants, LLC)**:

“My father had a significant hearing loss for several years before his death at the age of 89. I could say, ‘Dad.’ He heard nothing, and he of course did not respond. So I'd say it a bit louder, still nothing. A bit louder, still nothing. And then ... just a very tiny bit louder. The response: ‘Stop yelling so loud, Steve, I hear you just fine. Tone it down a bit, will you!’”

And THAT'S “Loudness Recruitment” – a **rapid** growth of perceived loudness in a pitch region containing hearing impairment.

It is very difficult to convey to a person with a significant hearing loss that when they actually heard your voice it was at a level uncomfortable to their ears...

In this example, it was actually the **fourth** time he tried to get his attention.

Side note - Just because a person has some hearing loss and also has sound sensitivity, it does not mean that the sound sensitivity is due to Loudness Recruitment.

Hearing aids fitted with “compression” technology may be the best option for people with this condition. **As always, if you suspect issues with your hearing, please consult with an audiologist.**

Loudness Recruitment Resources

www.hearingdevicecenter.com

www.hyperacusis.net

www.atlantatinnitus.com

www.hearinglosshelp.com/



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Virtual Pumpkin Decorating Contest



Congratulations to our
three **WINNERS!!!**
And a huge **THANK YOU**
to all who participated.



PIC-COLLAGES

Banner Flashback, 1949

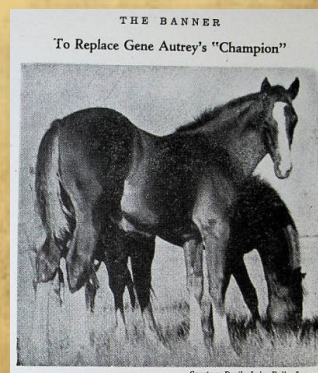


Some of you may be old enough to remember singer/actor and rodeo star Gene Autry. From 1934 to 1953, during his popularity as a film star, Autry and his horse, Champion, were featured in many dime novels, children's stories, and comic books. Champion often received equal billing with Gene above the leading ladies on movie lobby posters promoting Autry films. Autry appeared in 93 western films and for six years he hosted *The Gene Autry Show* television series.

From 1949 to 1951, Gene Autry came to North Dakota to perform at the annual *Mandan Rodeo Days*. While in Mandan, Autry purchased a black colt (see picture of colt facing camera) from local ranchers, brothers Frank and George Wetzstein. The colt's white blaze and four stockings had the same look as Autry's horse, Champion, who was soon due to retire. The purchase of the colt for \$2,500 ended a long search for a 'dead ringer' colt to replace Champion. Autry spent the evening at the Wetzstein ranch, where he even helped peel potatoes for supper. The *Wetzstein Brother's* ranch is one of the most beautiful and extensive in North Dakota. Frank and George are partners in their ranching operation. **(George is a 1925 graduate of the North Dakota School for the Deaf.)**

Interesting note #1: Autry, who was nicknamed the *Singing Cowboy*, traveled with his famous singing group, the *Sons of the Pioneers*. Autry's singing cowboy films were the first to carry country music to a national audience. Some of Autry's biggest song hits included "Back in the Saddle Again" and "At Mail Call Today". Autry is still remembered for his biggest Christmas holiday song hit "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer".

Interesting note #2: Gene Autry was the original owner of the **Los Angeles Angels**, the professional baseball team based in Anaheim, California. He owned the team from 1961 to 1997.



What's Happening



SAVE THE DATE!



Mark your calendars! The Midwest Conference on Deaf Education is scheduled for **June 7, 2021**, via [Zoom!](#)

Keep checking our website for further information:
MWDeafConference.org

Facing the Future - TOGETHER!



NDSD/RCDHH Wellness Team has kicked off November with a food drive.

Help support your community by donating non-perishable food items. All donations will go to the Devils Lake Hope Center.

Please drop off your non-perishable items in the box provided in the NDSD main lobby by Nov. 25.

HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Happy Thanksgiving

From all of us at the NDSD/RCDHH