

## Youth Education Board Report 4/13/22

### Children's Festival

On March 12, 2022, from 9:30 to 2:30 p.m. Maggie and I had a wonderful time visiting with over 1,178 children from the area who came out for a day of fun and learning!



## **6<sup>th</sup> grade WWII Day**

On March 30 & 31, 2022, the museum staff and 25 volunteers returned to Cam-Plex Energy Hall for our first in-person WWII Day since 2018. During those two event days 689 area 6<sup>th</sup> graders came through the doors and visited our five stations devoted to learning about WWII. Students learned what it would have been like for those men and women from Campbell County that headed off to basic training in our Entering Service station where Master Sergeant Bennick and 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Bennick put them through their paces and at the end marched them to their next station.

Students visited the Women in Service station lead by Sherry Lowell and her hard-working volunteers who shared with the students some of the jobs held by Campbell County Women during the war years. Highlighting the work of Dottie Mobley and Pauline Ridenour of Rozet who worked at the National Youth Administration center in Casper, WY and became Airplane Commercial Sheet-metal specialists. At this station the students watched a demonstration of hand riveting and then took part in a pen assembly activity to gain a little more insight into WWII assembly line work.

Cliff Knesel and volunteers shared with the students many of the Armaments used by the Allied and Axis forces in the war, allowing students to touch and closely examine items that they have only read about or seen in the movies.

A new station was added this year lead by Steve Mount (Cheyenne, WY) and Tom Lindmier (Hulett, WY) who brought their WWII jeep and truck, along with communications gear to talk with the students and allow them to get a feel for the equipment and learn how it would have been used in the field.

The final station was our Heroes and Vmail station where students learned about letter writing in WWII and then were tasked with writing a vmail letter home as the Campbell County Veteran featured on the trading card they were given. We currently have 144 men and women from Campbell County featured on our trading cards and we continue everyday to try and collect more photos and information on the men and women from our county who served during WWII.

The day was a huge success due to our great station leaders and wonderful team of staff and volunteers. Several teachers shared with me that this is the best 6<sup>th</sup> grade WWII Day yet and they loved all the interactive elements. They were also wishing that the voices of our drill sergeants could be recorded and played every morning at school.

Two teachers sent emails the day their classes attended which I am including below, and I have also attached a PDF with samples of the Vmail letters which were written and left behind.

*“Thank you so much for putting on WWII Days. My students were beyond excited. Their parents were impressed!” -Natalie Prosenick, Cottonwood Elementary*

*“Thank you so much! ALL of our students enjoyed this experience!! I know there is a ton of behind-the-scenes work, and man, you guys are fabulous! Thank you again!”- Leah Davis, Conestoga Elementary*

We have signed the lease with Cam-Plex for 6<sup>th</sup> grade WWII Day to be held at Energy Hall on March 29 & 30, 2023. Along with that we have sent the dates ahead to Mr. Crosby and the CCSD Curriculum office to be placed on the school calendar for next year.







*Our great team of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade World War II Day volunteers on 3-31-2022*

### **Ag Expo**

April 19, 2022- Maggie has been asked to attend the Ag Expo as a guest of the 4-H and UW Extension office booth for this year replacing the buckets the children normally get to milk.

### **Pioneer school & school tours**

Pioneer school begins on April 20 and runs through May 20, 2022, with 22 classes journeying back to 1892 to attend pioneer school once again. We have five dedicated schoolmarm volunteers and a few teachers who will be teaching their own classes. During this time, we also currently have other school tour visits scheduled. April and May will be busy months.

### **Book signing**

The Museum will be the site for a book signing for Lorna Whisler and her new book: *“Rozet, Campbell County, Wyoming, and Its Homestead Families (1880-1949)”* on Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.