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Yankton Bucks and Gazelles Track Teams are Starting the Season Well



BY **TORY GROSS**

The Yankton track and field team started off their season strong as they earned three titles and more top finishes Saturday, April 9 at Brandon Valley.

The Bucks and Gazelles placed in long distance, hurdles, throwing, jumping, and more.

Junior Jenna Grossenburg was a huge contributor to the win, claiming first in the 1600 with a time of 5:26.5 and second in the 3200 (11:31.8).

"My focus was mainly to stay with the front group of runners. It was a pretty slow pace I felt, whereas the 3200 started off slow, but picked up quickly in the second. I tried to pick up the pace in the last few laps to have a strong finish," Grossenburg explained.

Another member of the long distance group was freshman Whitlee Larson, following Grossenburg in the 1600, for a second place time of 5:33.9. Larson also received third place in the 800 (2:25.5).

The distance runners have plans for their next meet. "In preparing for our next meet, we need to work on staying strong towards the end of the race. As our coach, says, the third lap is the slowest, so we'll focus on improving," Grossenburg said. For the sprinters, senior Tyler



PHOTO BY PAUL FOSS

Coach Brooks Schild is shown demonstrating a discus maneuver to members of the Yankton High School throwing teams.

Sternhagen delivered a performance that earned him first place in the 400, finishing at 50.8. In hurdles, senior Logan Ulmer was a double-place winner. Ulmer was runner-up in the 100 hurdles (16.8) and fourth in the 300 hurdles (43.7). For the girls' division, senior Angie Dvorak placed third in the 100 (16.1).

Although they did not place first, the Bucks and Gazelles still earned top honors in the relays: the girls with a fourth place finish in the 400 relay (52.5), and the boys came in fifth for both the 400 (45.7) and 800 (1:35.9) relays.

Junior Ty Soulek was the third to claim his title, throwing a total of 50-4 in the shot put event. Senior Powers Schurrer received third place in the discus, throwing 136-9.

Yankton proved quite successful in the jumping events in both

the girls' and boys' divisions. Senior Emily Anderson marked 4-10 in the high jump to earn third, and 32-1 in the triple jump for a fourth place honor. In the long jump, senior Rachael Johnson placed second, scoring 16-11. For the boys, junior Connor Fitzsimmons was runner-up in the triple jump event (41-10.5).

"It was the farthest jump I've gone so far this year, but I could have extended my second phase a foot or two to improve my distance, which is what I will focus on this week at practice for our next meet," Fitzsimmons explained.

Senior Neil Hohenthanner trailed behind in third (40-5.5). In the high jump, freshman J.J. Hejna marked 6-1 for a fourth place finish.

These efforts earned the Bucks and Gazelles nineteen top-five finishes.

What Would You Do?

Every day each of us is faced with many decisions. How we handle those decisions makes us who we are. Here are a few situations to think about.

In Our Opinion

What would you do...

- If your mom or dad asked to borrow \$100?
- If President Barack Obama called and asked for your opinion on a current issue?
- If you had to work at your parent's job for one week?
- If Oprah called and said you could have her house?
- If you won the lottery?
- If you walked out to your car and all four tires were mysteriously missing?
- If Dr. Kindel told you that you were principal for the day?
- If your parents told you they were giving you their life savings?
- If your mom or dad told you they were scheduled to compete on Survivor?
- If you slept one whole school year away?
- If you found a \$5 check lying on the ground?
- If you saw a fellow student drop all of his or her books in the hallway?
- If an older lady dropped her groceries on her way into her house?

Would you give your parents \$100 if they really needed it? Or what about the lady who dropped her groceries? Would you stop and help her? Some of the "what ifs" are silly. Others require some thought. If you had the power to tell Obama what you thought about an issue, would you answer honestly? How many changes, if any, would you make if you had the chance to be the principal? Would the changes be beneficial, or would they be juvenile?

Someday you might be forced to make a decision like above. The way you handle the opportunity to help someone or make a difference will say a lot. So what I'm trying to say is take a little time here and there to make someone's day better. You never know when you will be the one who needs a helping hand.



Gazelles Golf Team Heads into an Intense Series of Midseason Meets



BY **KATRINA VYBORN**

The girl's golf season has officially started. On April 4th, YHS competed in their first meet against Brookings and Brandon Valley. The second meet was April 7th, and the girls competed against Sioux Falls Washington and Mitchell.

"The girls performed very well at the first two meets," says Coach Brett Sime.

"Beating Brookings and Brandon Valley in the first meet was nice because they are both ESD Conference foes. Also, beating SF Washington and Mitchell in the second meet was great because I think SF Washington is one of the better teams in Sioux Falls, and Mitchell is another team from the ESD Conference."

Every meet matters.

"The next three upcoming meets are considered very important. They are the meets that determine how well we will play with other big teams throughout the rest of the season," says Hannah Withrow, junior golfer. "There's the dual with O'Gorman, a meet with Yankton, Mitchell, and Sioux Falls Lincoln, and an invite at Hillcrest with all teams in the state."

Withrow has been out for two weeks with a sprained ankle. "Hannah's injury allowed some other members of the team to step up and show that they could be contributing members of the team. Megan Mingo led us in both of our two recent meets. Taylor Specht, Kaitlyn Erickson, Whitney Specht, and Amber Livingston have all counted for the varsity score. We are looking forward to getting Hannah back though," says Sime.

As the season continues, the team and their coach remain hopeful about the coming games. Junior Gabby Horton says, "We have a lot of talented golfers on our team, so we have played really well and will continue to do so."

"I think our girls will do well the rest of the season," Sime says. "They have a great work ethic and love to play the game, so they are willing to do whatever is necessary to make themselves better."

Little Shop of Horrors Commences Tonight



BY **JASMINE SNOOZY**

Have you ever heard the saying, "April showers bring May flowers?" Well, this year's musical stars one flower you don't want April showers to bring.

This year's musical is *Little Shop of Horrors*. According to director Keith Goeden, this musical is about a "nerdy guy whose life is just kind of bad, until he discovers this evil plant, who can make everything in his life better." The only problem is that the plant is hungry for people and it must be fed if anyone's wishes are to come true.

One lead role is the character of Seymour Krelborn, the nerdy florist shop worker, played by Joseph Boudreau. Another main character is Seymour's extremely greedy boss, Mr. Mushnik, played by Powers Schurrer. The love interest in this year's musical is Audrey (Madisen Mines), a very naïve and sort of ditzy character who tries to protect Seymour from Mr. Mushnik and Orin. Orin is Audrey's abusive boyfriend, played by Jase Likness. Orin's profession happens to be a dentist. Last, but by no means least, the evil plant is voiced by Robert Schmidt and Katelyn Erickson.

Goeden explained that putting together any musical is a big operation. Altogether there are about 50 kids working on this musical, 28 of whom are acting. The actors meet every



PHOTO BY JORDAN KOCH

Left to right: Emily Vortherms, Taylor Vavra, Jessica Nelson, Powers Schurrer, Kelsey Moser, Tanisha Hollingsworth, and Amy Johnson are pictured during a recent dress rehearsal.

day except Sundays to work on singing, dancing, acting, and more.

Besides the actors, many other students work on the production of the musical. The set and tech crew is overseen by Miss Sheana Eggers.

There is also a costume crew, run by Mrs. Pam Kallis, who helps the actors with costume changes in between scenes.

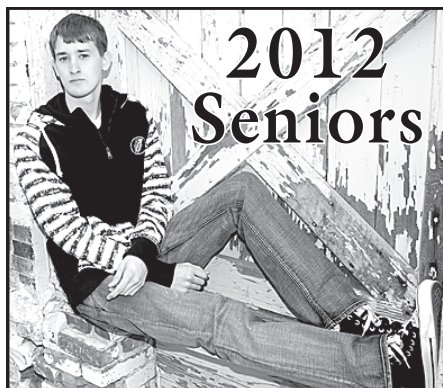
Musicians must also learn the music from Mrs. Angela Larson to accompany the actors and actresses with their songs.

"Tech crew meets everyday

after school and most Saturdays. We design, build, and construct the set for the musical. We also design and set lighting as well as the sound effects," says Miss Eggers.

Mr. Goeden adds, "There is a lot to be gained from theatre. I think you gain a lot of confidence, and it definitely helps with public speaking. It also forces you to manage your time. Being able to manage your time helps with all aspects of life."

Tonight is the last night to see *Little Shop of Horrors*! The curtains open at 7:00 p.m.



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BY **ALLISON KATHOL**

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2) Ride your bike. Use your bike as means of transportation as much as you can. You get a good workout while enjoying the weather without even starting your car.

3) Avoid starting and stopping your car. When running quick errands around town, don't shut your car off. This will avoid using so much gas to start and shut off your car.


4) Don't exceed 2 RPMs. There is no need to floor it down Broadway. Go at an easy speed and don't go above 2 RPMs to save gas.

5) Don't make unnecessary trips. Do all of your errands at once to avoid driving numerous times throughout the day. Also, do everything you need to do at one end of town so you are not driving all over town.

6) Use Ethanol Unleaded Plus (If You Can). This type of gas burns slower and it supports farmers!

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