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## Chess Board Made by Recycling YHS Bleacher Wood



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Yankton High School is full of extremely talented students, according to Dr. Kindle. A couple students in particular have talent in the field of industrial work. Ben Zweber a Woods II student, and John Vollmer, a student in the Advanced Fabrication class, recently used those talents to build a chess board and pieces for Dr. Kindle.

Zweber felt "accomplished and glad that I am worthy enough to build something for Dr. Kindle's home that everyone will be able to see."

Dr. Kindle had recently been looking for a chess set for his home, but would have had to pay somewhere between three hundred and four hundred dollars to get a set like the one Zweber and Vollmer made for him. Zweber was in need of a project for his woods class, so together they decided that Zweber would build a new chess board for the Kindles' residence, and they asked Vollmer to come up with some pieces.

The board was constructed in three to four weeks using three different types of wood, two of which are so rare you cannot buy them from a lumber yard. One type of wood was maple. It can be bought at any lumber yard for around thirty dollars for an eight-foot long board, one inch thick. It is lighter in color and has a very clear grain with no knots. It was used in the border and the lighter squares on the board.

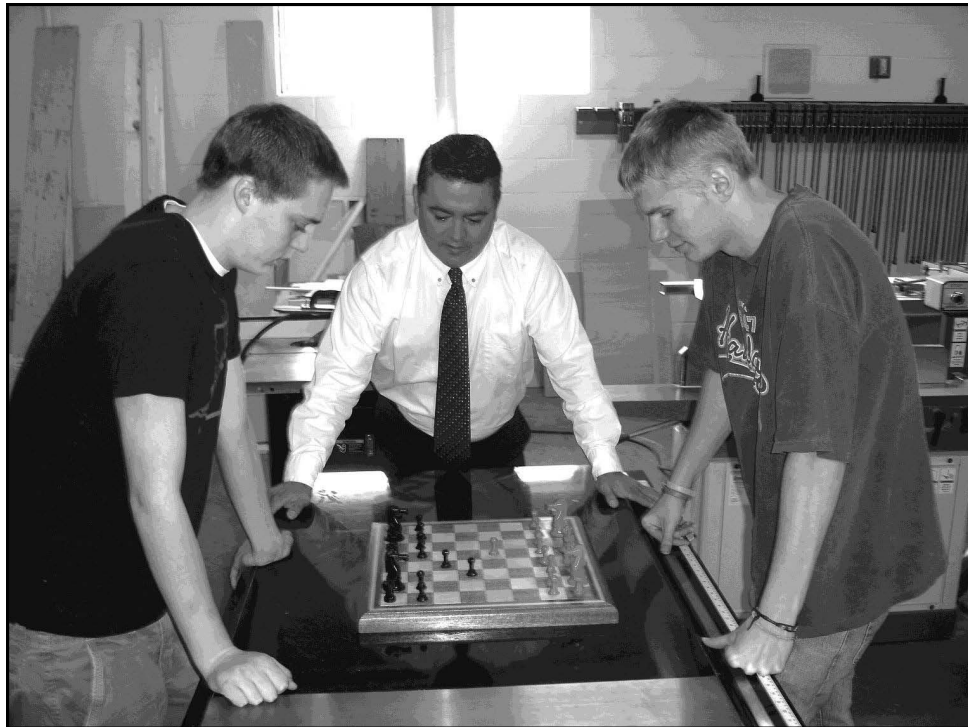
Another type of wood Zweber used was Yankton county walnut. This was something Zweber was lucky to get his hands on for it can no longer be purchased. The lumber was from the remnants of a very old house just outside of town that burnt down. He used walnut in the construction of the border. It has a very dark and mostly clear grain and has only a few knots. The last type of wood that Zweber used was mahogany. This is the other kind that one can no longer acquire from a local lumber yard.

The mahogany that Ben was given was from the old bleachers at the middle school. Mahogany has a medium color to it and has a very fine grain. This was used in the construction of the border and the darker squares on the board.

The other portion of the set, the playing pieces, was not only made, but also designed by Vollmer.

The chess board now sits in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Kindle. Dr. Kindle said, "When I was the principal at the middle school, we started a chess club; and, I started learning to play a little bit, but was too busy to learn fully."

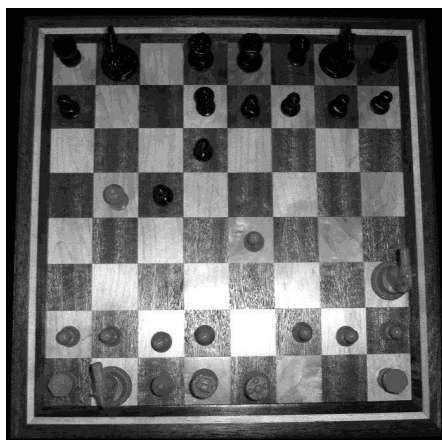
He and Mrs. Kindle are now finding time to learn to play on their new board which Dr. Kindle considers, "one of the nicest chess sets I have ever seen."



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**Above:** John Vollmer (left) and Ben Zweber (right) begin a game of chess while Dr. Kindle (center) watches.

**Right:** The chess board and playing pieces are shown. Zweber constructed the board for Dr. Kindle using pieces of wood which originally made up the bleachers at the former high school (now middle school) building.



## Students Participate in March Madness



BY  
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For avid basketball fans, March Madness is the best time of the year next to summer and Christmas.

Hundreds of thousands of brackets were filled out, and no one was able to choose all games correctly though many people stayed up late watching ESPN's Joe Lunardi's picks and his "bracketology" to try and make the perfect bracket.

The NCAA tournament displays a sixty-four team tournament to decide who the nation's best basketball team is. This year's final four included: Kentucky, Louisville, Ohio State, and Kansas.

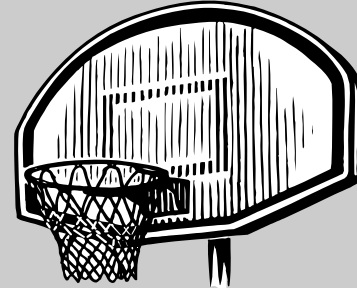
This year, however, the excitement of March Madness hit a little closer to home than expected with both the men and women from South Dakota State making the tournament. "I expected the women to make it (the NCAA Tournament), but for the guys to win was a shock," YHS senior Alex Heine said.

Both Jacks teams were defeated in the first and second rounds of the tournament with the men taking the Baylor Bears (who were Elite Eight bound) to the last three minutes of the game.

"That was great for the state of South Dakota, regardless of any rivalry or anything. They (South Dakota State) played well until the end against a quick and athletic Baylor squad. I feel they would have made it out of the second round if not facing such an athletic team." YHS teacher and basketball coach Adam Tyhurst stated.

One of the sites for the second and third rounds of play was in Omaha, Nebraska where a few Yankton students attended the games. Junior Patrick Ryken had nothing but great things to say about the games from the atmosphere to the style of play.

"I'm a huge fan of basketball from NBA to high school but there is nothing better than college basketball. They



truly love the game and it shows when they play," Ryken said.

He and junior Drew Konopasek witnessed one of the greatest upsets in tournament history, with a fifteen seed Norfolk State defeating a guard heavy Missouri squad. "No one thought they could pull it off—to witness that game was cool and something I will never forget," Ryken added.

Another big upset was Lehigh over the Duke Blue Devils. According to Mr. Tyhurst, he called that upset, choosing Lehigh over Duke.

President Obama even gets into the March Madness spirit by completing his "Presidential Bracket." He had the North Carolina Tar Heels winning it all, but due to star guard Kendall Marshall's injury, Kansas was too much to handle.

On the other side of the bracket the number one overall seed Kentucky Wildcats will face the rival Louisville Cardinals. Ryken has Kentucky winning. "It was tough to pick against my favorite team (Louisville), but I hope I am wrong."

It is hard for basketball enthusiasts to say who will win it all, because all for teams are in the Final Four for a reason. "I have Kansas winning over Kentucky because Thomas Robinson is a beast, and the best big man left. Even over Kentucky's stud freshmen Anthony Davis," sophomore Landon Breen added.

Results for the weekend games were not available at press time. The national championship game will be played in New Orleans on Monday, April 2. The championship game will be televised on CBS at 8 p.m. central time.

## Boys & Girls Club Hosts Teen Events



BY  
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The Boys & Girls Club of Yankton is planning to host a teen night once a month at their traditional site located at 1804 Broadway.

"I am hoping to get about 60 to 65 kids in the building. In order for us to step up our venue or get bigger space we have to fill the whole club space. I've been working [on this idea] for about 3 years," said Michael Johnson, unit director of the Yankton Boys & Girls Club.

The Boys & Girls Club is hosting these dances to raise money for some other big events.

All events this club hosts are aimed at fulfilling their mission as stated on the Yankton club's website, "To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens."

"I've been here for about 6 months. I should be here for all or most of the dances. It is just fun being able to participate in activities such as these," said Ricky Gutierrez, who provides music for the dances.

Many of the kids enjoy attending the dances and spending other free time at the club.

"[The March] dance wasn't as great as the Valentine's Day Dance. I loved it and all, but it could've used a little more crowd. The bigger the crowd, the bigger amount of friends I have here. I still liked it, even though it could've been a little



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MR. DEVIN WARREN

Sarah Odom, Cassandra Stillo, and Philecia Lowe are pictured enjoying Teen Night activities at the local Boys and Girls Club.

bigger," said Selena Olvera, a freshman at Yankton High School.

"All I know is the dance [I attended] was really exciting—no drama, no parents, nothing bad. I felt free. It's my home away from home," said Dustin Petersen, a freshman at Yankton High School.

Dances are held at the club on (or close to) holidays. The Boys & Girls Club is trying to brainstorm other possible ways to attract more high school and middle school students, including plans for a possible block party this summer.

Many area businesses donate to this non-profit organization which otherwise depends on fundraising or attendance billing (for the after school program) to continue providing a safe and entertaining place for children and young adults.

## Yankton Teams Fare Well at National History Day Competition



BY  
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On March 14, students from Mr. Haar's AP History class who chose to participate in National History Day traveled to the Old Courthouse Museum in Sioux Falls for the regional competition.

The results this year were great, as the two historical paper entries gained blue ribbons, and four exhibits qualified for the state competition.

"The students had a choice of doing a paper for the class, or an exhibit or historical paper for National History Day," said Mr. Haar.

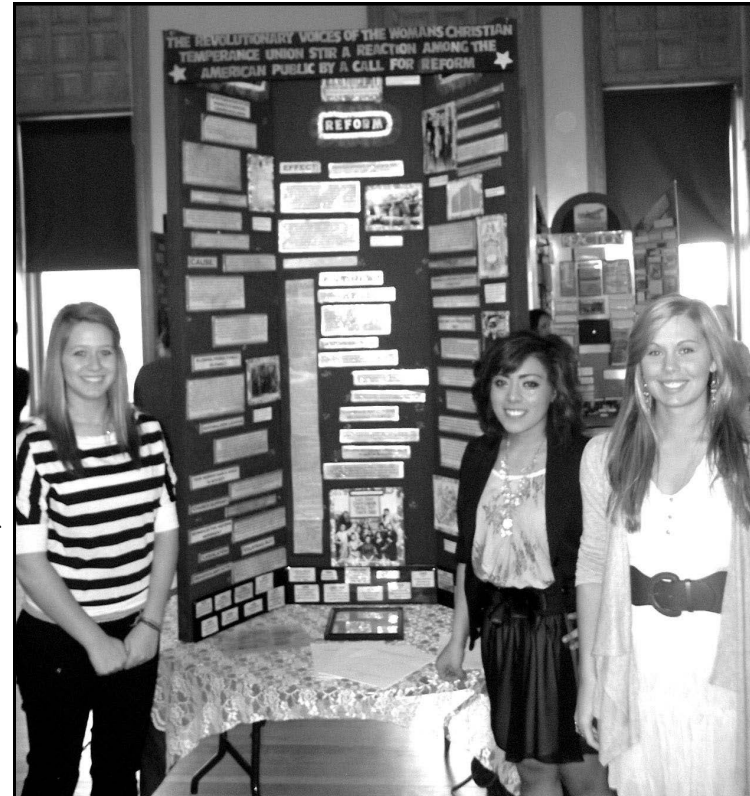
The students who chose to participate in National History Day "went to USD for a research seminar, prepared a research proposal, a wish list bibliography, and then held work nights in the library," Mr. Haar added.

The students participating had to heavily research their topics to incorporate the theme of "Revolution, Reaction, and Reform" and spend a great deal of time working on their projects.

"Ms. Tasa is the best librarian in the world," said Mr. Haar on her involvement in helping students research their topics. "The USD professors have also been cooperative."

Two students wrote historical papers for National History Day: Drew Konopasek with a paper over reform in Wall Street, and Theresa Barnes with a paper about Dorothea Dix. Both students earned blue ribbons.

The four teams that tied for first were Cameron Luken and Alex Rehurek with their board "The Culmination of NASA's Technological Advancements," Kayla Sylvester and Eric Stratman with their board "Revolutionary Military Applications of Nuclear Energy," Adam Spencer and Garrison Brockberg with



COURTESY PHOTO

Katie Greenway, Melissa Gonzalez, and Hannah Horn are shown with their state-qualifying National History Day project.

their board "Billy Mitchell's Revolutionary Theories of Air Power," and Melissa Gonzalez, Hannah Horn and Katie Greenway with their board "The Revolutionary Voices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union."

Participant Cameron Luken said that he was "extremely proud" that his team placed first at the regional competition.

"We put a lot of time and hard work into this project, and it pleases me that it paid off. I'm looking forward to the state competition, and I hope that we can make it on to the national competition in Washington, D.C.," Luken added.

Alex Rehurek, Luken's partner, stated that choosing to participate in the National History Day event "is a great learning experience."

The state competition will be held on April 14 at South Dakota State University.

## Noteworthy News Briefs

The YHS junior class is preparing for prom festivities on April 28. If anyone has any strands of solid-colored, white, or black Christmas lights which could be used for decoration, please bring them to school with your name on them. Mr. Johnson in room 168 is collecting the lights.

The spring musical, *Godspell*, will be performed on April 19, 20, 21, and 23 at 7 p.m.

Yankton juniors will be participating in the Dakota Step Testing on April 2, 3, 18, and 19. Students are to report directly to assigned classrooms by 8:20 a.m. each testing day. (Please do not be late, as this will affect all students in your testing area.) Bring two sharpened #2 pencils, a ruler, and a calculator with you for the test. Some basic calculators will be available to those who do not bring their own. Permission slips are required to take open lunch on Thursday, April 19th and must be turned into the attendance office by Friday, April 13th. Students who have fulfilled requirements for open campus will be excused during 4th period on April 19.

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