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Award Honors Local Heroes

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They don't have superhuman strength. They can't fly and they don't have magical powers – but they are still superheroes.

The American Heart Association (AHA) has honored Yankton County Emergency Medical Services, Yankton Police Department, Yankton County Search and Rescue and Irene First Responders with the Heart Saver Hero Award.

The award honors individuals who have shown courage and dedication by their acts of heroism in the community.

The responders were recognized with the award after their involvement in two separate cardiac arrest calls.

"It resulted in both patients surviving and being discharged from the hospital and able to return to their families," Yankton County Emergency Medical Services Director Steve Hawkins said. "As you know, this is not the result that occurs on a regular basis – but it is a result that we all hope for during our response."

Eastern Specialist and State EMS Data Manager Robert Keys presented this lifesaving award to all four of the organizations.

"This is the first time to our knowledge that there has been any type of recognition such as this in South Dakota," the

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Nebraska

Filling A Prescription?

New Law Could Help Put Medical Marijuana On Ballot

BY GRANT SCHULTE

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Worried that lawmakers may not act, advocates for medical marijuana could take their campaign to Nebraska voters next year, and a new state law could make their job easier.

Supporters said they've started gathering signatures to place the issue on the November 2016 ballot. Despite significant hurdles, activists from the Omaha chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws said the new petitioning law will make a difference.

"It's still a mighty task, but this helps us tremendously," said Bryan Boganowski, the founder of Omaha NORML.

The law signed last week by Gov. Pete Ricketts allows petition organizers to pay circulators by the signature, instead of by the hour. Critics of the 2008 ban on signature-based pay argued that many grassroots groups don't have the resources to pay circulators hourly, and paying by the signature gives circulators an incentive to gather more.

Boganowski said his group has 50 to 60 volunteers throughout the state who are circulating petitions, and is planning to raise money and hire

a professional petition company to gather enough signatures.

Organizers hope to replicate the efforts of last year's successful ballot campaign to increase the minimum wage, which relied heavily on financial support from unions and wealthy Democratic donors.

Lawmakers could still debate medical marijuana legalization this year, but its prospects are unclear. The Judiciary Committee is tentatively

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A Prize-Winning Promotion



Yankton High School students Beck Frick, Sydney Ingalls, Erin Liken and McKenna Golden won the top prize in the 2014 Healthcare Video Contest with their video "Healthcare for the Future."

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YHS Students Win Statewide Healthcare Video Contest

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A short message promoting healthcare careers has won a group of Yankton High School students a \$1,000 prize to split with their school.

Beck Frick, Sydney Ingalls, Erin Liken and McKenna Golden won the top prize in the 2014 Healthcare Video Contest with their video "Healthcare for the Future."

The contest is sponsored by the Yankton Rural Area Health Education Center (AHEC), the South Dakota Association of Healthcare organizations, the South Dakota Healthcare Workforce Center and Midcontinent Communications.

The team competed against other students across the state by making a 30-second video promoting health care career awareness.

"A Better World," produced by Vermillion High School student Jordan Fostvedt of Brandy Wallin's Anatomy class, took runner-up honors and received \$500 to split with his school.

According to the Yankton Rural AHEC's website, South Dakota's Healthcare industry is projected to be among the largest growth industries from 2012-2022. The industry is expected to add 7,305 workers to South Dakota's economy.

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Hundreds Attend Firefighter's Funeral

BRANDON (AP) — Hundreds of mourners have turned out to honor a South Dakota firefighter killed in the line of duty.

A funeral for Steven Ackerman was held Sunday in Brandon. Ackerman died April 12 while fighting a house fire that also killed homeowner David Smith.

Ackerman was a 14-year volunteer with nearby Valley Springs Fire and Rescue. The *Argus Leader* reports a bagpipe band made up of firefighters from across South

Dakota ushered Ackerman's casket to the front of the gym at Brandon Valley High School.

The Rev. Norm Bouwens told mourners to hold Ackerman up "as an example of how we should live our lives, with valor ... and love."

Childhood friend Mike Harstad of Valley Springs says Ackerman saw himself as a regular person just doing his community a service.

Finance Leaders See Global Threats

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's financial leaders see a number of threats facing a global economy still on an uneven road to recovery with U.S. and European officials worrying that Greece will default on its debt.

The finance ministers and central bank governors ended three days of meetings in Washington determined to work toward "a more robust, balanced and job-rich economy" while admitting there are risks in reaching that objective, the steering committee of the Inter-

national Monetary Fund said in its communiqué Saturday.

Seeking to resolve Athens' debt crisis, Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis held a series of talks with other finance officials on the sidelines of the meetings. The focus now shifts to Riga, Latvia, where European Union finance ministers meet next week.

The head of the European Central Bank, Mario Draghi, said it was "urgent" to resolve the current dispute between Greece and its creditors. He said that while the interna-

tional finance system had been strengthened since the 2008 crisis, a Greek default would still put the global economy into "uncharted waters" with its effect hard to estimate.

Draghi told reporters he did not want to even contemplate the chance of a Greek default on its debt. But French Finance Minister Michel Sapin said he thought any damage would be confined to Greece because euro zone countries had established measures to protect themselves from any spillover effects.



Model Event

This model strutted her stuff at the General Federation of Woman's Club's fourth annual Fashion Show at Yankton's Calvary Baptist Church Saturday. At the fashion show, area women stayed up to date by learning about the latest styles and fashions from local clothing stores. The GFWC is an international organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. All proceeds from the event will be donated to local charities. (Jordynne Hart/P&D)



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