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Above: YHS students cheer for the Bucks.

Below: The Yankton Bucks celebrate after defeating the Pierre Governors 21-20.



Back to Back State Champs

BY HOLLY HICKS

Football unites a town. Whether it's a win or a loss, Yankton fans will always love our Bucks. On November 13th, the Bucks headed to the Dome for the second year in a row to claim that championship title once again.

Walking into the Dome and seeing all that red created a déjà vu feeling. For two years in a row, the Yankton student section was able to pile into those

stands and cheer the Bucks to victory.

Another similarity to last year was the overtime game-winning play. Last year, Matt Fitzgerald (now an SDSU freshman) broke up a pass to win the championship. This year, Tanner Frick made the play that broke up the pass and brought the Bucks to a well-deserved win. The instant that play was over, the crowd erupted in screams and cheers.

Our Bucks deserved that win and to call them-

selves state champs. They came through a lot of struggles, injuries, and changes. Nate Stephenson, as a junior, stepped up to the challenge and took on the responsibility as quarterback. All of the Bucks worked together to make it into the championship game again.

Overall, it was an exhilarating game that produced a huge win. Yankton as a whole can take pride in this win that proved how much hard work and effort all the football players put into their team. Hopefully this winning streak will continue in years to come, and Yankton will continue to dominate the football field.

Senior Editor's Note

Every year around this time we think about what we are thankful for. I would have to say what I'm most thankful for is being able to spend the holidays with someone. It may not cross people's minds that during this time there are people out there spending their time alone.

This year, for the first time, I attended a Thanksgiving feast in town at the Calvary Baptist Church, where everyone in the community was welcome for a free Thanksgiving meal. It was beautiful to see so many people sitting amongst one another and giving each other company.

Having a split family, I attended a total of four different Thanksgiving events, and I had the opportunity to spend time with all of my family members, some of whom are only able to meet together a few times a year. When I look back on these days I know I will not just remember my grandmother's killer mashed potatoes. Instead, I will remember her smiling face as she watched her grandchildren play.

This is the season for giving, and I encourage people to step out of their comfort zone to make a difference in another person's life who may not have a family with whom they may spend the holidays. In the end it is the little sentimental things we remember, so give someone something to remember.

-Samantha W.

Where's Your Character?

BY SAMANTHA WENZLAFF

Yankton High School's Character Counts Week was October 26th through October 30th. Character Counts is a week where students are urged to participate in different activities that give students a sort of guideline to live by to gain character.

There are six main pillars for the week: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. If a person is trustworthy, they are honest, they don't cheat or steal, and they have courage to do the right thing. Respect means to treat others how you would like to be treated. Responsibility is to be prepared ahead of time, do as you are asked, and take the consequences for your actions. Fairness means to listen to rules, give others opportunities, and have an open mind. To be caring is to show people you are grateful to them, to help others, and to be kind. The last pillar, citizenship, means to do what you can to make things better, help out in the community, and be respectful of authority.

YHS students were asked to wear green on Monday for responsibility, tie-dye on Tuesday for respect, blue on Wednesday for trustworthiness, red on Thursday for caring, and orange on Friday for fairness. Students who wore the colors were able to sign up for a drawing during lunch, and at the end of each day, two names were drawn. The first name won a \$25 Walmart gift card, and the second won a t-shirt.

Amy Reyes, counselor at YHS, feels like the high school was brought together as a school because of the activities YHS chose to do for character counts. "It's nice to look out and see a sea of red or green," Reyes said. She feels as though people who live by the pillars interact with others better, can change someone's day from a bad one to a good one, and gives others a sense of belonging.

Red Cup Controversy

BY SAMMI SIMONSEN

Our nation has been heated by the newest holiday cup from Starbucks. Every winter season, the company chooses a festive design to help coffee drinkers get in the mood for the upcoming season. This year the winter cup is sporting the usually red color with the green Starbucks logo, unlike the past designs of Christmas trees and ornaments.

Some people think this simple design is an attack on Christmas itself. Starbucks maintains they designed this basic cup for people to create their own messages for the season. Yet there are still people who believe the company is trying to ignore Christmas this year.

Some outraged people are going to Starbucks, and when asked their name, say "Merry Christmas," so the barista has to shout out "Merry Christmas!"

2015 winter season has brought a troubled start for the company, but does it matter what's on the outside, or does the liquid inside make up for the cup?



Upcoming Band Trip

BY ASHLYNN SCHWARZ

This year, the Yankton High School band has the honor of attending the Russell Athletic Bowl in Orlando, Florida. The band, along with hundreds of other band members across the United States, will be performing three famous songs: "Mustang Sally," "Killer Joe," and "Shout It Out Loud."

Along with going to the Bowl, the band will also visit Universal Studios.

The band will leave on the morning of December 26th, and return early New Year's Day.

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At left: The controversial red Starbucks cups.

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