

Police Dog Visits Stewart School



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The third graders at Stewart Elementary School would like to thank Officer Jason Foote and his police dog Aries for their visit to their classroom. The visit followed the reading of a nonfiction selection in the “Journeys” textbook called “Aero and Officer Mike.” The children learned many things about the training of police dogs and the relationships between the handler and the canine while reading the story. Those concepts were reinforced during Officer Foote’s visit. The kids were very excited to see the dog and learn about the different activities and responsibilities involved with being a canine trainer. Thanks so much for your time, Officer Foote!

Car Talk

No Way To DIY Recycle A Catalytic Converter

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Car Talk:
I’m fairly sure the answer is “no,” but is there any way to clean a catalytic converter once it’s removed from the vehicle? That’s all, folks.
—Norm
Why? You want to use it as a vase on your dining-room table, Norm?
I suspect you’re wondering if you can clean it and reuse it in your car. And the answer to that is, no you can’t.

There are companies that will remove the catalyst and reuse whatever is left of the chemicals to create a new or rebuilt converter. The chemical catalysts themselves, which are rare metals like platinum and palladium, never wear out.

When the converter is built, those chemicals are applied to the outside of a ceramic honeycomb that fills the



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converter. Then, when harmful exhaust gases (carbon monoxide, nitrous oxides and unburned hydrocarbons) pass through the converter, they come into contact with the catalysts and are converted into less-dangerous chemicals that can go out the tailpipe.

Over time, that honeycomb disintegrates, and pieces of it actually break off and get blown into your muffler and out through the exhaust pipe. But it’s possible for companies with the right equipment to harvest what’s left of those chemicals and reuse them to manufacture a new honeycomb. And it’s worth it, because those metals are expensive and repre-

sent a huge percentage of the cost of the converter.

But that’s not something you can do yourself, Norm. So go apologize now to your wife for running your old converter through the dishwasher.

Stop the madness! You can stop driving like a knucklehead, and you’ll help your car in the process. Learn how your driving habits can harm your car in Click and Clack’s pamphlet “Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!” Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Car Talk/Ruin, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

Got a question about cars? Write to Car Talk in care of this newspaper, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

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FFA State Champions Crowned In Career Development Events

BROOKINGS — On Dec. 6-7, in Pierre, 443 FFA members from across South Dakota met for the State FFA Leadership Career Development Events (CDEs). FFA members and chapters were recognized for their success in 11 leadership areas. The top two teams and top three individuals from each of the seven FFA districts advanced to this state competition.

State-winning teams and individuals now advance to the National FFA Career Development Events in Indianapolis next fall.

Parliamentary Procedure teams, consisting of seven members per team, demonstrate an FFA business meeting. Our state sponsor is South Dakota Farmers Union, and the national level sponsor is TransCanada. The state level team travel scholarship is sponsored by Monte and Ruth Mason and Brett and Tracy Kaltvedt.

The team results are as follows:

1. GOLD — Highmore
2. SILVER — Harrisburg
3. SILVER — Willow Lake
4. BRONZE — McCook Central

5. BRONZE — De Smet
The All-State Parliamentary Procedure Team is comprised of the top individual officer from each position in the Parliamentary Procedure CDE. These competitors are the best-of-the-best in their respective position. This area is sponsored by Skinner Financial Services. Those selected are:

- President — Grace Aasheim, Harrisburg
Vice President — Cagney Effling, Highmore
Secretary — Sydney

Wood, Harrisburg
Treasurer — Logan Single, Highmore
Reporter — Natalie Leisinger, Highmore
Sentinel — Makayla DeDeyne, De Smet
Student Advisor — Alexander Auch, Harrisburg
In Prepared Public Speaking, each contestant presents a 6-8 minute agriculture-oriented speech and answers five minutes of related questions. The event and travel scholarship are sponsored by Ag PhD. The national level sponsor is Monsanto.

- The results were:
1. GOLD — Jennifer Hurlbert, Clark
2. GOLD — Sarah McClure, Hoven
3. SILVER — Riggen Zelinsky, Brookings
4. SILVER — Tia Pawlowski, Miller
5. SILVER — Abby Hora, Viborg-Hurley
6. BRONZE — Marie Robbins, Elkton
7. BRONZE — Ashlynn Beninga, Harrisburg
8. BRONZE — Nathan Harmer, Harrisburg

In Extemporaneous Public Speaking, an unrehearsed 4-6 minute speech is written and presented onsite. Each contestant is allowed only 30 minutes to prepare. Our state level and travel scholarship sponsor is the South Dakota Farm Bureau. The national level sponsor is the American Farm Bureau Federation. Results were as follows:

1. GOLD — Jaclynn Knutson, Viborg-Hurley
2. GOLD — Andrew Streff, McCook Central
3. SILVER — Matt Bogue,

Beresford
4. SILVER — Amber Hulse, Hot Springs
5. SILVER — Joslyn Hurlbert, Clark
6. BRONZE — Mary Dybedahl, Tri Valley
7. BRONZE — Claire Longhenry, Garretson
8. BRONZE — Carolyn Blatchford, Brookings

Job Interview challenges FFA members to complete a job application, write a letter of application, participate in an actual interview and compose a follow-up letter. Our sponsor is the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and the national sponsor is CSX. The winning travel scholarship is sponsored by Kindra Gordon and Three Corners Agency, Inc. — Melissa Stearns, Agent. The results were:

1. GOLD — Carson Ulrich, West Central
2. GOLD — Katie Miller, Groton
3. SILVER — Jaclynn Knutson, Viborg-Hurley
4. SILVER — GeorgiaLee Quail, Deuel
5. SILVER — Laurel Diekhoff, Wolsey-Wessington
6. BRONZE — Taylor Ruhoff, Rapid City
7. BRONZE — Sydnie Peters, Winner
8. BRONZE — Nicholas Achen, Groton

Ag Sales team members work together to develop a strategy for selling pre-determined products to specific customer scenarios. Participants also practice their individual sales skills by selling an agricultural product to a customer. This event is sponsored by Eastern Farmers Cooperative. The winning travel scholarship is

sponsored by Eastern Farmers Cooperative and Curry Seeds. The national level sponsor is Monsanto. Zoetis Animal Health sponsored the products which students sold. The results were:

- Ag Sales Teams:
1. GOLD — Viborg-Hurley
2. SILVER — Mitchell
3. SILVER — West Central
4. BRONZE — Rapid City
5. BRONZE — Winner
The Junior Conduct of

Meetings event is designed for high school freshmen to present a mock FFA meeting. This event is sponsored by Gary Bachman, Prairie Appraisal Service of Bowdle. The team results were:

1. GOLD — Highmore
2. SILVER — McCook Central
3. SILVER — Winner
4. BRONZE — Deubrook
5. BRONZE — Lennox Sundstrom

Creed Speaking participants recite the FFA Creed and answer questions posed by the judges. This event and travel scholarship is sponsored by Craig and Bonnie Dybedahl and Mike Ringgenberg. The national level sponsor is Red Brand. The results were:

1. GOLD — Kayla Smeenk, Harrisburg
2. GOLD — John Achen, Groton
3. SILVER — Sydney Hoffman, Bridgewater-Emery
4. SILVER — Sammy Swanson, Webster-Waubay
5. SILVER — Ella Schmidt, Chester
6. BRONZE — Maria Beadle, Bowdle
7. BRONZE — Shane Spencer, West Central
8. BRONZE — Shania Knutson, Viborg-Hurley

In Marketing Plan, teams of students determine a local community need and create a complete strategy for marketing a new agricultural product or company to fill that need. The sponsor is Legend Seeds, Inc., and the state winning team travel scholarship is sponsored by Hurley and Associates. The national level sponsors are Bunge North America. The results are:

1. GOLD — Canton
2. SILVER — Lennox Sundstrom
3. SILVER — Garretson
4. BRONZE — Hitchcock-Tulare
5. BRONZE — Chamberlain

In Ag Issues, a team of 3-7 students discuss the pros and cons of a major agricultural issue facing their area. The event and the state winning team travel scholarship are sponsored by South Dakota Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers. This event is sponsored nationally by Elanco. The results were:

1. GOLD — Lennox Sundstrom
2. SILVER — Wall
3. SILVER — McCook Central
4. BRONZE — West Central
5. BRONZE — Milbank

In Ag Broadcasting/Journalism, students have 30 minutes to prepare a five-minute agricultural radio newscast and then “air” it. This event is sponsored by Ludens Implement. Results were:

1. GOLD — Jacob Lolley, Jones County
2. GOLD — Jacque Verdoorn, Viborg-Hurley

3. SILVER — Colton Damjanovich, Lemmon
4. SILVER — Teanna Pawlowski, Miller
5. SILVER — Bailey Miles, Clark
6. BRONZE — Alex Uhl, Garretson

7. BRONZE — Lindsey Berg, Bridgewater-Emery
8. BRONZE — Tucker Bigge, Parkston
In Ag Communications, teams of students play the role of communications consultants to develop and present a media plan for an assigned scenario. This event is sponsored by the South Dakota Broadcasters Association. The winning travel scholarship is sponsored by Dakota Farm talk. The national level sponsor is Osborn Barr. The results were:

1. GOLD — Miller
2. SILVER — Sturgis
3. SILVER — West Central
4. BRONZE — McCook Central

5. BRONZE — Harrisburg
The South Dakota FFA Association is one of 52 state associations belonging to the National FFA Organization. The South Dakota FFA Association consists of 81 FFA chapters and m 4,000 FFA members. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Visit www.ffa.org or aged.sdstate.edu for more information, and/or follow us on Facebook (South Dakota FFA Association), Twitter (@SD_FFA) and Instagram (sdf-ffaassociation).

Fire Marshal Urges Safety With Christmas Decorations

PIERRE — South Dakota Fire Marshal Paul Merriman encourages South Dakotans to enjoy the holiday season, but also to be careful with possible fire risks.

“There are so many special activities going on in homes during the holidays,” says Merriman. “There are more family gatherings, more special meals and more features like Christmas trees, candles and lights. All those are good things, but they also increase the chance of home fires.”

Among the safety tips that Merriman suggests can be used to reduce the risk of other holiday-related home fires include:

- If you have a natural tree in your home, check the amount of water in the stand each day. A fresh tree can take in up to a quart of water a day.
- Place the tree away from heat sources such as fireplaces and heaters, and don’t place it in an exit path.
- Never use candles on or near a tree. Make sure the lights you use are UL listed and not frayed or damaged.
- Don’t use outdoor lights indoors or indoor lights outdoors.
- Don’t overload electrical circuits. Use approved circuit strips and turn off all Christmas lights before leaving the home or retiring for the evening.
- Put lit candles in glass safety globes and keep lit candles away from drafty windows and doorways.
- Avoid the temptation to burn cardboard boxes or holiday wrapping paper in a fireplace. Those materials burn at very high temperatures and not all fireplaces are suited to burn those materials.

MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of December 14-18, 2015. Menus are subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk.

YANKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday: Hotdog
Tuesday: Chicken Strips
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Spaghetti Sauce On Pasta
Friday: Hamburger

YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday: Quesadilla
Tuesday: Hamburger
Wednesday: Ham & Cheese Croissant
Thursday: Waffle Sticks
Friday: Hotdog

YHS R LINE MENU

Monday: Nachos
Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets
Wednesday: Chicken Alfredo
Thursday: Stuffed Crust Pizza Dippers
Friday: Grilled Cheese

YHS W LINE MENU

Monday: Cheeseburger Pizza
Tuesday: Tator Tot Casserole
Wednesday: Combo Meat Wrap
Thursday: Broccoli Soup
Friday: Hot Turkey Cheese Sandwich

YHS B LINE MENU

Monday: Chicken Littles
Tuesday: Footlong
Wednesday: Bacon Cheeseburger
Thursday: Chicken Fajita
Friday: Pepperoni Pizza

SACRED HEART SCHOOLS

Monday: Cheeseburger
Tuesday: Scrambled Eggs
Wednesday: Tomato Soup
Thursday: Chicken Alfredo
Friday: Super Nachos

Thank you to all our friends and supporters at Calvary Baptist, Assembly of God, Sacred Heart, Trinity Lutheran, Ransom Church, Stewart School, Yankton High School, Vermillion/Yankton Medical Clinic, Universal Pediatrics, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Avera at Home, Kolberg-Pioneer Inc., Rita’s Purse-O-Nalities, USD School of Health Sciences, Rivercity Cheer, Explosion and Fury team members and Hansen Funeral Home. Also, everyone who has sent prayers, hugs, words of support and helped fund the 401project.com are all so special to us.

Love to all and God Bless.

The Family of Cortez Castillo



MORNING COFFEE



WEEKDAYS
MONDAY-
FRIDAY

Monday, December 14

7:40 am Yankton City Manager (Amy Nelson)

8:20 am Yankton School Board (Dr. Wayne Kindle)

Tuesday, December 15

7:40 am Hy-Vee Dietician (Kenny Tomek)

7:50 am Yankton County Commission (Don Kettering)

8:20 am United Methodist Nativity (Lexy Klinkhammer)



A giant thank you for all the cards, gifts and memories from all the people who came to my retirement party.

Ted Mickelson
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