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Student Talent Brilliantly Displayed At YHS Idol



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Every year, Yankton High School hosts YHS Idol, which is a play-off of the famous televised singing competition, *American Idol*. During this singing competition, each contestant is allowed to sing a song of their choosing that they perform in front of a panel of judges and a live audience. While the contestant is performing, the judges each rank them based on their talent, sound, and audience's reaction. These rankings are then added up. The overall scores are then compared, and the performances that receive the top 3 scores are awarded recognition. First place also receives a cash prize.

Just Prior to the YHS Idol program on Jan. 13th, the Yankton High School Student Council had put on a chili feed. The guests that attended this event received two bowls of either chili or chicken noodle soup, and a cinnamon roll. The funds that the Student Council had raised from this chili feed went to the Children's Miracle Network. All of South Dakota's schools' student councils sponsor some sort of fundraiser, having the proceeds go to the Children's Miracle Network.

All attendees of the chili feed were then encouraged to then stay and enjoy the YHS Idol competition. The competition was held in the Yankton High School Theatre. The MCs for the night, Elizabeth Pearson and Patrick Binder, announced each of the



Above: Tyler Highland and Abby Slattery perform "Gravity" by Sara Bareilles for the YHS Idol talent show last Monday evening. Highland and Slattery received second for their performance.

Right: Jenna Sorensen performs "How He Loves Us" during YHS Idol. As usual, the students' performances drew a large crowd. The judges, Mr. Kallis, Sra. Kallis, and Ms. Velk gave critique throughout the show and awarded scores to the acts. First through third place contestants were given recognition with the first place winner receiving a small cash prize.

acts and had many uplifting comments during the competition.

The judges for the night included Mr. Kallis (a grammar and debate teacher), Senora Kallis (a Spanish teacher), and Ms. Velk (a Chemistry teacher). After the contestants performed their chosen song, the judges gave critique and wrote down an overall score.

There were a total of 17 acts with a combination of singers with various instrumental pieces, acapella, and karaoke versions of songs. The various performers kept the audience entertained throughout the whole night. One singer even

got the audience involved, having the audience snap their fingers along to the beat of the song.

At the end of the night, the judges' scores were tallied. Cody Geary and Rachel Orton, who sang *Let Her Go* by Passenger, received third place.

Second place went to Tyler Highland and Abby Slattery, singing the song, *Gravity* by Sara Bareilles.

First Place, with a small cash prize, was awarded to Hailey Baugh with the song *Never Need Nobody*. She had sung acapella, showing her amazing

vocal control.

YHS Idol was a well-attended, fun event that provided entertainment for anyone who chose to come and watch the competition. Performers and audience members alike were able to enjoy this fun evening.

Because of the success of the event, it is likely that YHS Idol will continue its tradition next year, along with the Student Council chili feed that takes place right before the competition. YHS Idol showcased amazing talent and was a fun evening for everyone who attended.



PHOTOS BY JENNA DEBOER

Y's Words On The Knockout Game



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New Year's Eve. Denver Colorado. Four more people fall victim to what investigators fear may be the sadistic "Knockout" game. The troubling trend that has everyday citizens looking over their shoulders is reaching pandemic status in larger cities. As more and more people are sucker punched, the public has begun taking notice.

I don't know if it's a right of passage or if it is a coming of age thing for young people, but I find it extremely imprudent. The fact that these people have no concern for human life scares me as I imagine it does most people. Its nerve-wracking to think that someone for no discernible reason would come up behind you and knock you out.

This game has injured umpteen people and even resulted in a death of a homeless man in New Jersey. If the game continues, there is no telling how many people will fall stooge to such low brow skylark.

Most people like to point fingers and say this is a hate crime. Sure, I believe in some cases this label is fitting and even praiseworthy at times. To say though that the whole crime is based on race is fallacious. I think, even though it is ridiculous as it sounds, that people play this twisted game to simply lift a middle finger to the law.

I, as a perturbed citizen asks the question, "Can we ever stop this game?"

Bucks Off To Promising Start Thanks To Strong Leadership



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This year's Buck Basketball team is doing their best to change the program's reputation.

The Coach Haynes era is off to a quick second year.

This year the Bucks have had a quick start backed by strong offensive play and tenacity on defense that hasn't been visible for quite some time.

The question becomes what or who gets the credit for this season's early successes.

Is it the new court? The new jerseys?

I believe it is the winning attitude and philosophy instilled in the brain of this team by Coach Haynes.

There is a work ethic visible in this year's team that will likely set precedent for how a Buck Basketball player should conduct themselves.

Don't begin to think this is a one hit wonder team either.

Early in the year the team found leadership in players that are in for the long haul such as junior

Brady Hale and sophomore Reid Sawatzke.

There are strong leadership qualities among the team's seniors such as Ryan Olson, J.J. Henja, and Reid's older brother Lane. However it is hard to deny that Hale and the younger Sawatzke are the face of the newly rejuvenated Buck's squad along with Coach Haynes.

This team arguably has more all-around talent than the teams that featured current professional European League basketball player Colton Iverson.

That may be setting the bar high but be sure that the players on this team don't believe they've peaked this year. If anything, this is just the beginning.

As the season moves along, watch for the Bucks to open some eyes and show their true talent against some of the bigger names in South Dakota basketball.

The Bucks are no longer a team that can be overlooked. For now we simply bide our time until an opposing coach makes that mistake and, no pun intended, gets the horns.

Gazelles Start Season With Confidence; Younger Players Stepping Up to Fill Roles



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The Yankton Gazelles Basketball team is 2-6 on the year. They opened with 2 straight wins against Wattertown and Huron.

"We started off on a good foot which gave us some confidence," said senior guard Whitlee Larson. In the first two games the Gazelles had more than three players score in double figures. The confidence definitely played a key factor in those games.

The Gazelles have some younger players stepping up to fill roles on the team. Freshmen guard Lindsey Hale and forward Kami



Cornemann see court time and gain experience night in and night out.

The diverse combination of seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen all on the court at once gives the Gazelle the depth and spark they need.

"It has been a great experience for everyone. The energy is always there on the court," Said Larson

about the younger players.

After the first two games the Gazelles faced a tough schedule confronting all teams ranked near the top in the state: Sioux Falls Washington, Mitchell, Brookings, and Harrisburg.

The six game losing streak is surely going to be over soon for the persevering Gazelles. They are stepping up their efforts in practice and using their losses to grow as a team.

"Losses ultimately make us want it that much more, and bring us together as a team," said Larson.

Giving up isn't a part of the game plan for the Gazelles. Every game they are getting better and the flame of intensity on the court grows.

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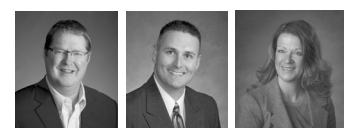
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Jan. 13-17.

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