

Elections, Award Presentations Highlight Girls State At USD

VERMILLION – The 64th annual session of Girls State at The University of South Dakota concluded recently with the election of officers and presentation of awards.

Under the direction of Cheryl Hovorka, the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Girls State featured 445 girls, entering their senior year of high school, selected from across the state based on scholastic achievement, leadership skills and interest in government.

At the closing assembly in the Muenster University Center Ballroom on June 5, Erin Williams of Watertown, was elected Girls State Governor and Kjerstin Cosand of Sioux Falls Washington High School, was elected Lt. Governor. Additional elections included: Megan Shumaker of Humbolt, Attorney General; Megan Raposa of Rapid City, Secretary of State; Rachel Weinandt of Yankton, State Auditor; Allison Duffy of Winner, State Treasurer; Rebecca Clausen of Sturgis, Commissioner of School and Public Lands. Elected as members of the Public Utilities Commission were Sarah Olson of Sioux Falls, Emma Larson of Stockholm and Lindsey Evans of Rapid City.

In non-political elections, Girls State delegates elected Jenaye Brenner of Bristol, Morgan Kleinsasser of Huron, Kelsi Bell of Clark, Hannah Gacke of Sioux Falls, Leah Nielson of Rapid City, and Chelsea Gustafson of Sioux Falls as six justices to serve on the Supreme Court. Jenna LaMee of Andover was elected as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Alayna Ackerman of Rapid City was chosen as the Speaker of the House of Representatives while Brenna Rausch of Big Stone

City was selected as the Nationalist Party Chair and Claire Stone of Watertown as the Nationalist Party Keynote Speaker. The Federalist Party elected Kira Stammer of Sioux Falls as party chair and Kelsey Kimbler of Sioux Falls as keynote speaker. Samantha Kohnen of Dell Rapids was recipient of the Outstanding Journalist award and Kathryn Blumhardt of Rapid City received the Highest Exam Score. Sarah Witercraft of Rapid City captured Outstanding Speaker honors and Julianna Diddle of Brookings was selected as the Outstanding Girls State Citizen.

Awards were also presented to Meg Townsend of Sioux Falls, Best Circuit Court Judge; Breanna Helland of Frederick, Best Prosecuting Attorney; Olivia Hopewell of Yankton, Best Defense Attorney; Hayley Hardie of Watertown, Best Appellant Attorney; Maddie Howey of Watertown, Best Appellee Attorney; Kae Januschka of Sioux Falls, Outstanding Forensic Investigator; Mackenzie Holm of Sioux Falls, President of Citizen Forum; and Shelby Eschenbaum of Faulkton received the Vice President Citizen Forum award.

Hannah Gacke of Sioux Falls and Andrea Paulson of Garden City were chosen as delegates to represent South Dakota at The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State in Washington, D.C. (Tess Wentworth of Stickney and Rachel Massopust of Rapid City are alternates) Mackenzi Rogers of Sturgis was selected as the 2010 recipient of a \$1,000 Samsung American Legion Scholarship while Autumn Simunek of Hot Springs was awarded the Bonnie Slade Memorial Scholarship and Jerrica Huber of Yankton received the Travis Memorial Scholarship.

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records, and there was no rotation in these systems. It was just a strong squall line that created strong straight-line winds.

At the Yankton Livestock Market north of Yankton along Highway 81, trees were blown over, a 30-foot enclosed snowmobile trailer was obliterated and scattered in a field. Also, half of the roof over the facility's livestock pens was blown onto neighboring land.

"There is tin and debris everywhere," said Jaime Stark of Yankton Livestock. "Windows were taken out of vehicles. Fortunately, there were no livestock injuries or fatalities."

She said the damage did not interfere with Friday's sales. Between Yankton and Mission Hill, utility crews were repairing downed power lines Friday morning. Along 446th Avenue, downed trees and branches littered the landscape.

Just off 446th Avenue on the south end of Mission Hill, two empty 50,000-bushel bins at the Farmers Elevator Co. were blown off their foundations and mangled. A third bin had a severe dent in it where one of the downed bins apparently smashed into it.

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JEREMY DANGEL

"We've got some good contractors that we work with, so hopefully we'll be able to put things back up and be ready for the fall harvest," said Jay Cutts, manager of the elevator.

He said a 1998 storm had destroyed three bins in the same area.

"We must be sitting in the wrong spot," Cutts joked. Two smaller grain bins at the business were blown into the neighboring community park, where many tree branches had been downed.

According to a media release from the Yankton County Sheriff's Office, trees and portions of the grain bins had to be cleared off the roadways leading into Mission Hill to allow emergency response teams into the small community after the storm to do damage assessment.

Dangel said many people in Mission Hill and elsewhere around the Yankton area will have to spend the weekend

cleaning up trees and branches in their yards or at their businesses.

"The good news is, we don't have any reports of injuries," he added. "We don't have any widespread housing damage. But there are going to be a few ag-related businesses that will be impacted for a while because of this."

The bad news is that the area could see more storms in the near future. Dangel was expecting Friday that he would be tracking storms again that evening, and more chances for storms exist for Saturday and Sunday. The beginning of the week may coincide with a lull in storm activity before picking up again later in the week, he said.

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Delany, wearing a red-and-white tie and a 'N' lapel pin, said he anticipates a wonderful marriage between Nebraska and the Big Ten.

"This beautiful girl, quite honestly, wasn't going to be there forever," Delany said, referring to the Huskers. "They were faced with some tough decisions. We had done enough personal interaction with them that we felt this would be a great fit. We encouraged Nebraska to go down that road."

Nebraska leaves behind a Big 12 that had already lost Colorado to the Pac-10 this week. Perlman also said the Pac-10 had been in touch with many schools in the Big 12 South, suggesting Texas, Oklahoma and others could be the next to leave.

"We were worried about stability in the conference," athletic director Tom Osborne said, "and as a result we thought this was by far the best thing we could do."

Nebraska's move to the Big Ten is the biggest yet in an off-season overhaul that will leave college sports looking much different by this time next year.

"We've had a couple disappointing days with the departure of two valued members," Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe said during a teleconference. Beebe vowed to work to keep the 10 remaining members together but acknowledged that other Big 12 schools are mulling their options.

Perlman said he believed Nebraska is much more "aligned" with the Big Ten than the Big 12 when it comes to academics, culture and athletics.

And he said Nebraska shouldn't be considered the "bad guy" in the Big 12.

"One school leaving a conference does not destroy a conference," Perlman said. "Nebraska did not start this discussion. After the Big Ten announced it planned to consider expansion, we saw reports that Missouri would want to go to the Big Ten, including a statement by their governor, a member of board of curators and chancellor — comments that weren't clearly supportive of the Big 12."

Perlman said the Big 12 had given Nebraska a Monday ultimatum to decide what to do. Perlman said Beebe requested that Nebraska publicly commit to staying put until at least 2016, but the chancellor said he couldn't do that because no other Big 12 school would do the same.

The biggest deal-breaker, Perlman said, was that Texas would not agree to promise to assign its broadcast rights to the Big 12 rather than explore starting its own TV network.

To generations of Nebraska fans, going to the Big Ten at one time would have been unthinkable. The school's athletic tradition is built on more than a century of football games against the likes of Missouri and Kansas, dating to the days the team was known as the Bugeaters.

The Huskers, in fact, have been conference partners with Iowa State, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Kansas State since 1928; with Colorado since 1948 and with Oklahoma State since 1960.

Now the Huskers are on the

verge of taking their five national titles in football, three Heisman trophies and enthusiastic fans east. They will look to start building new traditions, like a border rivalry with the Iowa Hawkeyes and regular trips to Ohio State, Michigan and Penn State.

At Iowa State, a Big 12 school rarely mentioned in realignment discussions, officials sent an open letter to boosters expressing disappointment in the moves by Colorado and Nebraska.

"But as all of the discussions about conference realignment illustrate, the future of college athletics appears to be less about academics and competitive success and more about money, as measured by television viewership and the associated revenues," the letter said.

Fatter paychecks will be coming to Nebraska, eventually. Nebraska received about \$10 million from the Big 12 in 2009, half the \$20 million received by Big Ten members (thanks largely to bigger television contracts and the in-house Big Ten Network).

The Big Ten told Perlman that

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no current member would receive a reduced share of revenue from the conference because of the addition of a new member. Perlman said Nebraska has been assured it would not receive less than it did in the Big 12, however, if it joins the Big Ten.

"This is not a financial windfall," Osborne said.

Delany has said he wanted to add only members that would be considered "home runs." The Huskers' football team struggled in the early and mid 2000s but have returned to national prominence the past two seasons under coach Bo Pelini, an Ohio State alum.

As for the Big 12, it never was a comfortable fit for the Huskers. When the league formed, Nebraska football was at its pinnacle, having won three national titles between 1994-97 and winning 60 of 63 games before Osborne retired as coach.

That success didn't translate to juice when it came to influencing league policies.

Nebraska and the old Big Eight members, all of whom went to the Big 12, believed they were helping out Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Baylor when the old Southwest Conference collapsed.

The perception in Nebraska was that the Big 12's balance of

power was held by the South Division, particularly Texas.

Nebraska from day one was against a championship game in football, for fear it could trip up a team bidding for a national title. But even issues ranging from academic admission standards to location of the league office (Dallas) chafed Nebraska.

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The Yankton High School and Yankton Middle School Science Olympiad teams would like to thank the coaches, parents and the entire community for supporting us in attending and competing in the 2010 National Science Olympiad Tournament held at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. It was a tremendous learning experience and we are proud that we could represent Yankton and all of South Dakota in this prestigious academic event.

Following is a list of those who coached, chaperoned, or made donations of money, swap meet items, raffle prizes or in-kind gifts that were tracked. In addition, there were so many other folks we are grateful to who purchased raffle tickets, candy bars, ate pizza, bought groceries and assisted us in so many ways that we didn't track, and we couldn't possibly list all of you in a single ad, and we apologize for not being able to thank you all individually - but you are greatly appreciated!

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