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Then we added different instances of debate and diplomacy, expanding each area as we went on."

The girls' honor marked the first time a Yankton student won at the national level of National History Day and only the second time in state history by a South Dakota student.

"According to other USD faculty, this is the first time any high school students from the state of South Dakota have taken top honors in a regular category since a girl named Gretchen Freese did so about 15 years ago," Herley said. "Haar explained this year's National History Day participants from Yankton High School were an amazing group who pushed each other to succeed.

"Not only did we have Stormi and Hiley win with their 'Dakota Plains: History of Strained Debate and Diplomacy,' Sadie (Stevens) did exceedingly well in her category of historical paper, and we had another group get to present their project at the Smithsonian Museum on Wednesday as the best exhibit and qualifiers at the South Dakota State level," Haar said.

"Steven Marlow, Tom Binder and Tory Gross presented their 'Conflict of Conscience: Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation.' In all, this was just an incredible year."

With all of the honors received for the YHS group this year, Haar stressed that it is a project of which the community can be proud.

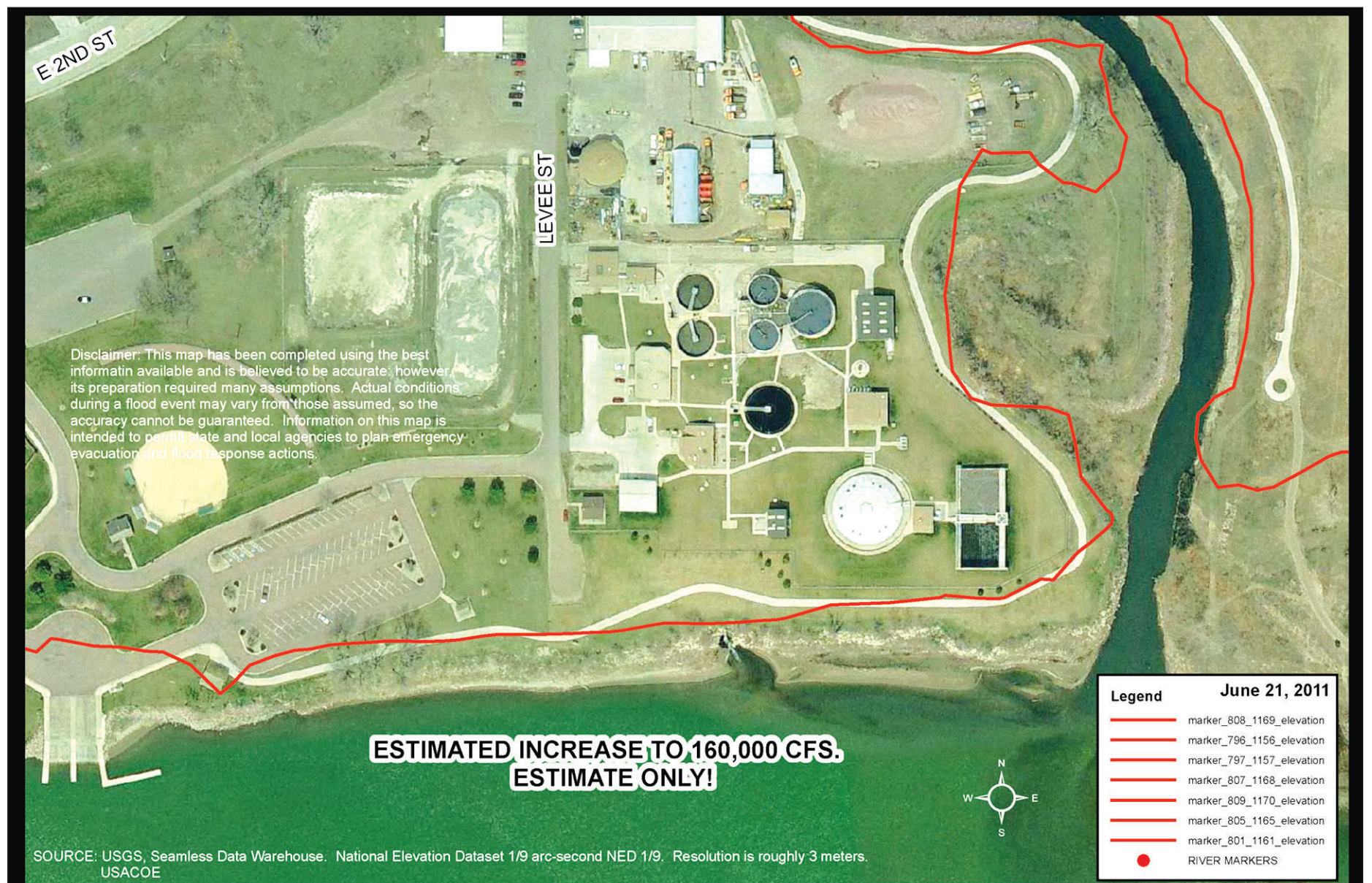
"Without all the support we receive from the community, this would not be possible," he said.

"From the time donated and spent with the USD professors to our amazing librarian at YHS to Shurco paying to ship all of our presentations out to Washington and back, it is just something that could not be done without them. First Dakota Bank has been amazing with their support, going so far as to be planning to display the girls' presentation at the bank next week."

As for Hoebelheirich and Cammock, the next step is college: Hoebelheirich will attend Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore. and Cammock will go to Cornell in Ithaca, N.Y., and both say they will apply what they have learned throughout the process.

"I now know I have the ability of writing a pretty awesome research paper," Hoebelheirich joked.

"Dakota Plains: History of Strained Debate and Diplomacy," will be on display at First Dakota National Bank starting later this week.



The red line on this map shows anticipated flooding along the eastern edge of Yankton near the mouth of Marne Creek when releases at Gavins Point Dam reach 160,000 cfs. Other inundation maps for the Yankton area can be found at yanktonflood.com.

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of the Northwestern Division of the Army Corps of Engineers, in a media release. "We thought we would be able to hold at 150,000 cfs for an extended period of time. Unfortunately, recent rains have reduced our flexibility, and we must evacuate these floodwaters to manage the remaining flood control storage in the reservoir system. As we've stated all along, heavy rain storms could result in major revisions."

Releases from Fort Peck will remain at 60,000 cfs for the time being, according to the Corps. Releases from Garrison will stay

at 150,000 cfs for the foreseeable future.

In response to high inflows between Oahe and Big Bend, Oahe's releases have been reduced to 150,000 cfs and will return to 160,000 cfs as soon as conditions at Big Bend permit. Releases from Big Bend will rise to 165,000 cfs tomorrow and remain at that level till the end of June. Fort Randall releases have been temporarily reduced to 138,000 cfs and will incrementally ramp up to 157,000 cfs.

Yankton County Emergency Management Director Paul Scherschligt said he was notified of the planned increase at Gavins Point by Gov. Dennis Daugaard's office at about 4:30 p.m. Considering the rainfall in the region during the last couple days — up to six inches in some parts of South Dakota — he said he was not surprised by the announcement.

"We're going to try to call as many people as we can tonight, so if they want to start sandbagging, they can," Scherschligt said late Tuesday afternoon. "We're working on the maps right now to see where it is going to go. We think in the River Aspen area, their levee is going to be high enough. We're going to lose some more ground down on Pike Street in Larson's Landing."

The maps were expected to be posted at yanktonflood.com sometime Tuesday night. The Corps also plans to post new inundation maps by the end of today at www.nwo.usace.army.mil.

According to Scherschligt, the general rule is that the river rises two inches per 1,000 cfs immediately below the dam. However, as the flows have gotten higher at

the dam, he said the river level hasn't been increasing at quite that rate.

"The river is cutting itself out at the bottom, so it may hold a little more water," Scherschligt said.

McMahon defended the actions of the Corps during Tuesday's conference call with reporters.

"Nobody likes the fact that we have to put people who live on or near the river through these very unprecedented high flows and cause the damage we're seeing occur," he said. "But (these flows are) necessary, and we're doing our jobs to manage the river in a way that is prudent under the circumstances. We're trying to keep people informed in a timely, transparent and open way. We'll continue to do that all the way through the summer and

into the fall as we continue to deal with this historic situation."

Jody Farhat, chief of the Water Management Division in Omaha, said she hopes weather conditions will now assist in easing the stress on the reservoirs. By the first week of July, the snowmelt should be mostly gone, she stated.

"The bottom line is, the reservoir is very full," she said. "We remain on that razor's edge. If we get additional heavy rain like what occurred (Monday), there is a potential we will have to go higher. We don't anticipate that at this time. We see a bit of a change in the weather pattern, going into a more seasonal precipitation pattern in the upper basin (of the Missouri River)."



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