



Pictured above are the Yankton High School and Middle School teams, coached by Bob Medeck, Tom Merrill, Brooks Schild and Cheryl Schaeffer.

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YHS, YMS Science Olympiad Teams Participate In Nationals

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Due to their hard work and dedication, both the Yankton Middle School and the Yankton High School were granted the opportunity to travel to Lincoln, Nebraska, from Thursday, May 14, through Sunday, May 17.

Yankton Middle School had advanced to Nationals for all of the 31 years Science Olympiad has taken place. Yankton High School team has progressed to the Nationals 28 out of the 31 years. This year, both the Yankton Middle School and the Yankton High School had one group place within the top six teams at Nationals.

The Yankton Middle School Science Olympiad team, which consists of 15 team members and five alternates, were asked to compete, challenge, and achieve at the 31st Science Olympiad Nationals competition, which was held at the University of Nebraska campus in Lincoln. They are coached by Brooks Schild, Cheryl Schaeffer and Tom Merrill.

Jacob Paulson and Cole Miller placed 5th in Wheeled Vehicle for the Yankton Middle School team. Other Yankton Middle School students who placed in the top half (30) in their events include:

Sumobots — Kinzie Decker — 10th place.

Roller Coaster — Connor Davenport and Mason Ruzicka — 15th place.

Bottle Rocket — Price Jensen and Jacob Paulson — 21st place.

Anatomy and Physiology — Alex Palacek and Leola Felton — 27th place.

Bridge Building — Kattie Hammond and Cole Miller — 27th place.

Bio-Process Lab — Alex Palacek and Lauren Schild — 30th place.

Other team members and alternates include Skyler Brockmiller, Ella Muller, Ali Dilts, Brianna Lemburg, Erin Knight, Sarah Stoddard, Sam Herrboldt, Kylie Briest, Ryan Knight and Leah Waid.

The Yankton High School Science Olympiad team consisted of 15 members and one alternate and were asked to Explore, Challenge and Achieve by competing in the 31st National Science Olympiad Tournament held on the University of Nebraska campus in Lincoln on May 15-16, 2015.

The Yankton High School Team has competed 28 out of the 31 years there have been National High School Tournaments.

The 16-member team competed in all of the 23 events as well as the four trial events of the tournament. Sixty teams from across the nation as well as one from Japan were in the Olympiad. Olympic style medals were awarded to the top six winners in each of the events. Winning medals for the YHS team were Kelsey Westerman and Sophie McKee for second place in the Write It Do It event.

Also performing very well for the team were the following:

Experimental Design — Ted Anders, Broc Mauch and Katie Schaeffer — 14th place.

Bungee Drop — Heather Hauer and Ben Rust — 15th place.

Game On Trial Event — Ted Anders and Joe Zoeller — 21st place.

Hydrogeology Trial Event — Garrett Adam and Sophie McKee — 28th place.

Wright Stuff — Heather Hauer and Jon Barkl — 32nd place.

Green Generation — Kelsey Westerman and Ben Rust — 33rd place.

Science Bowl Trial Event — Kim Cap — 36th place.

Other participating team members were Cody Perakslis, Story Leshner, Alexa Bryan, Lauryn Perk and Sam Gusso.

The team is coached by Bob Medeck and Brooks Schild with the assistance of a large number of local mentors, parents, and chaperones.

The excitement of the long weekend wasn't focused only on test-taking and competing in building events. Much of the first few days were spent dodging rain showers and looking for umbrellas and rain coats. Despite the large amount of rain, the Science Olympiad participants were given the opportunity to participate in a Swap Meet in which students could trade different items donated from their state with other teams from different places.

Students also viewed different display tables with cards consisting of interesting facts and cool experiment ideas for students to take home with them. There were opportunities to hold bugs, watch a 3D printer moving to the beat of different songs, build a bubble wand or ride a hovercraft that



Pictured are Jacob Paulson and Cole Miller who placed 5th in Wheeled Vehicle event for the Yankton Middle School Science Olympiad team at the National Science Olympiad Competition in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Pictured above are Coach Bob Medeck, Sophie McKee & Kelsey Westerman. Sophie and Kelsey placed 2nd in the Write It, Do It High School Science Olympiad competition at Nationals in Lincoln, Nebraska.

was powered by a small modified leaf blower. On Sunday, while returning home from the trip, the teams visited the Strategic Air Command Museum.

Science Olympiad is a phenomenal activity that provides students the opportunity to compete with some of the smartest students from all over the nation. The dedicated and hardworking team members put their best effort forth and although Science Olympiad is filled with hard work, it is also filled with enjoyment and is a magnificent way to meet other students who share a common interest in the sciences and learning.

They would also like to thank the chaperones, Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), and community members for their support and help in making the

trip possible. A huge thanks goes out to the parents for everything they've done for their kids and the team to help them to reach their goals. Science Olympiad is another activity the city of Yankton can be proud of.

The Science Olympiad teams wish to thank the Yankton community, the many generous sponsors, and the Yankton School District for their support of this event. Another big thank you to the parents and Subject Matter Experts in helping the students prepare for their upcoming events. Without all the support this trip would not have been possible. Yankton was well represented at Nationals and we are proud to be from such a supportive community.

OBITUARIES

Bernice Buschelman

Bernice Bernadine Buschelman, age 95 of Fordyce, Nebraska, died on Monday, June 1, 2015 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington, Nebraska.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, June 5, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Fordyce with Rev. Jim Keiter officiating. Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Cemetery in Fordyce.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Friday at the church. The Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington is in charge of arrangements.

Honorary Pallbearers will be the St. John the Baptist Guild. Active Pallbearers will be Mark Buschelman, J.P. Aspen, Bruce Barnes, Glenn Buschelman, Lee Fillion, Roger Buschelman, Thomas Buschelman and Joe Buschelman.

Bernice was born on Tuesday, June 24, 1919 to Frank H. and Anna (Steffen) Buschelman on a farm 1 mile west of Fordyce. She was raised on this farm and attended St. John the Baptist Elementary School in Fordyce and completed the 10th grade at the Fordyce High School. She did domestic work for the pastor at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wynot, Nebraska and was also the director and organizer for the parish choir from 1939 to 1949. She then went to the Grand Island Business College where she took a clerk and stenography course graduating in 1950. She also took a Civil Service test and moved to Washing-



Buschelman

ton, DC and worked for the Corps of Engineers for 27 years, retiring on January 9, 1980. She returned to Fordyce and lived with

her sister, Viola Schulte. She had been a resident of the Golden Living Center since January 20, 2015.

Bernice was a member of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and Guild. Getting a good picture of Bernice was always difficult as she hated having her picture taken. She liked to visit with her friends and especially enjoyed spending time with her nieces and nephews.

Bernice is survived by a sister, Mary Ann Barnes of Yankton, a sister-in-law, Eleanor Buschelman of Hartington and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and six siblings and their spouses, Harold and Hilda Buschelman, Siegfried Buschelman, Jerome and Bernice Buschelman, Viola and Alphonse Schulte, Annette and George Fillion and Lucille and Les Aspen.

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Nylis Renschler

Nylis Gene Renschler, 71, of Vermillion, SD passed away Wednesday, June 3 at the VA Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

Nylis was born July 10, 1943 in Avon, SD to Alvin and Ruth (Deurmier) Renschler. He attended school in Wakonda, SD graduating from Meckling high school in 1961. He worked most of his career as a carpenter.

He is survived by his sons; Nylis "Gene" (Marita) Renschler II of Brandon, SD and David (Shay) Renschler of Vacaville, CA and a daughter Kari (Quentin) Blevins of Sioux City, IA. He is also survived by his sisters; Diann (Neil) Phillips of Tehama, CA and Clarice Renschler of Los Molinas, CA,

15 Grandchildren: Feyd, Tehya, Tristan, Wilhelmina, Malik and Draven Blevins, Michelle (Clarence) Hill, Natasha (Nathan) Bonds, Dina, Gina, Chiara and Kari Renschler, Dakota Keffer, Raven and Abigail Renschler and five great grandchildren: Brody Blevins, Alyssa & Jordan Hill and Emma & Noah Bonds.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson Nino Renschler.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 11 at the Concordia Lutheran Church in Vermillion with Visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow in the Meckling Cemetery in Meckling, SD. HansenFuneralHome.com.

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NMM Wins TripAdvisor Honor

VERMILLION — For the second year in a row, the National Music Museum (NMM) in Vermillion has been named one of "the best properties in the world" by TripAdvisor.com, the world's largest internet travel site.

The TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence is "a prestigious award that can only be earned

through consistently great reviews." The honor signifies that the NMM is "one of the very best in the business."

NMM spokesperson Patricia Bornhofen says that "this stamp of approval is compelling because it represents the freely-offered opinions of all kinds of travelers. In effect, it's a people's choice award."

AAA Foundation Study Raises Alert As 100 Deadliest Days Begins

OMAHA, Neb. — Nearly two-thirds of people injured or killed in a crash involving a teen driver are people other than the teen behind the wheel, according to a new report released by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. In 2013 alone, 371,645 people were injured and 2,927 were killed in crashes on U.S. roadways that involved a teen driver. The national results are being released to coincide with the "100 Deadliest Days", the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day when teen crash fatalities historically climb.

"Teen crash rates are higher than any other age group, and this data confirms that the impact of their crashes extend well beyond the teen who is behind the wheel," said Peter Kissinger, President and CEO of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. "Since teens drive more during the summer than any other season, this insight is a timely reminder to everyone — drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists — to be mindful when sharing the roads with young drivers."

The study analyzed data of police-reported crashes of drivers aged 15-19, from 1994-2013 and found that:

- While the overall number of teen crashes are down, the majority of people killed (66 percent) and injured (67 percent) in crashes involving a teen driver are people other than the teen themselves
- Nearly 50 percent of those injured were in another vehicle; 17 percent were in the teen driver's car; and 2 percent were non-motorists (i.e., pedestrian,

bicyclist)

- Nearly 30 percent of those killed were in another car; 27 percent were the teen's passenger and ten percent were non-motorists (i.e., pedestrians, bicyclist)

AAA is promoting the study findings to raise attention among parents of teen drivers and all road users during the "100 Deadliest Days" period. Based on a AAA analysis of the government's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), in 2013, an average of 220 teen drivers and passengers died in traffic crashes during each of the summer months, a 43 percent increase compared to the rest of the year.

"Keeping teen drivers safe is the shared responsibility of parents, policy makers, other motorists, and obviously the

teens themselves," said Rose White, Traffic Safety Director for AAA Nebraska and The Auto Club Group. "We should be especially vigilant over the summer because the negative consequences of not doing so affect all of us."

AAA has been a long term advocate on behalf of teen drivers and their families and has been a leader at the state level in advocating for the implementation and improvement of both graduated drivers licensing (GDL) laws and quality driver education programs. Additional data from this study point to the drop in overall crash rates for teen drivers that can be attributed to strong GDL legislation. In the last 20 years, non-fatal injury crashes and fatal crashes of teen drivers aged 15-19 decreased by 51 percent

and 56 percent respectively. In comparison, crashes resulting in non-fatal injuries and fatalities, including but not limited to those involving teen drivers fell by 25 percent and 17 percent respectively.

"While great strides have been made to improve the safety of teen drivers over the past 20 years, motor vehicle crashes still remain the leading cause of death for drivers aged 15 to 19, so advocating on behalf of teen driver safety remains a top priority for AAA," said White.

Tools to help parents prepare for the "100 Deadliest Days" of summer driving and other resources to coach teens through the learning-to drive process including a parent-teen

driving agreement can be found on AAA's award-winning website TeenDriving.AAA.com. Parents have found the online AAA StartSmart program to be par-

ticularly useful, helping them to quickly become effective in-car coaches, make informed decisions about access to a vehicle, and manage their teen's overall

As a reminder, all Memorial Day decorations in the Garden of Memories Cemetery will be removed two weeks after Memorial Day on June 8.

In an effort to improve the cemetery, regular trimming will be done around the markers. To assist us in this process, only flowers in a permanent vase and one iron decoration may remain. If you have a solar light, flag, or other items, please include that within the vase so that there are no other items around the edge of the marker except one iron decoration. On June 8, all other items will be removed and discarded by the cemetery staff. This regulation will be strictly enforced so we would appreciate your cooperation and understanding. Vases will then be turned down for the winter on November 1st. If you have any questions, please call the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home at 605 665-3644.

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