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## Yankton Students Selected for the 2013 Legislative Page Program in Pierre



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In one week, three Yankton High School seniors head for Pierre to be a part of the 2013 Legislative Page Program. Frae Binder, Kayla Sylvester, and Megan Ford will travel to the state's capitol to serve in either the House of Representatives or the Senate.

High school seniors as pages are utilized by the Legislature during each session.

These pages take part in a variety of duties throughout their time with legislators. Duties include: distributing legislative documents, running errands for legislators, answering phones, assisting in the Legislative Post Office, and attending committee meetings.

“I look forward to watching the process and the behind the scenes action going on,” said Sylvester. “More importantly, learning a lot!”

It is a great opportunity to learn about legislators, the legislative process, and to serve the people.

Even though they will be out of school for a week, it is a great way to get out-of-school experience and further their education about government on a day-to-day basis.

In order to qualify for the pro-



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From left to right: Megan Ford, Kayla Sylvester, and Frae Binder, all Yankton High School seniors, have been selected to participate in the 2013 Legislative Page Program in Pierre, South Dakota. The students will travel to the capitol to serve in either the House of Representatives or the Senate.

gram, participants are required to have good academic standing, have two recommendations from within the community, and be sponsored by a South Dakota legislator.

Sylvester and Ford are sponsored by Representative Bernie Hunhoff and Binder is sponsored by Senator Jean Hunhoff.

“I hope to get a hands-on insight to government within the state of South Dakota,” said Binder.

A standard workday typically begins with committee meetings starting at 7:45 a.m. Floor sessions conclude at 2:00 p.m., but could last until after 6:00 p.m. with occasional night meetings.

To end the week, pages are awarded the privilege of attending dinner with the Governor and First Lady at the Governor's mansion.

“It will be interesting to see how everything works, rather than just reading about it,” said Binder.

## Bucks Wrestling Squad has Wrestlers Place at State Meet



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The Bucks wrestlers left for state in Watertown on Wed. Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. The first matches of the tournament were not until Fri. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, but the team needed to leave early because of all the snow storms that were happening at the time.

The team didn't place very high overall, but they did have some wrestlers to place individually.

Noah Vetter, a freshman in the 106 pound weight class, got 8<sup>th</sup> place; Casey Skillingstad, a junior in the 132 weight class, got 8<sup>th</sup> place; Matt Huber, a senior in the 145 pound weight class, got 7<sup>th</sup> place; James Hisek, a senior in the 160 pound weight class, got 5<sup>th</sup> place; and, C.J. Warren, a senior in the 170 pound weight class got 8<sup>th</sup> place.

There's a wide range of ages on the team from freshman Noah Vetter to seniors James Hisek, Matt Huber, C.J. Warren, Royce Riesner, and Thomas Kruse.

“I think we could have done better, but we tried hard and we had a good time,” said freshman Noah Vetter.

The Bucks were up against some tough competition. Pierre dominated the state tournament and came out on top, but in general there were a lot of tough teams.

“Tristan and I were really proud of the guys, and really happy for all of the seniors who ended their season on the podium,” said one of the team managers, Rylee Smith.

Coaches Ryan Hage, Tyler Schurring, and Riley Smith were enthusiastic and optimistic going into the tournament, and even though the boys didn't come out on top, they had a good season and have a lot of fun together.

Next year the team will be losing a lot of seniors, but the coaches and remaining wrestlers are looking forward to a great season and some more spots on the podium next state tournament.

## Gazelle Gymnasts Finish Seventh in State Contest

### Team Earns First Appearance on the Podium Since 2004 State Competition



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From Fri., Feb.15, to Sat., Feb. 16, Rapid City Stevens High School held the annual State Gymnastics meet.

Head coach Luke Youmans guided the Yankton-Bon Homme Gazelle team to end their dry spell by taking home a place in the top eight.

On team day (Friday) the Gazelles finished in 7th place with a score of 134.125. This year was the Gazelle's first appearance on the podium since 2004.

“Our goal this year was to be a team back on the podium,” said Youmans. “We were confident all year that we were a team that would be in contention to be one of the placing teams at the state meet.”

Youmans commented on the injuries and struggles the Gazelles had to overcome to achieve their state placing.

“They had to overcome adversity, deal with a lot of pressure and expectations, and have worked extremely hard over the last 12 months to achieve this placing,” said Youmans.

The top eight places include: Rapid City Central defending it's team title score of 151.7 points, followed by Watertown (145.85), Mitchell (141.975), Sioux Falls O'Gorman (138.45), Brookings (137.125), Aberdeen Central (135.175), Yankton-Bon Homme (134.125), and Huron (134).

“We were very proud of our finish, and the fact that we had accomplished what we had set out to do really at the end of last year,” said Youmans.

This year's placing has set the bar for years to come as expectations will be even higher.

The following day, Saturday, was individual day. Yankton-Bon Homme team placed with two Gazelles in the top 20.

Charlotte Taggart, senior,

placed 8th on bars and Elsie Kotalik, junior, received 20th in all-around.

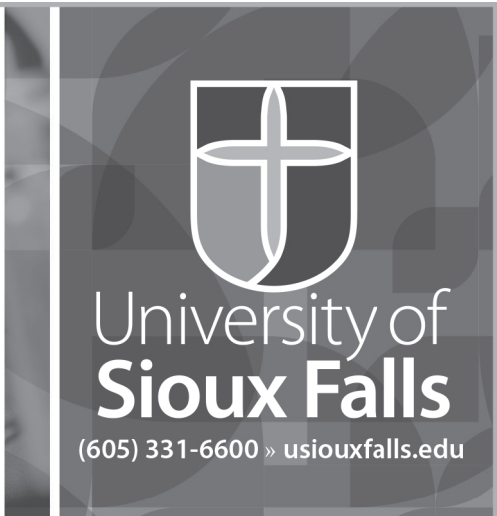
Taggart is proud of her team's top eight placing. “I had really high expectations about going to state, because I knew that this team has come a long way and deserved to place,” said Taggart.

Taggart has been on the Yankton-Bon Homme team for six years. She is first Gazelle in 15 years to place in the top 10 on individual day.

“When we were sitting in a circle waiting for them to announce bar scores my mind was going crazy. I didn't think I would get 8th place at all,” said Taggart. “My heart was beating fast and the other gymnasts kept looking at me and smiling and it was an amazing feeling.”

Taggart will be the Gazelles only loss for next year's season.

“She (Taggart) has been a great student athlete, role model, and competitor for us over many years,” said Youmans.



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## Campus Visit Day

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## Y's Words on the Meteorite which Struck Chelyabinsk, Russia on February 15, 2013



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The old saying “a picture is worth a thousand words” actually was worth a thousand words for the people in Chelyabinsk, Russia. On Feb. 15, 2013, a meteorite streaked across the sky and exploded over central Russia, which rained fireballs over a large area. The meteorite explosion took place at about 9:20 am, when many people were out and about.

The meteorite entered into Earth's atmosphere, and broke up into pieces 19-31 miles above the Russian surface. The meteorite had an estimated weight of about 10 tons.

People who were on their way to work in Chelyabinsk witnessed a reverse thunder and lightning kind of reaction. First the people heard what sounded like an explosion, then saw a bright light, and finally felt the shock wave. The energy released from the meteorite when it entered into Earth's atmosphere was about equal to the power of a small atomic weapon exploding. As a result of the shock wave, car alarms went off, thousands of windows shattered, and telephone networks were disrupted. About 3,000 buildings were damaged, mostly with broken glass.

The shock wave that smashed windows and damaged buildings also injured 1,200 people. Of the total people injured, 200 of them were children. Most of the injuries resulted from the flying pieces of broken glass. Thankfully, no deaths were reported, but about 20,000 emergency response workers were sent to the region to help with the clean up.

The Russian space agency Roscosmos, said the fireball was traveling at about 19 miles per second. The fireball blazed across the horizon, leaving a long white tail that could be seen from as far as 125 miles away.

The Scientists at Roscosmos also believe that only one meteoroid had entered the atmosphere, where it burned up and disintegrated into fragments. The resulting meteorites are believed to be scattered across three regions of Russia. Two of the meteorites are in Chelyabinsk and the other one is in Kazakhstan.

One piece of the meteorite broke through the now iced over Cherbakul Lake, which is near Chelyabinsk. The meteorite left a hole several yards wide and is now sitting at the bottom of the lake.

Several Russian residents who witnessed this scary phenomenon took pictures and videos to capture this little piece of history. These videos and pictures of the meteorites can be seen on CNN.com.

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