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SARAH WETZEL/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK The Yankton Middle School Science Olympiad team poses for a photo after placing first in their division at the state tournament Saturday on the University of South Dakota Campus. The Yankton High School team also placed first in the high school division.

Science Olympiad **Local Teams Shine At State Event**

BY SARAH WETZEL Vermillion Plain Talk

VERMILLION — Yankton and Vermillion youth were extremely well represented at last Saturday's State Science Olympiad Tournament on the University of South Dakota campus.

Yankton Middle School dominated as it has done for the three decades since the competition has gone national, placing first overall in the middle-school division.

Members of the Yankton Middle School team placed first in 12 events, second in five events and third in two.

Second place overall went to Sacred Heart Middle School and third went to Dakota Valley Middle School.

Yankton High School also placed first overall in the high school division with sec-

ord place going to Brookings high School and Spearfish High School earning third. Vermillion Middle school didn't do too shabby either, earning fourth overall out of 18 teams and placing first in one event, sec-

ond in five events and third in three events. The Yankton teams have a long history with the competition according to their

coaches "The national science olympiad started 31 years ago," said Brooks Schild, coach for the middle school team. "South Dakota started 31 years ago with the middle school teams and the next year they started with the high school teams and that's when Bob Medeck and our high school team started. Since it's been a national event we've been involved in it every single year."

Not only have they been involved in it every year, but Schild said the Yankton Middle School team has won every single year making a three-decade winning streak, probably a record.

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America's Transportation Workers: The Beating Heart Of Mobility

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Ne-braska Department of Roads (NDOR), in cooperation with the American Traffic Safety Services Foundation (the Foundation), join advocates nationwide to urge motorists to recognize and respect the moms and dads, sons and daughters, neighbors and friends who work on Nebraska's roadways. March 23-27 is National Work Zone Awareness Week, established to draw attention to the benefits and risks inherent in the work conducted on America's roadways.

Hundreds of times each year, motorists distracted, speeding or otherwise unable to control their vehicles stray into work zones, which are created according to engineered designs, with numerous and often innovative arrays of safety equipment, by personnel trained in the safe conduct of heavy highway construction and maintenance work. NDOR and the Foundation urge motorists, as they approach a highway work zone, to think first of the real people behind the lights and cones and barrels.



Drivers are also encouraged to consider their own safety: more than 80 percent of those killed in road work zone crashes are motorists.

Work zones, while essential for maintenance, construction and operation of safe roads and bridges, can present a challenge for both road workers and vehicle drivers. "But we cannot get

behind the steering wheel for you. Highway workers have to trust that you will heed the signs, barricades, cones and message boards that are their only protection," says national Foundation President Sue Reiss.

The American Traffic Safety Services Foundation is an educational and charitable organization affiliated with

the American Traffic Safety Service Association (ATSSA), which joins other traffic safety advocates in moving "Toward Zero Deaths" on America's roadways. The Foundation sponsors the National Work Zone Memorial, provides scholarships for the dependents of roadway workers killed or permanently dis-abled in work zone crashes, and works to raise awareness of the need to protect and respect America's transportation workers. For more information.

visit www.atssa.com and click on "The Foundation." ATSSA represents the road safety, traffic safety, and highway safety industry with effective legislative advocacy, traffic control safety training and a far-reaching member partner-

ship. For more information on this year's National Work Zone Awareness Week, visit http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/ wz/outreach/wz_awareness.h tm, follow @USDOTFHWA on Twitter, or search trending topics #NWZAW and #safeworkzones.

OBITUARIES

Ruth Simonsen

Ruth Simonsen, age 96 of Menno passed away on Sun-day, March 22, 2015 at the Freeman Regional Health Services, Freeman.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 27, 2015 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Menno, with Rev.



8th grade. Simonsen She was confirmed in the

urer for the American Legion Auxiliary, Treasurer for the Church Ladies Aid and was Secretary for their bowling league in Yankton.

Ruth loved to bowl and dance. Ruth and Clarence were inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame for their many years of bowling.

Putnam, Ty Nichols and Chason Simonsen; sisters, Luella Handel of Menno, SD and Celia Bradley of Rapid City, SD and brother, Gillas (Garnet) Stern of Sioux Falls, SD and nieces and nephews.

death by her parents, brother, Clifford Stern his

classes:

Ruth was preceded in

Vermillion Student Wins SD Spelling Bee

VERMILLION (AP) — An eighth-grade Vermillion boy correctly spelled "nondescript" to win South Dakota's statewide spelling bee.

Owen Dudley of Vermillion Middle School is the winner of the 2015 South Dakota State Spelling Bee hosted by the University of South Dakota.

Dudley will go on to represent the state at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in May.

Dudley outlasted fourteen other spellers during the competition.

Fifth-grader Hari Kadarkaraisamy of Jolley Elementary School in Vermillion was the runner-up. Seventh-grader Helen Zhang of George S. Mickelson Middle School in Brookings won third place.

Local CPR Classes To Be Offered

According to the American Heart Association, most people who experience cardiac arrest at home, work or in a public location die because they don't receive immediate CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) from someone nearby or on the scene. As a bystander, don't be afraid. Your actions can only help.

Yankton County EMS is offering hands-on CPR classes that may save the life of a family member, friend or customer. Classes are offered for medical professionals who need to renew their CPR cards, as well as the general public who want to be prepared.

Below are the dates, times and locations of these CPR

• Wednesday, April 8, at 6 p.m. at Yankton County EMS (805 Capitol Street)

- Wednesday, May 13, at 6 p.m. at Yankton County EMS • Wednesday, June 10, at 6 p.m. at Yankton County EMS
- (Also a First Aid class) • Saturday, July 11, at 10 a.m. at Summit Activities Cen-
- ter (1801 Summit Street) Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 6 p.m. at Yankton County EMS
 - Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. at Yankton County EMS
 - Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. at Yankton County EMS

• Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. at Yankton County EMS Healthcare Provider CPR and Heartsaver CPR/AED are perfect classes for medical professionals, babysitters, lifeguards, coaches or anyone else who wants to be prepared in the event of an emergency.

To register for these classes or for more information, contact Daniel Prendable with Yankton County EMS at 605-668-9033 or Daniel@co.yankton.sd.us. You can also visit www.heart.org for more information on the American Heart Association.

DLR Offers Database For Internships

PIERRE — The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation's (DLR) online jobs database can help students search for internships at www.sdjobs.org/.

"Internships play an important role in strengthening and growing South Dakota's workforce," said state Labor

David Ellis officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery, Menno, SD.

Visitations will be 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, and then 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2015 at the Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, and then one hour prior to the service at the church.

Ruth was born to Joseph and Magdelena (Pfeifle)

Shannon Ashford

Shannon Lee Ashford, 62, of Yankton died Sunday, March 22, 2015, at the Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Memorial services are at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with the Rev. Jon Cooke officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the services

Burial will take place at the Evergreen Cemetery in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, at a later date.

Lutheran faith on June 18, 1933 at Grace Lutheran Church by Pastor Heuer. She moved to Menno with her parents.

Ruth married Clarence Simonsen on August 6, 1939 at Peace Lutheran Church, Menno and to this union, two children were born, Lonnie and Roger. Clarence and Ruth operated Simonsen Plumbing & Heating until 1980 when they retired.

Ruth served as Treas-

To send an online message to the family, visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.c om.

Gene Scott

Gene Scott. 71. of Creighton, Nebraska, died Saturday, March 21, 2015, at his residence.

Graveside services will be on Wednesday, March 25, at 1 p.m. at the Ponca Valley Cemetery in Verdel, Nebraska, with Kerry Fernau presiding. Arrangements are under

Ruth is survived by her husband, Clarence of Menno, SD; children, Lonnie (Kenneth) Remington of Yankton, SD and Roger (Jeanie) Simonsen of Menno, SD; grandchildren, Jan (Dan) Putnam, Scott (Shirlene) Simonsen and Timothy (Janel) Simonsen; great-grandchildren: Christopher Putnam, Nicole Putnam, Kendra Simonsen, Nicholas Simonsen and Alyssa Simonsen, greatgreat-grandchildren, Aubrey

the direction of the Wintz Fu-

Loren Kazena, Sr., 55, of

Marty died Sunday, March 22,

Wake services will begin

Funeral services are 10:30

today (Tuesday) at the YST

a.m. Friday, March 27, at the

Greenwood. Burial is in the

Greenwood Presbyterian

Presbyterian Church in

neral Home in Hartington.

Loren Kazena Sr.

2015, in Lake Andes.

Gym in Wagner.

wife, Jimmy, sister, Elva Reiser and her husband, Marvin, infant sister, Arlanda Stern, brothers-in-law, Rueben Nusz, Aaron Handel and Allan Bradley. Yankton Press & Dakotan March 24, 2015



www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Lyle Terrio

HILL CITY — Lyle D. Terrio, 84, died March 23, 2015. Funeral arrangements are pending with the Black Hills Funeral Home, Sturgis.

Rita Stanage

Rita Stanage, 56, of Yank-ton died Monday, March 23, 2015, at her home. Arrangements are pending with the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

Cemetery, rural Greenwood. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner is in charge of arrangements.

and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. "Through meaningful work experiences, students get exposed to possible career opportunities."

The internship website offers a one-stop shop for students to search for positions throughout the entire state using SDWORKS, the state's largest jobs database.

Internships supply businesses and employers with opportunities to fill their temporary workforce needs while offering real-world experience to students. This gives companies the ability to identify potential permanent, longterm employees.

"Internship opportunities give students valuable life experiences and help them become workforce ready after graduation," said Secretary Hultman. "The hope is to expose students to the workforce, and encourage them to live and work in South Dakota.'

To apply to or post an internship on SDWORKS, visit www.sdiobs.org or talk to a workforce expert at a DLR local office.







605-665-3644 www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com 402-254-6547 United Church of Christ (Congregational) Located at 5th & Walnut Presents

Sunday, March 29, 3 p.m.

UCCAdult Choir

Directed by Jennifer Powell, Accompanied by Chamber Ensemble, Piano & Organ This is a beautiful new composition by Mark Hayes, and was first performed two years ago in Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center, New York

Everyone welcome! Please join us for a reception immediately after the concert in Pilgrim Hall.