Vermillion Trio Wins Shark Tank Challenge

BY SARAH WETZEL

Vermillion Plain Talk

VERMILLION — Who cares that these kids are rookies? Vermillion High School freshmen proved Wednesday that newbies or not, they are a force to be reckoned with.

Four teams from Vermillion High School competed in the final round of their Shark Tank challenge with the i2i Business Innovation Competition at the Beacom School of Business on the University of South Dakota Campus.

Three of them left with a

Heleigh Melstad, Madisen Lavin and Madisen Martinez wowed everyone by placing first with their product, Gum Numb. They will receive \$1,000 plus the professional

services package. Carter Larson, Gabe De-Jong and Riley Johnson placed second with their product, the Ground Hog. They will receive \$750 plus the professional service package.

Devin O'Neil, Colton McNear, Shinayne Whipple and Joey Sweeney tied for third

place with a team from Yankton High School. The Vermillion team presented "EZ Brush" as their innovative product. They will receive a \$500 award plus a package of

professional services to help

further their product.

This impressive groups of freshman went up against four other teams from Yankton High School, including Juniors and Seniors.

"It's cool knowing that all the work we put in paid off," said Lavin, part of the win-

ning "Gum Numb" team. All teams made a 10minute presentation to three judges with five minutes for questions.

Students were required to know every aspect of their product from how much it cost to produce it to exactly how it compares to products already on the market.

"These are impressive young people," one of the judges commented. "I wish I was thinking like that when I was in high school."

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AH WETZEL/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK: Left to right: Madisen Lavin, Heleigh Melstad and Madisen Martinez placed first in the High School division of the Beacom School of Business' i2i Business Innovation Competition Wednesday with their product, Gum Numb.

Gusso Chosen To Attend National Congress

BOSTON — Sam Gusso, a junior at Yankton High School of Yankton, has been nominated to attend the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston

The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who are passionate about science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM). The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country who aspire to be scientists and technologists, to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal.

Gusso was nominated by American hero and astronaut Buzz

Aldrin, science director of the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists, to represent Yankton High School based on his academic achievement, leadership potential and passion for science

and technology. During the three-day Congress, Gusso will join students from across the country and hear Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science Winners talk about leading scientific research; be given advice from deans of the world's top tech universities; be inspired by fellow teen science prodigies; and learn about cutting-edge advances and the future of science and

technology. "This is a crucial time in



better prepared for a future that is changing exponentially," said Richard Rossi, executive director, National Academy of Future

America when we

need more doctors

and medical scien-

tists who are even

Scientists and Technologists. "Focused, bright and determined students like Sam Gusso are our future and he deserves all the mentoring and guidance we can give him."

The Academy offers free services and programs to students who want to be physicians or go into medical science. Some of the

services and programs the Academy plans to launch in 2015 are online social networks through which future doctors and medical scientists can communicate; opportunities for students to be guided and mentored by physicians and medical students; and communications for parents and students on college acceptance and finances, skills acquisition, internships, career guidance and much more.

The Academy was founded on the belief that science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education plays a critical role in enabling the United States to remain the economic and technological leader of the global marketplace of the 21st century

and that we must identify prospective talent at the earliest possible age and help these students acguire the necessary experience and skills to take them to the doorstep of vital careers. Based in Washington, DC and with an office in Boston, the Academy was chartered as a nonpartisan, taxpaying institution to help address this crisis by working to identify, encourage and mentor students who wish to devote their lives to advances in society as scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians.

For more information visit www.scitechleaders.com or call 617-307-7425.

YANKTON COUNTY COURTS

CASES DISPOSED:

MARCH 6-12, 2015 James Ahrenholtz. Denison. lowa; Speeding on other roadways,

James Laverne Nolan, Aberdeen; Careless driving, \$120 Dylan Christopher Hauger, 220 1/2 Capital St. Apt. B, Yankton; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, \$270

Delwin William Ruda, 310 Mulberry St., Yankton; Fleeing from officer on foot, dismissed-motion by

Ashton Lee White, 510 Douglas #5, Yankton; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, \$455 plus 5 days in iail suspended based on con ditions of court; Unauthorized ingestion of controlled drug/substance in schedules I or II, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Possession of two ounces of marijuana or less, dis-

missal-reduction Brian James Dieter, Skyler, Neb.;

Fugitive from justice, extradited
Jeffrey Duane Sudbeck, 108
Greenbriar, Yankton; Driving under influence-1st of, \$528 plus license revoked for 30 days plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court: Fail to stop - accident causing property damage, dismissed-motion

by prosecutor Tammy Lee Ugofsky, 43394 310th St., Yankton; Speeding on a

state highway, \$145 Shaun Patrick Busskohl, 2600

ing violation, \$101.50 Robert Santiago, 604 Linn St., Yankton: Seat belt violation, \$25 Heather Renea Finkey, 645 Au-

gusta Circle, Yankton; Speeding on other roadways, \$105 Beth Breen. 1111 East 15th St..

Yankton; Disobey traffic signs-not stop, \$114 Paula Scott, 810 Birch Rd. #1,

Yankton; Municipal speeding, \$99 Brian K. Wolfswinkel, Sanborn, lowa; Overweight on axle, \$170 plus \$45 penalty Chad M. Haberman, Fordyce,

Neb.; Seat belt violation, \$25 Erika Reed Rohlk, Springfield; Parking/standing violation, \$101.50 Renee Boyer, 110 Richard St.,

Yankton; Speeding on other road-ways, \$105 Landon W. Breen, 1111 E. 15th

St., Yankton; Municipal speeding, dismissed-motion by prosecutor
Tyler J. Schaefer, 1404 Belair
Rd., Yankton; Seat belt violation, \$25
Duane Gerard Jansen, 43386

310th Ave., Yankton; Possession of two ounces of marijuana or less \$455; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed-motion by

Francis Carl Dame, Homeless, Yankton; Resisting arrest, \$240 plus 30 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court; Petty theft-1st de-gree-more \$400, dismissed-motion

gree-more \$400, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Fleeing from officer on foot, dismissed-motion by prosecutor Melissa A. Cowman, 1106 E. 11th, Yankton; Theft by insufficient funds check-more \$400, \$384 plus \$2,590 restitution plus 30 days in jail court: Grand theft - more than \$1.000

and less than or equal to \$2,500, dismissed-motion by prosecutor belt violation, \$25

David Giese, 813 Picotte #1, Yankton: Seat belt violation, \$25 Parker Ross Foxhoven, Sioux Falls; Speeding on other roadways,

Ryan Lee Guthmiller, 1700 John

St., Yankton; Seat belt violation, \$25 Katie Elizabeth Nooney, 1300 W. 6th #18, Yankton; Municipal speed-

ing, \$119

Colton L. Beebe, Oak Grove, Mo.; Fugitive from justice, extradited Gregory Allen O'Toole, 302 W. 3rd St., Yankton; Disorderly conduct, \$166 plus 14 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court; Domescause bodily injury, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Defendant prohibited from contacting victim prior to court appearance, \$409 plus 30 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court; Possession of two ounces of marijuana or less, \$455 plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of

Brandon Albert Moss, 612 Picotte St., Yankton; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, \$270; Renewal registration during assigned month,

\$120 Matthew Porisch, Vermillion; Seat

Matthew Porisch, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25 Drew Thomas Draskovic, 905 Dakota St., Yankton; Speeding on other roadways, \$105 Katherine Ray, Gayville; Speed-ing on a state highway, \$105 Kerry Hanson, 112 Case St., Yankton; Left turning vehicle failing to Yankton: Left turning vehicle failing to

yield right of way, \$120 Savannah Kay Flynn, 2007 Elm St., Yankton; Entering or refusing to leave property after notice, \$384 plus 30 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court; Use or posses-5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court; Impersonation to deceive law enforcement officer, \$384 plus 30 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court: Possession of two ounces of marijuana or less, \$455 plus 5 days in jail suspended based

on conditions of court Yandys Alberto Cancio Tamayo, 809 Birch Rd., Yankton; Petty theft-1st degree-more \$400, \$384 plus \$3,061.25 restitution plus 30 days in

court; Grand theft, reduction Jessica L. Tant, 2003 Locust #2, Yankton; Failure to make proper stop at stop intersection, \$120 Danielle Herchenroether, Myrtle

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Beach, S.C.; Speeding on other road-ways, \$105 Melvin J. Heimes, Wynot, Neb.;

Speeding on other roadways, \$105 Brandon Rudolf, Stephenville, Texas; Overweight on axle, \$170 plus

Thomas Eldon Fitzgerald, 300 E. 25th #6, Yankton; Following too closely, \$120

Austin Johnson, 143 Frontier Lane, Yankton; Seat belt violation, John Robert Sawyer, 1400 Ash

St., Yankton; Seat belt violation, \$25
Thomas Miles, 122 Mack Dr. Yankton; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$120
Andrew Carl Steckler, Viborg; Possession of two ounces of mari-

juana or less, \$455; Driving under influence-1st of, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, dismissed-

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ner: Limited exemption certain vehi cles hauling ag products, \$170 Gaige Dooley, 1204 Whiting St., Yankton; Seat belt violation, \$25

Distraction And Teen Crashes: Even Worse Than Thought

SIOUX FALLS - Distracted driving among teen drivers is a much more serious problem than previously thought, according to a new study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic

In this groundbreaking study, researchers analyzed the six seconds leading up to a crash from nearly 1,700 crash videos of teen drivers. They found that distraction was a factor in nearly 6 out of 10 moderate-to-severe teen crashes, which is four times as many as official estimates based on police reports.

"Unprecedented access to crash videos has allowed us to better understand the moments leading up to a crash in a way that was previously impossible," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "This analysis provides irrefutable evidence that teen drivers are distracted in much greater numbers than we previously realized."

According to the study, the most common forms of distraction leading up to a crash by a teen driver are:

• Interacting with one or more passengers — 15 percent of

• Cell phone use — 12 percent of crashes

• Looking at something in the vehicle — 10 percent of

Looking at something outside the vehicle — 9 percent

• Singing/moving to music — 8 percent of crashes

• Grooming — 6 percent of crashes • Reaching for an object — 6 percent of crashes

Researchers found that drivers manipulating their cell phones had their eyes off the road for an average of 4.1 out of the final six seconds leading up to a crash. In rear-end crashes, researchers determined that teens using cell phones failed to react more than half the time before the impact, meaning they crashed without braking or steering.

Teens already have the highest crash rates of any age group in the United States, with about 963,000 drivers ages 16 to 19 being involved in police-reported crashes in 2013. These crashes resulted in 383,000 injuries and 2,865 deaths.

Parents play a critical role in preventing distracted driving. AAA recommends that parents teach teens about the dangers of cell phone use and restrict passengers during the learning-to-drive process. Before parents begin practice driving with teens, they should create a parent-teen driving agreement that includes strict ground rules related to distraction. For more information, visit

www.teendriving.aaa.com/SD/. The full research report and b-roll video of teen driver crashes is available on the Foundation's website at www.AAAFoundation.org/. The Foundation partnered with researchers at the University of Iowa to conduct this study.

IN REMEMBRANCE

OBITUARIES

Rita Stanage

Rita Stanage, age 56, of Yankton, South Dakota, died at her home on Monday, March 23, 2015, surrounded by her family, after battling cancer for nearly two years.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. on Friday, March 27. 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton with Reverend David Gunderson officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

The family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. on Friday before the memorial service at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jason Harris, Adam Larson, Matt Larson, Ryan Stanage, Philip List and Corey Vitek.

a very happy personality and likes

to pounce around with his dog

pals in his foster home. Pierre is



born October 10, 1958, in Yankton, South Dakota to Loretta (Auch) List. She grew up

in Yankton

Rita was

and graduated from Yankton High School in 1976. She then attended Mitchell Vo Tech in Mitchell, South Dakota until marrying her high school sweetheart, Craig Stanage on October 21, 1978 in Yankton. Rita worked at a few places in Yankton and began working as a clerk at the Yankton County Treasurer's Office in 2004, which she continued until her health forced her

Rita was a member of St.

to retire in December of

John's Lutheran Church in Yankton. Rita's family was her life. Everything she did was for her family and she loved spending time with them. She enjoyed attending her children's and grandchildren's sporting events as well as making them all stockings for Christmas. She truly loved

being a grandmother and

spoiling her grandchildren. Survivors include her husband, Craig Stanage of Yankton; three children: Jake (Jill) Stanage; Katie (Jessie) Stanage; and Sam (Darlene) Stanage all of Yankton; four grandchildren: Caitlin, Makenzie, Emma and Hunter; her mother, Loretta List of Yankton; brother, Randy (Kathleen) List of Le Mars. Iowa: sister, Ramona Harris of Yankton; and several nieces

and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and mother-in-law, Dolores Stanage.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Avera at Home 501 Summit Street, Yankton, SD 57078.

To post an online sympathy message visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Lorraine K. Brattmiller 10:30 AM, Friday St. Benedict

Catholic Church Yankton

Rita Stanage 2:00 PM, Friday St. John's Lutheran Church Yankton

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We would like to express our sincere thanks to all our very special friends and family who attended the cancer benefit for Scott Phillips.

We are so overwhelmed and humbled by the outpouring of love, support, prayers and generosity from everyone. You have touched our hearts so deeply.

We would like to extend a special thanks to everyone who helped plan, cook, bake, sell tickets, donated prizes and worked the benefit. We will always be grateful for all you have done. It was so great to see and visit with everyone. We love each and every one of you.

Scott & Jeanna Phillips

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