

YHS Student Council Honored By SDHSAA

The South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) announced that 25 South Dakota high school student councils have been recognized as being "Outstanding Student Councils" for the 2011-12 school year.

This is the 22nd year this statewide program has been sponsored by the SDHSAA to recognize those South Dakota high school student councils that meet or exceed the rigorous standards of excellence that are necessary to achieve the "Outstanding Student Council" designation. Student councils that achieve this recognition can best be described as being very active within their school and community throughout the school year. Outstanding Councils excel in having a well-rounded program of activities and projects which benefit both their school and their community throughout the school year.

The "SDHSAA Outstanding Student Council" program requires each participating student council to complete a self-evaluation of their organizational structure and their successful completion of projects in a variety of areas. The evaluation also considers the involvement of the student council in their school and community.

James Weaver, SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director, stated, "The High School Activities Association recognizes the student councils that have met the stringent standards and criteria demanded by this program. The 25 student councils that have been recognized this year, are well organized, highly motivated and have met the rigorous standards necessary to be declared outstanding. The self-evaluation focuses on the structure of the student council as well as the positive involvement of the student council in the activities of their school and community."

To be recognized as an "Outstanding Student Council," each council was involved in projects in the areas such as "Community and School Service," "Health, Safety or Chemical Awareness," "Education" and "Leadership." Completion of projects in a wide range of areas was necessary to fulfill a variety of goals for the student council. Each school receiving the "SDHSAA Outstanding Student Council" award has demonstrated a desire for self-improvement and individual growth by participating in leadership workshops and conventions, as well as other educational programs.

The 2011-12 "SDHSAA Outstanding Student Council" Award recipients include Yankton High School. The advisor is Becky Tasa.

Academy Of Dance To Present Recital

Yankton's Academy of Dance will present the dance recital "Heart and Soul" at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre May 25-26. Showtimes are 7 p.m. May 25 and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. May 26.

The performances include ballet, pointe, tap, lyrical, modern and character dances, as well as athletic skills and dance team routines.

From theatrical scenes to classical ballet, this year's production features new choreographies and production numbers involving several classes and ages. The Academy of Dance students will present a unique mixture of extreme contrasts in dance and music styles which will entertain and inspire audiences of all ages. The performances will showcase boys and girls ranging in age from three years through college from Yankton and the surrounding area.

The Academy of Dance director is Dorota Dannenbring. The performances will feature seniors Courtney Clark, Nicole Doerr, Lindsay Ferris, Morgan Frick, Danielle Gill, Megan Hiltunen, Lindsey Lien, Carrie Pospishil, Meghan Stefani and Heidi Steffen.

Reserved seating if available. For tickets, call the Academy of Dance at 665-7729.

Yankton Area Relay For Life June 29-30

Just as the effects of a challenging economy are felt by families in every community, cancer, too, has a far-reaching impact. No matter how the stock market is performing or what the current unemployment rate is, there are still many people battling cancer and many others who are lending support alongside loved ones every day. These realities make the dollars donated and volunteer hours devoted to the American Cancer Society — a part of the Yankton Area for many years — critically important.

Local volunteers are a huge part of a nationwide effort to save lives from cancer, but additional people are needed for the progress to continue. Plans are under way for the Society's annual fundraiser, Relay For Life® of the Yankton Area on June 29-30. The money raised at Relay enables the American Cancer Society to deliver on its mission of helping people stay well, helping people get well, finding cures, and fighting back against the disease. Relay provides the Society with money to support vital, cutting-edge cancer research; publish lifesaving information on cancer prevention and early detection; advocate for public policy that protects everyone; and offer cancer patients programs and services to support them through their cancer journey.

Now is the time for individuals, families, community groups, corporations and small businesses to commit their Relay For Life team participation. Be part of this event to celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember those lost, fight back against the disease, and help the American Cancer Society realize its vision of a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

To sign up, participate, or learn how you can volunteer, go to www.relayforlife.org/yanktonsd or call Darla at the Avera Sacred Heart Cancer Center at 668-8850.

What's Making This Tractor Stall?

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

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Dear Tom and Ray:

Do you ever address questions about old farm tractors? Our 1945 Farmall-A starts well and runs well for about 10-20 minutes, but then it starts to miss and then stalls out, typically while going up a slope — even a small one. Along with our local mechanic, we checked out the carburetor (the original Schebler), the fuel lines, put in new plugs and added B-12 Chemtool and STP Lead Substitute additives to the gasoline. The problem will not go away, and we really need this little old tractor to mow our fields and haul logs. Any suggestions? We have a new Zenith-type carburetor on the shelf, but I don't want to put that in unless that's the problem for sure. I will be grateful for any words of wisdom on this. Thanks. — Will

RAY: Well, we definitely can help you narrow it down to one of two things, Will. It's either an ignition problem or a carburetor problem. How did we come to that conclusion? That's about all there is to this engine!

TOM: You might have a classic case of float sink. Carburetors regulate the gasoline flow with a float — just like the one in your toilet tank. Most of them are made of plastic, but yours may be old enough to be made out of copper. Or maybe granite!

RAY: Over time, what happens is that the float develops little, tiny pinholes in it, and becomes porous. And it gets to the point where, basically, the float barely floats!



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

TOM: Then, when you change the geometry of the tractor — like by heading up a hill — gasoline overwhelms the float and it sinks. That causes the carburetor to deliver more gas than is needed, which floods the engine and stalls it out.

RAY: In that case, that new Zenith carburetor will solve the problem.

TOM: But the stalling is not necessarily related to the geometry of the hills. Old engines often run just fine until you ask them to actually do something — like work.

RAY: In that way, they're very much like my brother.

TOM: So if your spark is weak, it could be strong enough to run the engine at idle, but then as soon as you need to give it gas — to

climb a hill, for instance — the gasoline washes over and extinguishes the weak spark, causing the engine to stall.

RAY: So, while you said you've put in new plugs, you really need to put in points and a condenser, too. And you even might want to test the resistance of the coil, to be sure it's still putting out sufficient voltage, because a weak coil can cause the same problem.

TOM: I'd start with the points and condenser. They're cheap and easy. If they don't fix it, ratchet up to testing the coil. If the coil is fine, put in the Zenith carburetor.

RAY: I'm confident one of those things will fix it, Will. But if not, don't write to us again. Remember, the reason you never see questions about old farm tractors in our column is because we don't know anything about them! Good luck, Will.

If it ain't broke, you won't have to fix it! Order Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Ruin, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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LEFT: YMS Science Olympiad team members Joseph Kelly and Hunter Lippert listen to advice from SME Tim Shafer regarding their Mission Possible invention. RIGHT: Eighth grader Sophie Drotzman consults Coach Cheryl Schaeffer in preparation for the National Science Olympiad competition.



PHOTOS: REBECCA MOSER

Yankton Teams Set For Science Olympiad

BY REBECCA MOSER

YMS Science Olympiad Photo Journalist

The Yankton Middle School and Yankton High School Science Olympiad teams are making final preparations for the national competition to be held on the University of Central Florida campus in Orlando, Fla. The competition will be held May 18-19, but it is no "Mickey Mouse Operation."

According to the Science Olympiad website, tournaments are rigorous academic competitions that consist of a series of team events. These challenging events are balanced between the various science disciplines of biology, earth science, chemistry, physics and technology, giving students with a knack for science the opportunity to excel inside and outside the classroom. All events require teamwork, group planning and cooperation. The emphasis is on learning, participation, interaction, having fun

and developing team spirit.

Both Yankton Middle School and Yankton High School have a successful history of competing in the national competition. To prepare for the national competition students have been practicing since November. Middle school students are coached by Cheryl Schaeffer, Brooks Schild, and Tom Merrill. High School coaches are Bob Medeck and Sue Adam. Team members receive additional support from parents, teachers, and community mentors referred to as Subject Matter Experts (SME's).

Although representing Yankton Middle School and Yankton High School at the competition, funding for the trip is made possible through fundraising efforts. From selling candy bars and raffle tickets to bussing tables at Dairy Queen and Pizza Ranch, team members and their families have been working hard to raise the necessary dollars to attend the

national competition. Financial assistance is also provided from the Yankton Science Club and donations from local businesses and individuals. The team is still seeking additional financial support for next week's trip. If you are interested in contributing, contact Brooks Schild at bschild@ysd.k12.sd.us.

Through the generous support of the Yankton community, the teams are nearing their goal. Participants and coaches would like to thank those individuals and businesses that have helped make this trip a reality. Also, a big thank you goes out to the parents and SME's for their continued support. The teams are scheduled to depart for Orlando tonight (Tuesday) and return late Monday evening, May 21.



PHOTOS: REBECCA MOSER

Parents Bruce Schild and Scott Pospishil prepare to launch a rocket for seventh grade team members Sam Gusso and Natalie Ferris.

Are You Hearing Everything?

If some things don't sound right you could have a hearing problem. Do you ask people to repeat things? Can you hear telephone callers clearly? Do others complain that your radio or TV is too loud? No matter what your age – young or old – hearing problems can be barriers to success in school or at work. If you have trouble hearing, consult an audiologist at Ear Nose & Throat Associates.

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SCHOLASTICS

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

MANKATO, Minn. — Minnesota State University, Mankato had more than 1,500 students graduate during spring/summer commencement exercises held Saturday, May 5, 2012, in Bresnan Arena at the Taylor Center on the Minnesota State Mankato campus.

Undergraduate students receiving recognition included 142 students graduating summa cum laude, 324 students graduating magna cum laude and 273 students graduating cum laude.

Awarded at the undergraduate

level were 41 associate of arts degrees, 146 bachelor of arts degrees, 19 bachelor of athletic training degrees, 34 bachelor of fine arts degrees, two bachelor of music degrees, 1,670 bachelor of science degrees, 80 bachelor of science in engineering degrees, and 31 bachelor of science in social work degrees.

Graduate level degrees presented included 107 master of arts degrees, 22 master of business administration degrees, 18 master of fine arts degrees, five master of music degrees, 13 master of public administration degrees, 27 master of science degrees, 30 master of science in

nursing degrees, 29 master of social work degrees, and 16 specialist degrees.

Four Doctor of Education and two Doctor of Nursing degrees were awarded.

Area graduates includes:

- Yankton — Stephanie Benda, BS, Mass Communications, Summa Cum Laude; Ashli Maddox, MS, Experiential Education; Amber Schramm, BS, Psychology,

Magna Cum Laude; Brittany Trimble, MA, Women's Studies.

SARA MCMANUS

Sara Stoddard McManus who attended the Divinity School at Vanderbilt University received her Master of Divinity degree. Sara is the daughter of Becki and Jack Stoddard.

POOL TIME!

Memorial Pool Hours:
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