

Students Enjoy Red Carpet Fun At After-Prom Party

The doors to the old gym at Yankton Middle School opened at midnight for this year's after-prom party, Hollywood Nights. Over 300 high school juniors and seniors thronged the red carpet for the annual lockdown event. The kids made the rounds of the booth games, playing balloon toss, skeeball, blackjack and more, hauling in prizes like flip-flops, sleep pants, movies and T-shirts from colleges all across the country. Kids could have their fortunes told, get into costume for photographs, listen to music and snack on pop, water, juice, pizza, super nachos, sub sandwiches, bars and cookies. Parents manned the booths, checked prizes (so the kids didn't have to carry them around with them) and conducted the stage game, where the first 200 kids to purchase after-prom tickets played for larger prizes like pizza ovens, sheet sets, Columbia jackets and gift cards. At the end of the night, the hypnotist kept the crowd wide awake and laughing at his 'victims' antics. The final excitement was the drawing for the grand prizes, including

flat screen TVs, microwaves, dorm refrigerators, a Kindle and a futon. A \$500 scholarship was also presented to a YHS senior; this year's lucky winner was Nathan Rausch.

Thanks to many hard-working parents and fantastic support from area businesses, the after-prom party has been going strong for almost 30 years. The event now averages anywhere between three and four hundred kids, and most stay from start to finish. Some come with their prom dates; others attend solo or in groups of friends. Girls will show up in sweats, still wearing their glittery jewelry, upswept hair and makeup from prom. It's a great opportunity to hang out and collect some terrific prizes. There's no need to go to prom first if you don't want to; every YHS junior and senior is welcome to attend the after-prom party! The Parents for a Safe Prom (PFSP) committee urges the parents of younger students to get involved now so that their own children can experience the same fun – and safe environment – at their proms.



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AMERICANISM WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The American Legion Auxiliary of Roy Anderson Unit No. 12 sponsored an Americanism Essay and Poetry Contest for students in Grades 3-6. Malena Diede, the Local Americanism Chairman, presented awards to the winners in each of the schools in Yankton. Following are the winners in each grade and in each category.

POETRY

Grade Six:

First Place — Adele Benoit; Teacher, Lisa Olnes, SHS.

Second Place — Emily Novak; Teacher, Kate Hesse, MVC.

Grade Five:

First place — Samantha Kortan; Teacher, Barb Geigle, SHS.

Second Place — Jessica Reinhardt; Teacher, Barb Geigle, SHS.

Grade Four:

First Place — Lauren Eidsness; Teacher, Sheryl Rehurek, Lincoln.

Second Place — Aaron Blackwell; Teacher, Sheryl Rehurek, Lincoln.

ESSAYS

Grade Six:

First Place — Holly Hicks; Teacher, Lisa Olnes, SHS.

Second Place — Koby Schild; Teacher, Lisa Olnes, SHS.

Honorable Mention — Emily Novak; Teacher, Kate Hesse, MVC.

Grade Five:

First Place — Madison Wubben; Teacher, Barb Geigle, SHS.

Second Place — Dalton Maibaum; Teacher Lisa Opsahl, Stewart.

Grade Four:

First Place — Paige Hoelsing; Teacher, Sheryl Rehurek, Lincoln.

Second Place — Kara Antrobus; Teacher, Sheryl Rehurek, Lincoln.

Grade Three:

First Place — Emma Christensen; Teacher, Robin Brooks, Webster.

Second Place — Emma Mulder; Teacher, Robin Brooks, Webster.

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Winner Dalton Maibaum; Grade 5 of Stewart School.COURTESY PHOTO
Emma Christensen and Ella Mulder; Grade 3 of Webster SchoolCOURTESY PHOTO
Emily Novak; Grade 6 of Missouri Valley Christian SchoolCOURTESY PHOTO
Grade 6 winners from Sacred Heart School: Koby Schild, Holly Hicks, Adele Benoit;COURTESY PHOTO
Grade 5 winners from Sacred Heart School: Samantha Kortan, Jessica Reinhardt, and Madison Wubben.

MEETING MINUTES

GET UP & GO

Get Up & Go met May 6 at the Irene Legion Hall. Vice President Katrina Hauger called the meeting to order. The American Flag Pledge was led by Heather Hauger and the 4-H Pledge by Cole Norris. Roll call topic: "What are you going to do this summer?" Next meeting is Sunday, June 3, in the Park. We will be serving ice cream at Sunday in the Park. Lunch was served by Heather and Katrina Hauger. After the meeting we judged FCS, Visual Arts, and Photography.

YANKTON TOASTMASTER 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, May 12, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kevin Buhl. The invocation was given by Mike Arens followed by the Pledge of allegiance to the flag. Kathy Hejna introduced her guests Emily and Rachel Hejna. Vernon Arens was introduced as the Toastmaster of the meeting. He called on grammarian Joy Winthers who gave the word of the day, which

was "Astute" and means shrewd. Table Topics were lead by Matt Stone on the subject of Mark Twain essay titles. Speeches were given by Jeremy Skrenes on "It is all about the question," from the Entertaining manual, Janice Stone on "Thoughts on Mother's Day" an impromptu speech. Buhl evaluated the evaluators. Master Evaluator of the meeting was Roy Wilcox, who evaluated the meeting and called on Tara Arens to evaluate Skrenes, Hejna to evaluate Stone. Presentations were also given by grammarian Winthers, joke master Mike Arens, Ah Counter/Nail Dropper Doug Fickbohm, timer Jana Lane, and Vote counter Hejna. Table Topic winner was Fickbohm, best speaker was Stone, and best evaluator was Arens. Another participant in the meeting was Rachel Hejna.

Guests are welcome. For more information call 665-9217.

INTERCHANGE

President Kathy Jacobs called the meeting to order at noon at Minerva's.

After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, announcements were made including Crystal Nelson, Dakota Territorial Museum, announcing the June 2 event "Riverboats, Roads, and Rails," an interactive event which will include activities for children as well as Dutch oven cooking demonstration.

Hostess Jane Bobzin introduced guest speaker, Fran Horacek, sculptor who presented "The Journey from Beginning to Exhibiting in Master Class Art Shows." Mr. Horacek from Yankton has been sculpting for 40 years. His goal is to have everyone enjoy sculpture. His sculptures are no larger than 18 inches tall and are made from wood, alabaster, and chalkstone. He taught himself to sculpt and now teaches wood carving classes locally. His presentation included examples of his work and how pieces were inspired. His work has been featured in the Senior Art Show in Sioux Falls for the last fourteen years winning awards 12 of those years.

Next meeting will be held May 21 at noon at Minerva's. The hosts will be the Board of Directors for an Open Forum.

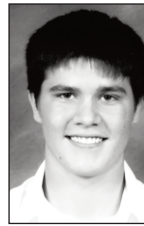
First Dakota National Bank Awards Scholarships

First Dakota National Bank recently announced their FirstChoice Scholarship winners for the 2012-2013 school year. Matt Gubbels and Amanda Janssen are recipients of a \$1,000 First Dakota FirstChoice Scholarship. Gubbels will be attending Creighton University and Janssen attends the University of South Dakota.

In addition, First Dakota National Bank and the South Dakota Bankers Foundation have teamed up to award a \$1,000 scholarship to Terry Huber of Yankton. First Dakota agreed to match Foundation funds to provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors in our local communities. One of the requirements of the SD Bankers Foundation is the recipient will attend a post-secondary South Dakota institution of higher learning. Huber plans to attend The University of Sioux Falls.



Janssen



Huber



Gubbels

All FirstChoice Student Checking participants who are seniors in high school or college students attending a post-secondary accredited American college, vocational technical school or university are invited annually to apply for this excellent scholarship opportunity. Applicants are judged on leadership, financial responsibility, school and civic involvement, and satisfactory scholastic progress. First Dakota awarded 14 scholarships in all.

Winners from other First Dakota locations include Kristina Zalud, Vermillion; Adam Fendrich, Salem; Jacqueline Juffer, Wagner; Jenna Ripp, Parkston; Kendra Cersosimo, Mitchell; Mariah Nelson, Mitchell; Ross Kieffer, White Lake; Michael Krogstad, Chamberlain; Mahalia Olson, Kimball; Laura Hurley, Sioux Falls; and Zachary Schneider, Sioux Falls.

A CHALLENGE OF CHANGE



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The students of Sacred Heart Middle School challenged one another to collect the most change each day of the week during April 30th through May 4th. \$300.00 in proceeds were donated to the Heartland Humane Society. Pictured here are 8th grade students (l to r) Maddie Manning and Jenna Trail presenting the check to Heartland Humane Society Executive Director Kerry Schmidt.

SHREDDING FOR A CAUSE



COURTESY PHOTO

A record amount of paper was shredded and recycled at this year's Services Center FCU Semi Annual Free Shred Day held on Wednesday May 9th. Over 6,400 pounds of paper was shredded and a record amount of non-perishable food items and cash were donated to the local food pantries. The Services Center FCU would like to thank everyone who donated to the food pantry. The next Services Center FCU Community Shred Day will be held Wednesday October 13th from 1-6 p.m. Pictured are: Coreen Simonsen, Services Center FCU and Kelly Stange from the Yankton County Contact Center.

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