

AnswerLine Available To Help With Gardening Questions

BROOKINGS — SDSU Extension encourages South Dakotans to consider AnswerLine when they are faced with gardening or food preservation questions this summer.

AnswerLine is a toll-free connection to Extension family and consumer science specialists dedicated to answering questions and directing consumers to research-based resources related to gardening, food preservation, food safety, cleaning tips or balanced nutrition.

"This is a one-stop-shop for answers to family and consumer science questions," said Suzanne Stluka, Food and Families Program Director.

To call AnswerLine with questions, simply dial 1-888-393-6336. South Dakotans can also access credible food and family experts by visiting www.extension.org and using the Ask An Expert option.

To learn more, visit iGrow.org.

Veteran Appreciates YHS Program

BY JOHN CIMPL
Yankton

On May 5, there was a wonderful gathering of World War II veterans at the Yankton High School. It is with great pleasure that I thank David Hosmer and Doug Haar for their hard work in producing this project.

I attended that event because I was in the Navy for several years during World War II. My introduction to the Pacific Theater was to sail in October of 1944 with the many ships along with General McArthur into the Leyte Gulf in the Philippines. It was quite a return.

I was assigned to LSM 318, which is a ship that transports troops and supplies onto the beach. Our ship was ordered to

transport troops into Ormoc Bay and to deliver them onto the beach near Ormoc. Ormoc is located on the west side of Leyte. Our convoy of LSMs travelled together on Dec. 7, 1944, and we successfully delivered our troops. After we departed, about four miles into the Ormoc Bay, we identified several Japanese planes. They strafed us. I was in a tub gun on the port side as we fired at the planes. Several were shot down. However, a Kamikaze made it through our defense and crashed into the starboard side of our LSM. Several ships in our convoy were attacked in the same manner.

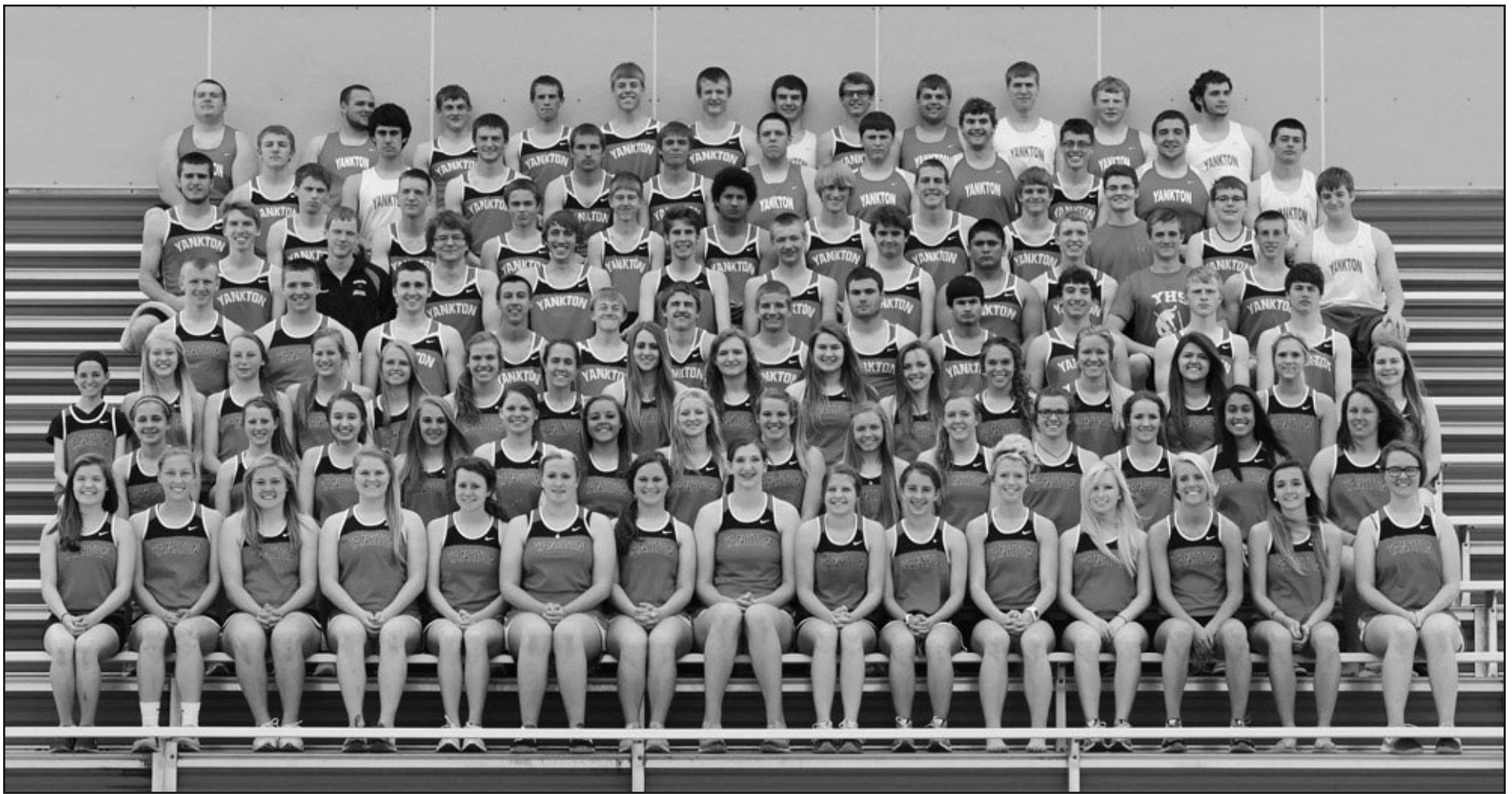
The force of the collision caused me to fly off the ship into the water. The remaining four LSMs trolled through the waters looking for survivors. I missed a safety

rope by mere inches and, just at that moment, the LSM's left to go to shore for protection. I bobbed in the water with my injuries for seven hours in the dark.

At about midnight, army row boats returned to pick us up. Unfortunately, one-half of the crew of the LSM 318 did not survive. We returned to Ormoc beach and we were told to find a foxhole. Those holes were filled with water and I was not eager to jump back into the wet stuff. Just then, I heard the sounds of other planes in the air. I jumped in head first!

Thankfully, things turned out alright for me. I have told my memories to David Hosmer, and I hope that others will consider doing it as well. It is important that people recall the events of World War II. Again, thank you for the wonderful event!

Congrats on a Great Year & Good Luck in the Post-Season!



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