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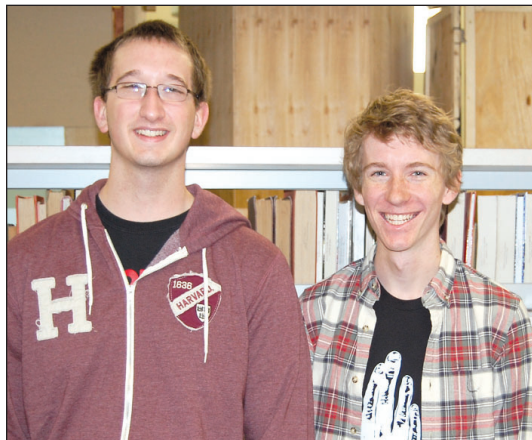
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Honors And Ivy

Ivy League Next Step For 2 YHS Seniors

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With Yankton High School's graduation ceremonies this weekend, many local students will not only be celebrating the end of one chapter in their academic stories, but also the beginning of another.

For two YHS seniors, that next step will take them to one of the most prestigious groups of universities in the world.

Devin Clark and Hunter Koch are both

set to attend Ivy League schools next year. Clark will study mechanical engineering at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Koch will attend Columbia University in New York City to double major in physics and film studies.

YHS has had students move on to Ivy League schools in past years, but it is rare to have two students do so from the same class, said YHS Principal Jennifer Johnke.

"It's a very unique situation, and we are so proud of the work they've done to get

where they're going," she said. "Both students have taken very rigorous coursework and excelled. They've never shied away from any of the hard work, and it's paying off for them."

While many students dream of attending one of elite schools all their lives, both Clark and Koch said the idea didn't really cross their minds until junior year, when they began looking at colleges.

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A Model Of Patience

Yankton Man Loves To Scale Down History

BY LORETTA SORENSEN

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Skill, patience and creativity are all at work when Yankton resident Bill Brinkman takes a seat in his basement workshop to create scale model horse-drawn vehicles and implements.

Brinkman, a native of Plainview, Minnesota, has created more than 300 models that include a fuel wagon, grain wagon, freight wagon, doctor buggy and Amish buggies, hearse, bundle wagon, hay bucket and stacker and a caisson resembling the one used in President John F. Kennedy's funeral.

"This all started in 1989," Brinkman says. "That's when I came across a scale model stagecoach in a store in Tombstone, Arizona. I really wanted to take it home, but it was pretty spendy, so I passed it up the first time. When I went back to the store, it was still there so I negotiated a price with the store owner. Once I got it home and looked it over, I could see the workmanship was pretty rough. I thought I might be able to make a better one, so I tried my hand at it."

Brinkman did make a stagecoach, which is still part of his personal collection. His success with that endeavor further fueled his ambition to make additional models.

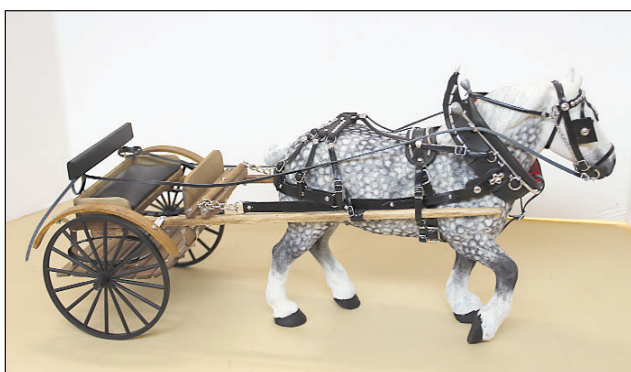
"Dad used a team of Belgians on our farm," Brinkman says. "I didn't learn much about the horses or their harness when I was a kid, but I never got past my love for horses. When I worked for IBM in Pennsylvania, I often watched Amish farmers there work in the field. I was fascinated by the horses and the farm implements."

The horse-drawn vehicles Brinkman builds now include two-wheel carts, log sleds, buckboards, bakery and milk wagons and a chuck wagon complete with a kitchen in the back.

"When I started making models, I purchased a few units to use for patterns and to get ideas about building my own," he says. "I also rely on several books as a guide. As I have gained experience, I've changed and improved my patterns. Now I make most of my own."

Brinkman has relied on several like-minded craftsmen and mentors over the years to help him learn about scale model artistry. One of those men was the late Dick Eighmey from Waterloo, Iowa.

"Some of his models really



PHOTOS: LORETTA SORENSEN

Yankton resident Bill Brinkman has been creating miniature historic replicas of horse-drawn vehicles and equipment since 1989. His models have garnered first-place awards in craft competitions over the years and buyers come from as far away as Germany and England. He is pictured here with one of the first models he designed and completed. LEFT: Brinkman's Meadowbrook single-horse hitch is reminiscent of the stud-carts farmers used to use to travel stallions from farm to farm in the late 1800s and early 1900s. In modern times, these types of carts are often used in driving competitions at fairs and farm shows.

Road Resurfacing Planned For NE Neb. Highways

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Stretches of Highway 81 and Highway 12 in northeast Nebraska will be resurfaced this year, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR).

"We've got quite a bit going on from the Highway 81 and Highway 12 junction and off in three directions," said Kevin Domogalla, the District Three engineer for the NDOR. "We generally like to spread the work out a little bit more than that, but it so happened that the roadways were in need of repair at the same time."

The Knife River Corporation was awarded bids to do all three projects.

Resurfacing of the five miles along Highway

12 from Crofton east to the Highway 81 intersection was awarded for \$2,022,000.

Resurfacing of the more than nine miles along Highway 12 from Highway 81 to Highway 57, which will also include the Fordyce spur, was awarded for \$1,447,000.

Finally, the resurfacing of more than seven miles along Highway 81 from Highway 12 to Highway 121 was awarded for \$3,055,000.

"Hopefully, it's a short-term disruption of traffic," Domogalla said. "Once we're done, things will be a lot better."

At this point, he said it is uncertain when road work will begin on the segments.

"Knife River also has a number of other

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Sports Facility Planning Comes To A Halt

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Without land on which to build proposed new sports facilities, long-term planning for such possibilities will stop short of where Yankton officials had originally hoped.

In 2012, the Yankton City Commission hired Stockwell Engineers to work on a list of sports facility upgrades, as well as a master plan for new sports facilities.

During a meeting earlier this week, the City Commission was presented with the firm's "Yankton Sports Complex Needs Assessment."

According to Todd Larson, the city's parks and recreation director, Stockwell Engineers have compiled a list of more than \$2 million in enhancements for current facilities.

"We'll use the information they've given us to enhance facilities as money is available," he stated. "There is quite a bit of commitment from the city and user groups to figure out whatever enhancements fit into the budget."

However, parts of the original contract with Stockwell



Larson

Bosworth: Jackley Should Walk Away From Probe

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Republican U.S. Senate hopeful Dr. Annette Bosworth says South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley should remove himself from an investigation into possible violations on nominating petitions for candidates.

Bosworth said in a press conference in Sioux Falls Friday that Jackley is investigating her for political reasons and called it "an insult to the good people of South Dakota."

Jackley said in a statement that he does not "have the luxury of walking away from or taking a pass on tough issues."

Secretary of State Jason Gant asked Jackley to investigate Bosworth for allegedly being out of the country during a time when her petitions say she was gathering signatures around the state.

Independent U.S. Senate candidate Clayton Walker is also being investigated, but the reason is unclear.

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