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Yankton Student Council Collects Shoes for Regional Organizations



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The Yankton High School Student Council has been taking steps to help others.

Through the week of November 5-9, Yankton High School Student Council held a shoe drive for YHS.

The drive was suggested by University of South Dakota Graduate students Jeb List and Tyler Miller.

Jeb List, a 2006 Yankton graduate, contacted principal Dr. Kindle who agreed to hold the shoe drive.

"StudCo wanted a good collection, because Jeb was a Yankton High School grad," said director of student council, Becky Tasa.

Student council asked students to bring in gently worn shoes with minor damage.

The shoes are hung from the square balcony at the center of the school.

Seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen were assigned individual sides of the balcony.

"Student Council advertised the shoe drive and made it a competition to encourage more students to participate," said student council member, Katie Greenway.

The proceeds will go to the Cheyenne River Youth Project (CRYP) in Eagle Butte as well as Helping Hands for Haiti (HH4H) based in Sioux Falls.

Cheyenne River Youth Project is a program that provides youth and family services in the Cheyenne Reservation and community services for the fourth poorest county in the US.

The shoes are needed for children and families, especially during the cold winter months which are quickly approaching.

Helping Hands for Haiti is a non-profit organization that serves the people of Haiti through community development and provides feeding programs to the children's schools.

The organization allows 800 children to attend school throughout five different villages. Shoes are needed for families and children as well.



PHOTO BY DALTON MILLER
Kate Schaa and Tyler Rauscher are shown donating shoes to the Yankton High School Student Council shoe drive for Cheyenne River Youth Project and Helping Hands for Haiti organizations.

At the end of the week, all shoes were collected and handed over to List and Miller.

The shoes will be washed and given new laces if needed, then donated to the specified organizations.

The donated shoes had accumulated quickly throughout the collection week at Yankton High School.

"I am really excited how donations stepped up," said Ms. Tasa as the shoes piled during the week.

At the end of five days, the incredible number of shoes hanging from the balcony created an impressive sight.

"It was a huge success and I'm impressed how well it turned out," said Greenway.

The final count for donated shoes is two pairs from freshmen, 101 from sophomores, 87 from juniors, and 127 pairs from the senior class.

Over 300 pairs of shoes were donated in all with the remaining pairs donated by staff and other sources.

Y's Words on the Aftermath of Hurricane Sandy



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How would you like to have your Halloween trick-or-treating plans swept away by a tropical storm?

Hurricane Sandy was one of the most outrageous storms to hit the east coast in years. Sandy produced unrelenting hurricane force winds up to 80 mph, with dangerous flood conditions and tides that reached up to 13 feet high.

More than 8.2 million people spread along the East coast were left without electricity, and no means of communication.

The cancellation of more than 15,000 flights around the world led to some chaotic and hostile situations.

One of the most unusual things about this tropical storm was that it collided with some arctic air. This collision created a widespread storm that nearly reached a span of 1,000 miles. The cold air created a dangerous storm that dumped up to two feet of snow in southern Virginia, West Virginia and western Maryland.

Most critically, Sandy's biggest threat involved nuclear power plants on the coast. Hurricane Sandy impacted quite a few nuclear plants, a major one being Oyster Creek in New Jersey, which is located 70 miles south of New York City. This storm surge nearly wiped out the cooling systems which are critical to the prevention of the explosion of power plants.

The aftermath of Hurricane Sandy included the deaths of at least 56 people in the U.S. and another 67 in the Caribbean.

The cost of this menace of a storm is estimated to reach about 60 billion dollars.

As of Nov. 2, 2012, more than 4 million people were still without power. Crews from all over the United States were sent to restore electricity.

Fuel shortages led to lines at gas stations, where people waited for two hours to buy gas to keep their generators going.

Small portions of New York and New Jersey have embarked on the cleanup by restoring some transportation services.

Many people headed back to their houses to see what kind of damage was done. Houses were knocked off foundations, boardwalks had collapsed, and pier amusement rides could now be classified as water park rides.

The sad news is as of Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012; nearly two weeks after Hurricane Sandy, power continues to be a much-needed resource that is still slow to come. People are protesting to show their frustration outside one of the main power plants.

New York Governor, Andrew Cuomo, is calling for an investigation of the utility companies saying, "I believe the utilities have to do a better job of being prepared and have to be in a better position to respond. You can't have this kind of delay in getting people basic services. So I'm not happy with any of the utilities." (NECN.com)

This just goes to show that tragedy can strike anywhere at any time, and communities and businesses need to be ready to help each other get back to some sort of normalcy. A good question to ponder is what would you do if you were in a similar situation? Would you be ready?

Yankton High School Volleyball Team Completes Season



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The Gazelles fell to the Watertown Arrows Friday in the game that decided who was going to make the trip to Rapid for the state tournament.

In a long and intense five game battle, the Gazelles left everything they had on the court. Each game consisted of long rallies, spectacular plays, and the roaring student section.

For the first game, the Gazelles came out strong and with a lot of energy which allowed them to take the first match from the Arrows 25-19.

The second game was a battle to the end with the Arrows finishing on top 19-25. They carried their energy from the win to also take the third game with another score of 19-25.

The pressure on the Gazelles to win or give up state hopes carried them to win the fourth set.

They started off slowly, but built their momentum back and tied it up at 21-21 and again 24-24.

The Gazelles' battle paid off coming out with a win of 26-24. With the sets all tied up, the pressure was on for both teams.

Watertown took an early lead, coming out 0-5 in the beginning and never looked back taking the game 5-15 and also taking with them the Gazelles' hopes of going to state.

The Gazelles lost not only the game but a group of strong

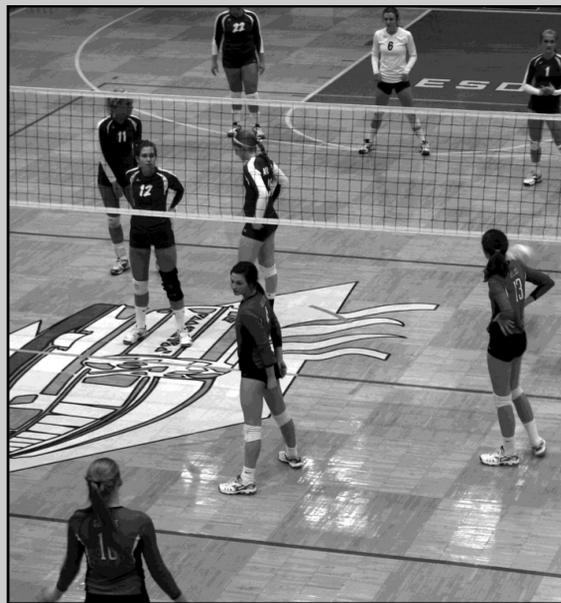


PHOTO BY MATTIE BLAGG

Yankton High School volleyball players are shown taking the court against the Watertown Arrows in their final game of the season.

leading seniors. "It was heart-breaking to see the season have to come to an end like that for the seniors. You could see the emotion on their face when all was said and done", said Abby Schulte a junior at Yankton High School.

Alyssa Schild, junior and team member said, "It was the closest I've ever been to a team, and I'm going to really miss them a lot."

The game brought with it a wild and energetic crowd. The student section was the largest

of the season and their cheers echoed through out the gym constantly. The crowd's energy helped the Gazelles put up a tough fight.

"The crowd was the rowdiest I have seen in my three years of attending school activities" said Yankton junior, Anna Gulick.

Even though it was a rough night for the Gazelles, they were still proud of the progress they made throughout the season knowing they had surprised everyone.



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Community**

FOOD DRIVE IN PROGRESS

The National Honor Society is sponsoring a fall food drive for The Contact Center. Students, bring non-perishable boxed or canned items to your homeroom. We will be collecting items and taking them to The Contact Center on Tuesday, November 20th. The homeroom who brings the most items will win rolls. So get out and give during this holiday season



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