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## Yankton High School Clubs Unite To Conduct Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive



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The Yankton High School Student Council and National Honor Society (NHS) are working together to collect canned food for the local Contact Center.

Throughout the month of November, students and faculty are asked to bring in a variety of canned food items to their homerooms. On Nov. 26, the Homeroom with the most canned food items will win a pizza party donated by the National Honor Society. The race between homerooms helps to create fun, friendly competition that will hopefully increase the amount of food items brought in.

For several years now, the high school has sponsored a canned food drive for the Contact Shelter. Mrs. Reyes, head of NHS, and Ms. Tasa, the head of Student Council, have been working together to organize this event. The collected food is brought to the Contact Center who distributes



PHOTO BY MRS. TERI MANDEL

The Yankton High School Student Council and the Yankton High School National Honor Society are conducting a Thanksgiving food drive. Seniors Luke Rockne and Patrick Binder, who each represent both organizations, are shown stocking boxes.

it to families in need.

The Student Council, which is associated with the South Dakota Student Council Association (SDSCA), also participates in yearly community service activities. This state organized student council program encourages partici-

pating high schools to partake in a fall community project. This year, the student council members have decided to join the National Honor Society with this great project to help out their community. Knowing that the NHS normally sponsors the food drive

during the fall, the Student Council decided to combine events with the NHS instead of having two separate drives. Both organizations felt they could increase participation by combining their efforts to provide assistance to this worthy cause.

## Y's Words On The Ferguson Situation



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An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind. It appears as if both sides in the Ferguson conflict have already lost sight of what they are actually fighting for. Nobody wins in a conflict like this.

The Michael Brown shooting sparked riots, and with echoes of Trayvon Martin still in the air, it can only be expected—it's not necessarily an acceptable thing to do, but expected nonetheless. But what shouldn't be expected is the Ferguson police's complete mishandling of the situation.

Beginning with the mishandling of the official police report, it took far too long for the report to actually be filed, and they provided no explanation. This did nothing but fuel the fire of the riots. Furthermore, the city showed little or no remorse for the shooting. Whether or not they believe it was justified, Michael Brown was a human being with a family and friends who deserved to be treated with respect.

The entire situation could have been squashed in a few days had police handled it through old fashioned police work and riot squads. The only reason the riots escalated like they did was due to a poor response to the incident by the Ferguson Police.

Instead of reconciling the situation, Ferguson has done nothing but get worse. Recently the National Guard has been preemptively deployed to help contain the riots likely to ensue after the court makes its decision on the officer who shot Brown. A pregnant woman's rape allegations against a Ferguson police officer which are backed by DNA evidence are doing nothing to extinguish the flames either.

The rioting is inexcusable, but has to be expected. The Ferguson police needed to be prepared for this situation. Ferguson was just a powder keg waiting to blow and the police should have been prepared for the worst.

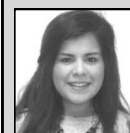
The Michael Brown shooting has revealed an ugly side of Ferguson. It is imperative that we as a society analyze the issue from an unbiased standpoint to properly assess the situation to make sure it doesn't happen again.

## Calculus Students Collected Food For The Contact Center



PHOTO BY MADISON DANGLER

Aesley McNeill and Allie Thiesse, AP Calculus students, are shown with the food their class collected for the Yankton Contact Center.



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Mrs. Kindle found a way to get her AP calculus students involved in donating canned food.

Each calculus assignment begins with ten "Quick Review" questions also known as "QRs."

Those ten problems seem to be the most difficult problems of each assignment, because they review all the chapters students have previously learned, and students sometimes forget the information.

Mrs. Kindle thought she would help the students out by giving them in opt out of the first five of the quick reviews.

The calculus students have the option to bring canned food items at the beginning of each chapter with the reward of not doing five of the math problems for each assignment in that chapter.

Mrs. Kindle shares where her idea came from, "The kids wanted out of the quick reviews, but I wanted them to earn it, so I

thought it would be a great way to give back to the community."

This is the second year that Mrs. Kindle allows students to bring canned food, and she hopes to continue it. She mentions, "I would say that we have donated at least a couple of hundred cans of food."

The donations go to Contact Center in town, the food pantry. Almost all of the AP calculus students participate which leads to a great outcome.

The students love participating in the donations.

Of course, any student would love to knock five problems off of their calculus assignment as well.

Nick LaFave states, "It's for a good cause, and I do not have to do part of my homework assignment."

John Dannenbring added, "Donating canned food is a great way to incorporate education and giving to those in need."

It is evident that Mrs. Kindle's plan for getting her students involved by donating and helping the community has been a success.

## Yankton Hosts State Volleyball Tournament



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Yankton High School was host the state AA volleyball tournament.

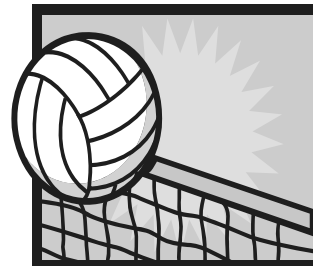
The tournament was Nov. 20-22.

Mr. Mors, Yankton's Activities Director, says this tournament is his first major state tournament since he began in 2012; although, Yankton has hosted a few state tournaments in recent years.

In 2010, state volleyball and state cheer and dance were both held here; state debate and oral interpretation were hosted in 2012, and in 2013 Yankton hosted state girl's golf.

Hosting a state tournament is beneficial because it brings people to Yankton,

which in turn helps hotels, restaurants, and businesses. But planning for a major state tournament is a huge undertaking.



Mr. Mors says, "It's very time consuming, but things have been falling into place thanks to a lot of helpful people including the custodians and the high school office ladies."

As the host, Yankton is required to provide a large amount of workers.

The positions include: an announcer, a scoreboard operator, a book libero tracker, a message board

operator, an official stats recorder, a trainer, ticket sellers, supervisors, and program sellers. The South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) provides officials and line judges.

Yankton High School students were affected by the tournament as they were dismissed at 11 a.m. on Thursday and had no school on Friday, because the parking lot was needed.

Eight teams were in the tournament: Harrisburg, Aberdeen Central, SF Roosevelt, Watertown, SF O'Gorman, Pierre T.F. Riggs, Huron, and RC Stevens.

The tournament concluded on Saturday evening with the championship game, but those results were unavailable at press time.

## Gymnastics Season Set To Begin In December



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Gymnastics combines physical skills such as body control, coordination, dexterity, gracefulness, and strength with tumbling and acrobatic skills, all performed in an artistic manner.

This year, the Yankton gymnasts hope for a successful year by showing eastern South Dakota what they are capable of.

Head coach Mr. Luke Youmans shares, "We are very excited for our upcoming 2014-15 season this year for a couple different reasons. The first being this will be a new opportunity for our girls to compete as Yankton due to our change in partnership with the Bon Homme school district."

Although the team is composed of younger gymnasts, Coach Youmans adds, "We have a very young and talented team that has seen lots of varsity experience and have high expectations about where our season can go. We will be joined by some young girls this year as well that will see their first taste of

varsity gymnastics as well and will be big contributors to our team. We look to build off two consecutive years of a top 7 and top 6 finish."

The younger gymnasts are the future for Yankton High School's gymnastics team. Coach Youmans mentions what he believes the younger girls bring, "We have lots of young talented kids in the gym and our club; the Yankton High School team will continue to get stronger for many years to come."

The gymnasts prepare well in advance for their meets. Gymnastics is like all sports, one cannot expect to be ready for performance without hard work and dedication. Coach Youmans says, "We try to prepare during the week physically and mentally, well in advance for meets and the variables that we will encounter. It is too late the day of the meet to be thinking about preparing."

This season will be Coach Youman's 10th season as a coach for Yankton High School gymnastics program. Although their practices can seem hectic with about thirty girls tumbling and flipping every-

where, the Yankton High School gymnasts remain focused on the season ahead.

Coach Youmans shares, "Success in athletics can't always be equated to wins and losses. We look at progress as a definition of success. Each year we have seen marked improvement, and that is our measuring stick of success."

## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD MEETING

There will be a **parent/student** Science Olympiad meeting at the Middle School on Tues., Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. in the lecture hall. If you are planning on participating in Science Olympiad this year, please plan on attending this important meeting.

The candy bars for our fundraiser will be handed out at this meeting.



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