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## YHS Crowns a New Prince and Princess

**BY BROOKLYN MALDONADO**

Homecoming coronation for the 2015 royalty was Thursday, September 17, at the Yankton High School.

The royalty court consisted of Joseph Kelly, Gabe Dannenbring, Reid Sawatzke, Tanner Frick, Jeffrey Koller, Colby Benson, Brianna Benjamin, Rachel Frick, Becky Frick, Sophie Drotzmann, Ashley VanMeeteren, and Erin Luken.

At the coronation, Joseph Kelly and Sophie Drotzmann were named Pioneer Prince and Princess.

“The only qualification to be on royalty is that you have to be a senior,” said Ms. Becky Tasa, YHS librarian. “The seniors pick out the top six boys and girls in their class.”

Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, students and staff watched the candidates’ videos, and the next day the students voted electronically. “We [used] Google Docs to vote,” Tasa said.

“Yankton High School’s royalty dates back to 1926 when the first homecoming prince was crowned,” Tasa said. “It wasn’t until 1929 when they crowned both a prince and princess.”



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Above: Joseph Kelly and Sophie Drotzman are named prince and princess at coronation.

After coronation, students participated in the burning of the Y. At this event, students gathered around the large burning Y while singing and dancing.

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At right: Students gather to watch the burning Y.



## Dress Up Days Showcase School Spirit

**BY ASHLYNN SCHWARZ**

The Yankton High School Pioneer Club had the job of coming up with what to wear each day during homecoming week.

This year, the Pioneer Club decided to have the students come to school as their favorite characters for Movie Monday.

Twin Tuesday gave students the chance not only to act like their friends but also to dress like them.

Students then got the next best thing to a vacation with Hawaii/Tourist

Wednesday.

Next was Blackout Thursday; everyone wore all black, except the seniors, who stood out by wearing all white.

Then, last but not the least, students celebrated Spirit Friday. Friday was the day to show students’ all-time school spirit with tutus, face paint, homemade t-shirts, and most importantly, the colors red, white, and black to support our Yankton High School Bucks football team!

## YHS Welcomes New Teachers

**BY SAMMI SIMONSEN**

Yankton High School welcomed many new faces, mainly freshman students, on the first day of school in August. Some of these new additions, however, were newly hired teachers. YHS gained six new teachers this year: Mrs. Georgia Powell (English), Ms. Brittanie Blaseg (math), Ms. Kelsey Thury (math), Ms. Brittany Sudbeck (English/ALC), Ms. Anne Kinsley (science), and Mr. Brandon Wagner (CTE).

In a quick interview, they were each asked a couple of questions so everyone can get to know them better.

When asked where they went to high school, Ms. Kinsley, Mr. Wagner, and Ms. Sudbeck all answered that they came from good old YHS. Mrs. Powell was a close neighbor to us at Vermillion High School, while Ms. Thury studied in Mitchell. Ms. Blaseg was a proud Lady Governor in Pierre.

The teachers were each asked where they went to college to receive their respective teaching degrees. Mrs. Powell said, “I graduated from Skidmore College in New York and then got my master’s degree in education from the University of South Dakota.” Mr. Wagner and Ms. Blaseg both attended the University of South Dakota. Ms. Kinsley started at the University of Minnesota, while Ms. Sudbeck began at Mount Marty College; however, both women ended up attending and graduating from USD. Ms. Thury, meanwhile, studied at Mount Marty College.

As children, many people dream of being a fire-fighter or a pop star. When asked what their childhood dreams were, many of the teachers had realistic goals. Mr. Wagner wanted to plant his dreams and become a farmer.

Ms. Kinsley wanted to fix the smile on everyone by being a dentist or train dolphins to be performers. Achieving their dreams of being teachers were Ms. Thury and Ms. Sudbeck. Mrs. Powell also always wanted to be a teacher but for a long time thought she would work with elementary students.

These teachers were asked what they snack on when they need a quick pick-me up between classes. “I usually go for almonds or something healthy, so I can

keep going throughout the day,” stated Mrs. Powell. Mrs. Kinsley will often choose a piece of fruit for that energy boost. Jellybeans are not just a treat for Easter anymore; Mr. Wagner loves to munch on Starburst jellybeans for a quick snack. Ms. Blaseg and Ms. Sudbeck agreed that their snack of choice would be anything chocolate. After a long day of teaching color guard and algebraic formulas, Ms. Thury can be found snacking on popcorn or chocolate.

Almost everyone has a least favorite high school subject, and these teachers are no exception to the rule. History wasn’t a favorite for either Ms. Thury or Ms. Kinsley. Our new English teachers, Mrs. Powell and Ms. Sudbeck, both struggled with math. Wagner said biology wasn’t his favorite subject, while Blaseg said English was her least favorite.

As far as favorite sports teams go, these teachers provided a variety of answers. Mr. Wagner is rocking blue and white for the Detroit Lions, and Ms. Blaseg’s family has her supporting the Minnesota Vikings. Mrs. Powell doesn’t watch a lot of sports. The Twins have Ms. Thury’s attention during baseball season. Black and red are the only colors Ms. Sudbeck wears to support the Huskers and Yankton. Ms. Kinsley isn’t much of a sport fan but will always cheer on the Bucks and Gazelles to a victory.

These teachers might be new to Yankton, but they soon will fit into our family at Yankton High School.

## Banquet Offers Food, Fellowship for Yankton Residents

**BY SAMANTHA WENZLAFF**

The Yankton Area Banquet, now running in its 19<sup>th</sup> year, helps families in need, provides a place for fellowship, and serves great food.

The Banquet, located in the United Church of Christ, is run by hardworking individuals who come together to help others.

The Banquet is a non-profit organization that provides free meals for anyone. It also offers fellowship and a sense of community to those who attend.

Each Thursday and every first and third Tuesday of the month, a group of community members get together to make this event possible. They provide the food and come in early to set everything up. Various volunteers come in around 5:15 P.M. to await a run-through of the night from director Carol Myers and occasionally her husband, director Bruce Myers.

At the beginning of the night, the hardworking volunteers are assigned jobs, and coordinators are placed among different stations in the building to help guide them through the task at hand. Participants are handed tickets to help keep count of how many guests attend and are then able to receive a free meal that is a “ten out of ten,” according to guest Rick Peterson.

Guests, upon getting their meals, sit by friends or old co-workers and spend time conversing and having a good time. Bruce Myers says, “It’s a family-like community down here.”

The volunteers are also given a time to eat among the guests and share or listen to stories.

Carol Myers says her favorite part of the night is “while we’re having the meal, talking to the guests.”

Bruce’s favorite part is “at the end of the night, hearing the volunteer group’s experiences.”

Guest Angela Cost, mother of two, said her favorite part of the night is “just the company in general.” She continued, “Some days it can be the best meal of the week.”

People genuinely enjoy the atmosphere and food at the Banquet. Rick Peterson says the volunteers are “Very friendly, nice people,” and like Angela, his favorite part of the night is “talking to people.”

When the night comes to a close, the volunteers, who Carol says “we couldn’t do without,” clean up and then join in a circle and talk about their night. Sad, funny, and humbling stories are told and Carol reveals the number of guests for the night. In that brief hour of being open, the numbers range anywhere from 200 to 300 adults and 40 to 60 kids.

The Banquet is an incredible gathering. Along with providing great meals and service, it provides different opportunities throughout the year. Summer activity passes are donated by the Banquet Board, Hy-Vee donates flowers and bread, the local hospital sends a nurse to provide flu shots, and the literacy council offers access to books for kids through the Big Red Bookshelf, to name just a few.

The Banquet is a truly great experience for all involved. If any local groups are interested in contributing to a night at this beneficial community event, contact Laura Heimes-Brown at 605-665-7199.

## HAUNTED HOUSE OFFERS THRILLS

**BY KIMBERLY ALVARADO**

For many people, the best part of Halloween is being scared.

One of the best places to visit for some scares is a haunted house. Haunted houses can offer excitement and bone-chilling action.

I recently visited Mystery Manor, a haunted house located in Omaha, Nebraska, with my brothers and sisters. While its name might not sound too scary, it was quite the thriller.

In Mystery Manor, visitors had to slowly make their way through a maze consisting of four floors of hallways and doors. In every second that passed, people were left in suspense, not knowing what would happen next. Zombies, witches, bloody butchers, and ghosts jumped out to



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surprise visitors.

The most exciting part of this haunted house was when some of the scary creatures would chase a visitor down a passage. When we visited, my siblings and I were stumbling over each other as we tried to get away.

While it’s tempting to mention all the spooks and scares in Mystery Manor, it’s best if you go visit it for yourself. Mystery Manor is located in Omaha, Nebraska. It is open most evenings during the month of October.

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Back row (left to right): Brittany Sudbeck and Anne Kinsley  
Front row: Georgia Powell, Kelsey Thury, and Brittanie Blaseg  
Not pictured: Brandon Wagner





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