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Members of Go Figure perform at Rockin' RibFest Saturday night in downtown Yankton. The group's performance capped off 12 hours of music at the fifth annual festival.

## RibFest

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City of Yankton and area businesses, residents and organizations who provide donations and volunteer labor, she said.

"Without their support, RibFest wouldn't be possible," she said.

RibFest has become popular with more than just the visitors, Sitting Crow said.

"We have a waiting list of ribbers," she said. "We only allow so many vendors each year. It's good that we have a waiting list. If someone wants out one year, then we can just move to the next one."

RibFest has achieved its goal of becoming a family-oriented event, Sitting Crow said. The festival offers food and music for all ages and tastes, and both parents and children love the inflatables, she said.

While a separate event, "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" has become part of the RibFest schedule. This year's event drew approximately 70 men — many in drag — who

walked the mile in high heels.

Proceeds from "Walk A Mile" are used to combat rape, sexual assault and gender bias, according to Desiree Warren, executive director of the Yankton Women's and Children's Shelter.

Warren commended Yankton Police Chief Brian Paulsen for his efforts in battling domestic violence and other needs.

"(Paulsen) has been extremely supportive of what we do at our shelter," Warren said.

She also thanked the men who participated in the walk. "Thank you for raising funds and for raising awareness for our cause," she said.

The RibFest committee is already working on next year's event, Sitting Crow said. Organizers want to keep the festival part of downtown but are open to changes, such as a different date, she said.

One thing about RibFest likely won't change, and that's its reputation for good food and fun providing one last blast after Labor Day, she said.

"It's a really nice environment," she said. "RibFest is big enough to be an event but small enough to be comfortable. It's a great block party."

# Workshop Looks At Aftermath Of Flood

From P&D Staff Reports

NIOBRARA, Neb. — "The Flood's Over — Now What?" is the title of an educational session set for 6:30-7:30 p.m. tonight (Monday) at the Niobrara Fire Hall, 259 Spruce Avenue.

The workshop is geared toward individuals with flood water or ground water in their homes.

The workshop will cover the following issues:

- personal safety & hazard issues;
- working with your insurance company;
- cleaning up and drying out your home;
- hiring mold remediation services;
- mold and how to reduce the movement of mold spores.

The information will be presented by Univer-

sity of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension educators Carroll Welte and Becky Versch along with UNL Professor Emeritus Shirley Niemeyer, a housing and environmental specialist.

For more information, contact the Knox County emergency manager at (402) 288-5613 or the Knox County Extension office at (402) 288-5611 or email knox-county@unl.edu.

## Royalty

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Donald was at first a little unsure of the audience's thunderous applause.

"My mom, Kathy Schenk, said she had never heard the crowd cheer so loud," she said. "I wasn't nervous because of my (pageant) experience, so I took Macaulay's hand and we walked down the aisle."

Meanwhile, the new king enjoyed a special cheering section, led by parents Jerrold and Vickie McDonald. The clan included the other six McDonald children and their spouses, along with 14 grandchildren and one on the way.

Macaulay said he could hear his family in the crowd.

"My mom yelled 'Yes!' She cried, she was so proud. She gave me a big hug," he said. "There was a lot of screaming, and Brandy (his sister-in-law) started yelling for me."

Vickie McDonald said she got emotional watching the scene on stage.

"Macaulay had the biggest grin on his face," she said. "I was thrilled and grateful. I was getting hugs from everyone."

Jerrold McDonald said he sensed the cheers and tears all around him but remained focused on his son's grin.

"I was surprised. I didn't realize that he would get it. I'm very proud and happy about it," Jerrold said. "He told me that he was going to be homecoming king. I told him, 'Bud, you better not count on it, you may not get it.' But I guess he knew something."

homecoming tradition, his mother said. Several of their children were nominated for royalty, and two of the girls were chosen queen.

"Macaulay went to every homecoming since he was born," she said. "He is the youngest of seven children, and he would go to see his brothers and sisters on stage."

When it came to last week's Irene-Wakonda coronation, Schenk's thoughts were focused more on McDonald than herself.

"I thought, if I do get queen, I want Macaulay to be the king with me," she said.

Besides Schenk, the queen candidates were Ashley Fuhrer, Pearl Gaidelis and Morgan Lee. Besides McDonald, the king candidates were Scott Davis, Sam Kiger and Luke Schroeder.

The coronation marked only the start of the week's activities for the new king and queen. Friday featured two parades — one at Irene, another at Wakonda — along with the football game and homecoming dance.

Both members of the royal couple normally march in the band, Schenk playing saxophone and McDonald playing drums and wearing sunglasses and a bandana. But this year, they rode in the parades and were given a special ride around the football field during halftime.

"Then Macaulay went to the dance and ended up doing a lot of dancing," Jerrold said with a chuckle.

The coronation seemed a natural, as the royal couple have attended school together their entire lives. They are often seen walking together down the hallways at school.

"Lexy has always been really good for him and so accommodating," Vickie said.

Schenk and her cousin, Holly Schenk, took McDonald to prom last year, and he escorted them complete with tux.

"He had one of us on each arm," Lexy said. "We walked together for the grand march, and he just had a big smile."

The prom wasn't the first time Macaulay had attended a dance, Vickie said. "Every year he has a date, and some years he has a couple of dates," she said.

### IT TAKES A VILLAGE

The coronation provided another example of the tremendous love and support shown by the community and school district, Vickie McDonald said. Appropriately, Macaulay's nomination for king came on the McDonalds' 40th wedding anniversary.

When Macaulay was born, the McDonalds knew their son faced many challenges ahead. But the family forged a strong bond on

their farm eight miles east of Irene. All of the McDonald children continue living in the area.

"All the other kids are married, and Macaulay has 14 nieces and nephews," Vickie said. "He loves being an uncle and is proud of that."

The McDonalds all attended the Irene or Irene-Wakonda schools, and Macaulay has been no exception.

"But this is a new experience for me and (the school). They have never had a child with Down's syndrome," Vickie said. "But they have specialized teachers, and every one of them has been excellent. The staff is wonderful, and I can't say enough about the school. They pull together and do what's best."

Macaulay showed his sense of humor during a Press & Dakotan interview. A huge Johnny Cash fan, Macaulay obliged a request and broke into a chorus of "Ring of Fire."

"We have no idea where he became such a fan," said secondary principal Dave Hutchison with a grin and shake of his head.

As part of the homecoming festivities, Macaulay dressed up for "1980s and Aerobics Day" with his Irene-Wakonda "Hurricanes" track uniform that he wears competing in Special Olympics.

Unlike some students, Macaulay enjoys being sent to the principal's office — he's in charge of bringing down the daily announcements and lunch menu. Macaulay has also served as the honorary "Principal of the Day," complete with a tie.

Macaulay has made everyday life better for everyone in school every day," the principal said. "He thanks you and says good-bye. He is a huge part of the school system. The kids realize that and treat him well."

That feeling was reflected at the homecoming coronation, Hutchison said. "Every one of these candidates was so excited to see

Macaulay win. It was a special day for everyone involved," he said.

Elementary principal Bruce Bailey echoed the sentiments.

"Lexy has taken Macaulay under her wing a lot over the years, and all the kids treat him great," King said. "Macaulay is a very positive kid. I don't remember the last time I saw him 'down.'"

### BUILDING A FUTURE

Besides taking part in school activities, Macaulay also participates in weightlifting along with 4-H, painting and piano lessons. He has shown artistic talent, winning purple ribbons at the State Fair for his painting.

During the last two summers, he has worked two mornings a week at the Hy-Vee supermarket in Yankton, followed by afternoon activities for special-needs individuals at the Summit Activities Center.

Jerrold McDonald drives his son to Yankton on those days and has seen the young's man growth.

"Macaulay really likes working at Hy-Vee. He stocks the shelves, but he really likes sacking groceries because he can greet every one who comes into the store," Jerrold said.

Macaulay has even received an invitation to join a weightlifting club in Sioux Falls this winter. He has also done some work at Ability Building Services (ABS) in Yankton, which he may pursue more after graduation.

Whatever the future holds, Lexy Schenk said her friendship with Macaulay will continue long after graduation.

"He makes you smile every single day. He is really popular and so good at lifting your spirits. He just makes you laugh," Schenk said. "People say he really deserved (homecoming king)."

Vickie McDonald credit the entire community and school for making her son's life so special.

"As they say, it takes a village to raise a child," she said. "In this case, it takes the whole town to rally around him. It's been a good experience."

When asked to contrast her Miss South Dakota Teen title with the Irene-Wakonda homecoming royalty, Schenk said there's no comparison.

"The other title (Miss South Dakota Teen), you'll have for a year," she said. "But this (moment with Macaulay) is something that you'll have for your whole life."

## OBITUARIES

### Millard 'Moose' Wik

Millard "Moose" Wik, age 86, of Yankton, South Dakota, died on Friday, September 16, 2011 at the Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Rev. David Gunderson officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton City Cemetery with military honors provided by the Ernest-Boyer VFW Post 791.

Visitation will be on Monday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and will begin one hour prior to services on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Bob Novak, Terry Novak, Kenny Novak, Eddie "Sparrow" Novak, Gerald Novak and Jimmy Myers.

Millard was born on October 6, 1924 at Wakonda, South Dakota to George and Mabel (Selbo) Wik. He grew up in the Wakonda area and graduated from the Gayville Elementary School. He served in the U.S. Army from April 24, 1946 to September 27, 1947. Millard married Ruth A. Nase on September 26, 1949 at Yankton. After their marriage they lived in Pierre, South Dakota until they moved to Omaha in 1963.



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They moved to Yankton in 1970. Millard worked for the Corps of Engineers in Pierre, Omaha and Yankton, retiring in 1973. He and Ruth loved to travel and he enjoyed going to auctions and rummage sales. Millard was a lifetime member of the Ernest-Boyer VFW Post 791 in Yankton.

Millard is survived by his wife, Ruth of Yankton; a daughter, Barb Wagner of Yankton; 2 granddaughters, Lisa Koletzky of Yankton; Amanda and Gino Delucia of Sioux Falls, South Dakota and 1 great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Gary Wik and a sister, Janice Wisecup.

To post an online sympathy message, please visit [wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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[www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com)

### FRIENDS FOREVER

Vickie McDonald said her son's crowning moment was made more special by sharing it with Schenk.

"I wasn't surprised that Lexy got queen," Mrs. McDonald said. "She's such a beautiful girl, inside and out, and she comes from a good family. She and Macaulay are good friends."

McDonald predicted the final outcome three weeks ahead of time, Schenk said.

"Macaulay came up to me at the beginning of the school year, and he said he would be king and I would be queen," Schenk said. "On the day of the voting, he wore a sign on his back that said, 'Vote For Macaulay!'"

McDonald didn't take all of the credit for his campaign sign. "Lexy helped me!" he said.

Vickie McDonald suspects he also had friends' help in sending her a message with good news.

"He texted on his phone from school when he was nominated as one of the king candidates," she said. "We figure that somebody helped him do the texting. The kids are always looking out for him."

Macaulay was fulfilling a family

### Hildegard Weber

Hildegard Weber, 93, of Yankton died Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are pending with Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

### Joyce Kirschenman

Joyce Marie Kirschenman, 86, of Yankton died early Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011, at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Yankton, with Joe Hobbs and Phyllis

Williams officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton City Cemetery.

Visitations is 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, Yankton, and then one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.



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