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## Homecoming Week Is Always An Experience Remembered For Years To Come



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The Yankton High School royalty court spent last week reigning over homecoming festivities. Six prince candidates and six princess candidates enjoyed dress-up days, coronation activities where JJ Hejna and Susanna Kinsley were crowned 2013 Prince and Princess, and finally, the homecoming game and dance to wrap up their week.

The memories Yankton High School students made last week reminded several teachers of homecomings in years past.

"Homecoming is memorable; no matter where you're at, it is a fun time," said YHS history teacher, Mr. Doug Pesicka who recalls attending his homecoming football games.

Homecoming provides an opportunity for students to show school spirit, which is important in unifying students and the community. Mrs. Jama Mathison, YHS science teacher, said, "School spirit is community spirit...it brings us together as a community."

Mrs. Mathison remembers the year her home-



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The 2013 homecoming royalty candidates are shown celebrating "Superhero and Disney Character Day." From left to right: **Row 1:** Hailey Luken, Brooke Wuebben, Abbey VanMeeteren, Molly King, Susanna Kinsley, and Anna Gulick. **Row 2:** Landon Withrow, Brandon Frick, Layne Droppers, JJ Hejna, Tanner Termansen, and Lane Sawatzke.

coming was moved to Lake Preston from Arlington after a tornado hit a propane tank.

Though natural disasters rarely impact homecoming celebrations, sometimes school spirit taken to the extreme can result in lasting memories as well.

Mr. Bob Beard, YHS English teacher, remembers an occasion when a senior class in Washington D.C. lit up the Washington Monument purple and white for

their school colors. In that situation, Mr. Beard noted, "Unfortunately, several seniors got arrested."

Mr. Beard thinks school spirit "reminds students it's okay to be proud of where you learn. School spirit is about teachers and students affirming each other."

Mr. Pesicka echoes that sentiment. He said homecoming is about having a tremendous amount of pride—students, along with their fellow classmates,

show pride in the school and its activities.

Mrs. Julie Koch, YHS science teacher, said, "It creates an atmosphere in which students can get involved."

One of Mrs. Koch's favorite homecoming memories as a student was dressing as Smurfs with her sister and friends.

Mrs. Koch feels that participating in homecoming festivities and having school spirit "unites us."

## Y's Words About Growing Violence In Our Nation



BY  
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Two major, nationally-known shootings happen within less than a week of each other—sounds like a bad movie starring some washed-up actor like Keanu Reeves; sadly it's the reality we live in today.

On September 16th, 34-year-old Aaron Alexis walked into a building carrying a bag which held a dismembered shotgun. Alexis then went into a bathroom and put it together. He continued to the fourth floor which overlooks an atrium. He opened fire on the people below.

The whole ordeal took about 30 minutes, during such time police had showed up and lost Alexis for a period of time. In the end, Alexis was gunned down by a D.C. police officer and a U.S. Park Police officer.

With shootings becoming the "norm," do we just accept the fact that next time we leave the house we should turn off the hallway light because we might not be back to turn it off? No. For some reason this is an increasing epidemic in our society, but acceptance isn't the answer.

"The question we need to ask is, why?" Alex Crandall, YHS senior wants an answer, as do many others. Why are these heinous acts happening so often?

Do we blame it on society and the constant pressure of an ever growing world? Or do we blame it on the childhood of the sick and twisted individual?

I don't have an answer. These occurrences are overwhelming and tend to be overplayed, brought up again and not allowed to die. Nevertheless, we are plagued as a nation in mourning over the 12 innocent victims who lost their lives in a navy yard in Washington D.C.; we also are thankful that out of the 13 people who were shot in a shooting in Chicago, all are alive.

I think Obama hit it on the head last Monday morning when he asked, "Do we care enough to change?" I hope the answer is yes, but I must reiterate the simple question, "Do we?"

## Athletes Motivated By "Legend of the Buck"



BY  
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HAUER**

The Legend of the Buck dates back 125 years before Crane Youngworth field ever existed.

According to Bucks football coach Arlin Likness, "Long, long ago at the end of September large mystical bucks with enormous racks would come out of the neighboring foliage and replenish the virgin soil and regenerate the spirit of the land."

Homecoming is a time of celebration and grand festivities where kids in all grades dress up to show their school spirit, participate in the Gong show (a talent show at YHS) and end the week off watching the Yankton Bucks earn another win.

A big motivating factor for the football players is the belief in the Legend of the Buck, which is passed down generation to generation.

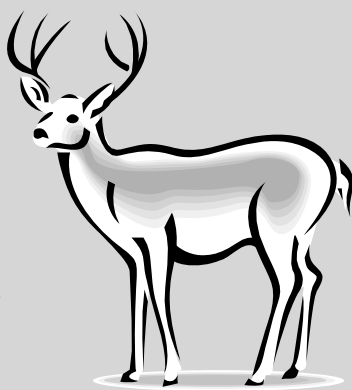
"The legend of the buck is a homecoming tradition that you wait for every year. In order to beat the Knights we need to play 4 quarters of solid football without taking a play off and we need to eliminate mental mistakes and win the turnover battle," said record-holding wide receiver JJ Hejna before Friday's game.

Likness stated, "I started the Legend of the Buck over factual evidence that was observed with my own two eyes. Each homecoming morning a dark, thick fog comes out and deer of all sizes, visible in the mist of the fog, come out to roam and replenish the almighty spirit of the Bucks and Gazelles. Legends like these are what drive school spirit and help get students involved."

Crane Youngworth Field—at an astonishing 125 years old—is amongst one of the oldest football fields in the nation.

According to Coach Likness, "With age comes tradition and deep roots in one's beliefs."

The Bucks had a record of 1 win and 3 losses before Yankton's homecoming game against the O'Gorman Knights last Friday at Crane Youngworth Field. Results were not available at press time.



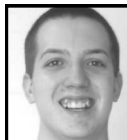
## Individuals At The Yankton Senior Center Celebrate Red And Black Fridays



PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. WAYNE KINDLE

Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle is shown celebrating Red and Black Friday with individuals at the Yankton Senior Center. People at The Center are encouraged to show their school spirit on Fridays by wearing red and black! Pictured from left to right are the following: **Row1:** Darrell Waggoner, Marillyn Obr, Lucille Masten, Jackie Olson, Don Olson, Romaine Wieseler, Marian Koletzky **Row2:** Betty Erickson, Janet Waggoner, Carol Eaton, Darlene Chambers, George Smith, JoAnn Smith, Jane Malone, Jennie Kilburn, Kay Ekeren, Sharon Fiedler, Marlene Nebola **Row 3:** Christy Hauer, Joe Wieseler, Jerry Steckler, Donna Steckler, Maury Ekeren, Sylvia Coulson, Dr. Wayne Kinde, Bev Larsen, Lloyd Segar, Jim Huisman, Delores Bohlman, Margaret Sarringar.

## Bucks Look To Improve Their Game On The Road



BY  
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"We've got to win the turnover battle if we want to start winning games," said Coach Dan Mitchell to sum up the game plan going into the Aberdeen game Fri., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.

This season the Bucks have focused their offense around an aerial attack that creates big plays and straying from the previous "Buck Football" offense of grinding out short yard plays and sustaining long drives. The Bucks prominent passing has accounted for 400 passing yards their first three games.

This preference for the pass was highlighted by the fact that in this game, star wide receiver JJ Henja became the Bucks' all-time leader in receptions and receiving yards; he did this

with 10 catches and 153 yards. He passed Yankton Hall-of-Fame member David Bitterman.

However, entering this game the Bucks showed glimpses of a balance between these aerial attacks and the ground oriented "Buck Football" offense. The ground game opened them up to an early 8-0 lead which they maintained through the first quarter.

The Golden Eagles struck quickly in the second quarter with a 4 yard touchdown by Aberdeen's Grayson Phillips that brought the score to 8-7 still in the Bucks favor.

The game went into halftime at that same score with both teams wanting to pull away in the second half.

The third quarter began defensively but with two and a half minutes on the clock Aberdeen threw a touchdown to obtain the

lead for the first time in the game. However, Yankton quickly rallied with a touchdown pass from quarterback Brady Hale to Henja to take a 15-14 lead.

Despite another touchdown from Hale to Henja, the Bucks could not finish the game on top.

Their 21-14 lead was erased by three straight Aberdeen touchdowns to finish the game.

The Bucks played hard but were unable to win due to the significant turnover margin of 3 that wasn't in the Bucks' favor.

Coach Mitchell believes that the Bucks "just need to execute their offense and cut down on the turnovers—they wouldn't change their game plan at all; they knew what they were against, they just didn't execute."

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