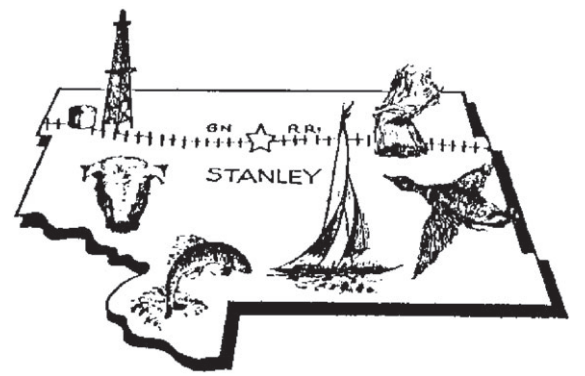


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Meyer Qualifies For National High School Finals Rodeo



Kassie Meyer from Blaisdell, a 10th-grade student at Stanley High School has earned a position on the ND state/provincial National High School rodeo team and will be traveling with fellow teammates to Rock Springs, WY, July 12th-18th to compete at the 67th annual National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR) in the Breakaway roping completion.

The ND High School State Finals was held in Bowman this past weekend, June 11th-14th and features the top 24 cowboys and cowgirls, from all over the state, in each event. The weekend included 2 rounds of boys and girls cutting on Thursday, followed by a morning and an evening performance rodeo on both Friday and Saturday, and concluded with a short go rodeo on Sunday afternoon, including the weekend top 12 contestants. The top 4 cowboys and cowgirls, from this weekend's events will earn a trip to the National High School Final Rodeo in Rock Springs, WY.

The girls breakaway roping was tight race all the way through and came down to 1/2 a point on the final day, in the short go. Kassie Meyer, from Blaisdell came into the breakaway roping event in the 7th

position with 34 points. She was 6 points away from 4th place and 19 points away from 1st place. Kassie won the first go round of the Finals with time of 2.99, earning her 10 points and moving her into the 4th place position. She placed 7th in the second go around with a 4.90, earning her 4 more points, which also earned 9 points for placing 2nd in the weekends average, missing first place by only 0.11 of a second. She came into the short go in the #2 position with 57 points, only 1.5 points away from first place. The first place cowgirl roped a 2.98 earning her 3rd place and only 8 points, which gave Kassie the lead by only 1/2 a point, and lead her to the first place position and declared her ND State Breakaway Champion.

Kassie qualified for the Jr. High National Rodeo in 2013 in both breakaway and ribbon roping. She is the daughter of Curt and Summer Meyer.

Featuring more than 1,500 contestants from 42 states, five Canadian Provinces and Australia, the NHSFR is the world's largest rodeo. In addition to competing for more than \$200,000 in prizes, NHSFR contestants will also be competing for more than \$350,000 in college

scholarships and the chance to be named and NHSFR National Champion. To earn this title, contestants must finish in the top 20-based on their combined times/scores in the first two rounds—to advance to Saturday evening's final round. National champions will then be determined based on their three-round combined times/scores.

Again, this year, the Saturday championship performance will be televised nationally as a part of the Cinch Highschool Rodeo Tour telecast series on RFD-TV. Live broadcasts of each NHSFR performance will also air online at NHSFRATV.com. Performance times are 7:00 p.m. on July 12th, and 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. each day thereafter.

Along with great rodeo competition and the change to meet new friends from around the world, NHSFR contestants have the opportunity to enjoy shooting sports, volleyball, contestant dances, family-oriented activities, church services sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, and shopping at the NHSFR tradeshow.

To follow your local favorites at the NHSFR, visit NHSFR.org daily for complete results. For ticket information, call (307) 652-6789.

Hanson Joins Thrivent Financial

Kyle Hanson of Stanley has joined Thrivent Financial as a Financial Associate with the organization's Northland Regional Financial Office and will be joining Lynn Grabow in the office located at 109 Main St. South. He can be reached at 628-2394.

Hanson grew up in Stanley and graduated from SHS in the Class of 1991. He attended his first two years of college at Williston earning his associate of science in pre-engineering. He then attended NDSU and earned his bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering and Management. In 1995 Kyle married Mari- anne Donnelly from Ray and they have two children, Kaedyn age 15 and Mackenna age 13.

He started working at Case in Fargo and worked in supervisory positions in a number of jobs until he moved to Rugby in 2002 to work for Rugby Manufacturing. He and his family moved to Stanley in 2007 when he took a job with Northrop. The job opportunity gave him a chance to move home and now after almost eight years, he looks forward to the move to Thrivent.

Hanson says that he looks forward to the challenge and opportunity to try something new. Nearly two years ago Grabow asked him if he would consider the move to this new career, but at that point he says he wasn't ready. However, last fall the pair talked about it again and he decided to start the process. After twenty years in manufacturing management he looks forward to the change as well as the opportunity to become more of a part of the community in which he lives.

Hanson offers comprehensive financial strategies, personal customer service and a wide range of financial products. He says that his goal is to be a financial guide to help people live wisely with their assets and protect them for their future. He says that could be saving up for something important or planning for retirement. Planning tools available include an opportunity to help that



Pictured above are Lynn Grabow and Kyle Hanson, Thrivent Financial Associates.

client look at where they are today and determine if it will help them accomplish their future goals. The company and its associates work with their clients for the long-term, not just to sell them a product.

Hanson's joining Grabow is an opportunity to expand the client base as well as balance the workload and provide more services for existing clients. Hanson says that since starting, he has been reaching out to new people in a growing community and growing area. He says that the skills he used in manufacturing are similar to the skills needed in this job, although it is a different career path. It is about forming relationships and helping people meet their goals.

Grabow says, "A big part of what we do at Thrivent is help people. We help people plan for the unexpected through insurance products, or help people plan for their financial future through our investment products. Hiring Kyle is huge in that my current client base will be protected by this transition plan. I could die

tomorrow. My clients whom I consider friends and family need someone they know and trust to help them if something were to happen to me. Kyle will be a perfect fit for this! I am so pleased to have him here with Thrivent!"

Hanson and Grabow are the only two agents between Minot and Williston. Associates are able to serve clients throughout the state as a whole. This is critical especially as clients sometimes relocate to other cities. Hanson says that he knows there are communities in the area that are possibly being underserved by Thrivent Financial and he looks forward to working with Grabow to expand those services.

Sheri Cooper, managing partner of the Northland Regional Financial office in Fargo says, "We see Kyle as a valuable addition to our office's field staff. We look forward to the energy and dedication Kyle will bring to the team. He will play a key role in serving our members' financial needs."

Looking For Sources of Infiltration



Pictured above, crews hook up the equipment to run the smoke testing. Below, the smoke rises from a house in the way it should if things are properly vented.



Stanley Public Works crews were being aided by the North Dakota Ru-

ral Water Systems Association last week as the city looks to determine

the source of infiltration into the sanitary sewer system. On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, crews could be seen running smoke testing throughout the city.

With the already high load on the city's system, finding these sources of additional water is important.

The non-invasive process of using the portable blower with non-toxic smoke helps to identify some of the sources of the excess water that has been entering the system especially during rain events. As the smoke was pumped into the manholes crews were then watching for where the smoke would rise to find the sources of possible infiltration.

Crews found instances where household roof drains were tied into the sanitary sewer system so that the rain water would make its way in. They also found instances of faulty venting, broken interior cleanouts, and misset manhole covers. All of these could be sources of infiltration. There could also be sources underground like broken pipes or bad joints. Last year's televising of the lines had already identified some areas for concerns.

Some homeowners may have also noticed the smoke rising inside their homes. This was often caused by either untrapped floor drains or dry floor drains. This could help homeowners determine plumbing issues they may wish to address in the future.

Ward Heidbreder, technical advisor for NDRWSA assisted Les Sigette, the waste water technician for NDRWSA during the project. They will prepare a report to present to the city at some point this week. From there it will be up to the city to contact homeowners with issues or to decide how to proceed to reduce the impact to the city's sanitary sewer system.

New Dog Park Goes Up



As reported by the Stanley Park Board at the June 8 City Council meeting, a new dog park has been installed in Stanley. Located just north of the cemetery on Park Board land, the new fence was installed by Dakota Fence last Tuesday, June 16.

Lions Club Donates To Legion Baseball



John Anderson and Lynn Grabow of the Stanley Lions Club presented checks to Stanley's American Legion Post 134 baseball program last week totaling \$1425.00. The funds represent the proceeds from the Lions Club's first Burgers in the Park held on Monday, June 8. The Lions Club holds their events in June, July and August with proceeds going to various organizations in the City. Because the Lions do not meet during the summer, the barbecues give members a chance to get together as well as providing funding for worthwhile programs and organizations.