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River City Recycling This Week NORTH of 15th St.



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RIVER CITY: YHS To Present Classic Musical.



THE BEST AGAIN



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Yankton's Chan Gurney Municipal Airport was recently named the state Office of Aeronautics' 2009 large general aviation Airport of the Year. It is the first time an airport in the large general aviation category has gotten the award in back-to-back years.

Chan Gurney Named 'Airport Of The Year' For Second Time

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Proving that last year was no fluke, Yankton's Chan Gurney Municipal Airport has again been recognized as one of the state's top airports.

The city-owned aviation hub was recently named the state Office of Aeronautics' 2009 large general aviation Airport of the Year, an award it also received last year. This is the first time an airport in the large general aviation category has gotten the award in back-to-back years.

Gary and Katie Carlson of Carlson Aviation beamed with pride this week as they talked about the recognition.

Dozens of other airports around the state vied for the prize. Carlson Aviation has contracted with Yankton to be the fixed-base operator of Chan Gurney Airport for three years.

"What this has done is basically set a precedent for the entire state of South Dakota since it has never been accomplished by any city," Gary said. "We didn't really change anything, but the word is getting out about Yankton's airport. We have a really good rapport with

"It's the total involvement of a lot of people so that one thing can shine, and it's this airport. This airport is shining. It is beautiful."

KATIE CARLSON

the city, and with all the promotions we're doing — the Oshkosh promotions, Christmas for the kids, the Young Eagles and everything else that is out here, it's a real positive. That's what is showing right now."

He cited the maintenance of the airport by Carlson Aviation and the City of Yankton as one of the contributing factors for Chan Gurney being selected. But most of all, he credited his wife, Katie, who often greets visitors with hugs and goes out of her way to make them feel at home.

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YHS Senior Designs State-Related Cookie Cutters

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE shauna.marlette@yankton.net

Yankton High School senior Brian VanDeRostyne has a unique skill to put on future college and job applications — cookie cutter designer.

When Tony Perk — state district manager of A'viands, the food service provider at the Human Service Center and many other locations across the upper Midwest — was asked to provide 250 dozen cookies for the Capitol Centennial Celebration in Pierre this summer, he started a quest. He wanted to provide cookies that had a South Dakota theme.

"I started looking online for cookie cutters in the shapes of things associated with South Dakota: pheasants, coyotes and so on," he said. "I found that there just wasn't anything out there like I was

looking for. I knew (YHS career and technical education teacher Bret Johnson) ... and approached him to see if possibly there was something his class could fabricate out of metal."

From that initial conversation developed the plan of having Johnson's Drafting II class — of which VanDeRostyne is the only student — work the project and create the themed cookie cutters.

"When Johnson told me about the project, to start I did a few tutorials on the software," VanDeRostyne said. "We produced five finished cookie cutters. The first one took a while to figure out, maybe a week. The second one took a couple of days to do; each of the others about a day each. We did a coyote, a pheasant, a buffalo, the state capitol building and a

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COURTESY PHOTO

Brian VanDeRostyne, a senior at Yankton High School is pictured with Tony Perk, S.D. District Manager of A'viands. Perk approached the YHS senior to create five South Dakota themed cookie cutters to use to produce 250 dozen cookies for the Capitol Celebration in Pierre this June.

DECISION 2010

Woerner: Community Involvement Key For Success

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a four-part series profiling the candidates for Yankton City Commission. The election is April 13.

NAME: Brad Woerner
FAMILY: Wife: Jessica; Children: Natalie, Nicholas
EDUCATION: BS/MS in Agricultural/Environmental Engineering from Iowa State University
OCCUPATION: Project Manager/Partner at Eisenbraun & Associates



Woerner

1. Why do you want to be a city commissioner?

To become further involved with Yankton is the simple, yet honest answer. I believe that my background as an engineer and a downtown business owner are assets that I can rely on to make sound, prudent and beneficial decisions for the betterment of our community. I

have no hidden agendas, no selfish reasons, nor any one particular issue that motivated me to run for this position. It is, quite simply, important for people to be involved in their community. I feel that it is my time to step up to the plate and go to bat for the citizens and the community of Yankton.

2. When it comes to working on economic growth, do you believe there are potential Yankton-friendly opportunities that the City Commission and

its economic development allies have not fully explored? Do you have ideas on how the city could improve its economic development approach?

Small businesses are critical to the economic growth of not only our community but the Midwest and the country. When small businesses succeed and grow, so do the communities where they are located. I believe that economic development is the responsibility of citizens,

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Irene Native Is Apparent Victim In S.F. Murder

Authorities Believe Deaths Related To Murder-Suicide

From P&D Staff Reports

SIoux FALLS — A Sioux Falls man with Irene ties is the apparent victim in a murder-suicide.

Sioux Falls Police Department spokesman Sam Clemens released details during a late Wednesday afternoon press conference.

Clint Vanderpoel, 28, was discovered deceased at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday at his home located at 2900 North Sweet Grass Avenue in Sioux Falls, Clemens said. Vanderpoel was found in bed, killed by a single gunshot wound, Clemens added.

Authorities believe that Vanderpoel was killed early Tuesday morning by Kari Jo McFarlane, 45. She was found Tuesday on the front steps of her Harrisburg home, killed by a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Information at the scene led one of McFarlane's relatives to believe that the woman was responsible for Vanderpoel's death. A note indicated that McFarlane may have wanted to harm Vanderpoel.

The relative contacted authorities, who attempted to contact Vanderpoel at his place of employment. They learned he had not reported for work for two days.

Authorities discovered Vanderpoel's body at his residence.

At this time, authorities have no motive for the murder, Clemens said.

Vanderpoel and McFarlane were acquaintances, Clemens said. The couple did not seem to be in a serious relationship, Clemens said, describing the couple as friends who occasionally dated.

Based on available information, Vanderpoel was last heard from at 1:15 a.m. Tuesday, Clemens said. Authorities were called around 6:30 a.m. Tuesday to McFarlane's home in the 2500 block of South Ascot Avenue after she shot herself.

Based on that time frame, authorities believe Vanderpoel was slain between 1:15 a.m. and 6 a.m. Tuesday.

Authorities believe a high-powered rifle found at the scene was used in the murder-suicide, Clemens said.

The investigation continues into the murder-suicide, with authorities hoping to finalize any further details, the police spokesman added.

Lake Andes Project Advances

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF randy.dockendorf@yankton.net

LAKE ANDES — The body of water that serves as Lake Andes' namesake needs upgrades, and area residents are bringing the lake back to its past glory.

The Charles Mix County Lake Restoration Organization (CMCLRO) is holding its second annual informational banquet Saturday at the VFW Club in Lake Andes. A social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the 6 p.m. banquet and program. Tickets can be purchased at Andes State Bank.

"We will make a big announcement Saturday night," promised CMCLRO president Darryl Deurmier, indicating it involves progress on a current project.

The project is ambitious, as Lake Andes runs 12 miles long and 1 1/2 miles wide. The watershed contains 95,723 acres of primarily agricultural land. The lake has a surface area of 4,616 acres.

The CMCLRO board seeks to improve the lake's water quality, the environment and

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