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## Fire On The Highway



A tractor trailer hauling more than 20 tons of grocery items was destroyed Tuesday morning in a fire on Highway 81 south of Yankton. The blaze originated in the engine compartment. Traffic was snarled up for hours. **BELOW:** Firefighters prepare to battle the blaze in the pre-dawn hours. No one was injured in the incident.

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## Tractor Trailer And Cargo Destroyed In Morning Blaze

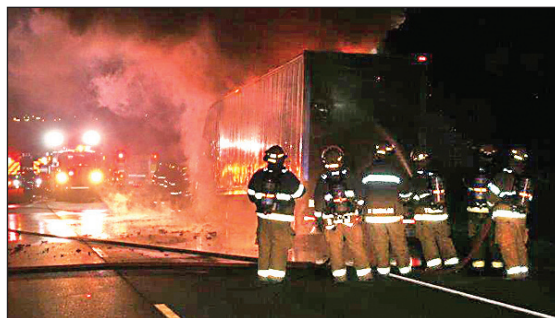


PHOTO: YANKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

From P&D Staff Reports

A tractor trailer fire south of Yankton early Tuesday resulted in the destruction of the rig and the more than 20 tons of grocery items it was hauling.

The northbound truck, delivering for Affiliated Foods of Norfolk, Nebraska, caught fire on Highway 81 just north of the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center at about 4:30 a.m., according to Yankton Assistant Fire Chief

Larry Nickles. The fire started in the engine compartment.

Nickles said the driver tried to put out the fire with an extinguisher, but this was unsuccessful. The fire quickly spread to the semi trailer, which was loaded with 41,000 pounds of grocery items, worth about \$62,000, bound for five Affiliated stores.

The truck was a total loss, as were the contents. The entire estimated loss was about \$200,000, Nickles said. Yankton firefighters and an am-

bulance crew responded to the call. Traffic on Highway 81 was detoured for two hours while the fire was contained. As daybreak approached, one-lane traffic was permitted to pass through the area.

Firefighters were on the scene until 3:45 p.m. while crews slowly unloaded the contents of the trailer. Some contents were still smoldering late Tuesday morning.

## Keystone XL Pipeline

# PUC Puts Limits On Pipeline Testimony

22 Groups Sanctioned For Missing April 2 Deadline Terms

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PIERRE — TransCanada's lawyers convinced state regulators Tuesday that some parties shouldn't be able to present direct evidence or direct witnesses in the hearing next month on the permit for the Keystone XL oil pipeline to be built through South Dakota.

The state Public Utilities Commission placed partial sanctions on as many as 22 interveners who didn't comply fully or in part with the April 2 deadline for presenting pre-filed testimony from witnesses.

PUC chairman Chris Nelson said there could be limited exceptions granted to the sanctions in some instances, because various sides were still at odds over information that should be shared before the hearing, a process known as discovery.

Two interveners received more time from the commission to comply with the schedule before sanctions would take effect upon them.



Nelson

Some interveners such as the Rosebud Sioux Tribe aren't affected by the sanctions and weren't targeted by TransCanada. Nelson said

commissioner Gary Hanson insisted on the requirement of pre-filed testimony for witnesses because it emphasizes the key issues.

"It was a big deal. It was important," Nelson said.

The sanctioned interveners would still be allowed to make opening and closing statements at the May hearing and to cross-examine other parties' witnesses.

Any intervener can present rebuttal witnesses at the hearing, if the witnesses' rebuttal testimony is pre-filed with the commission by the April 26 deadline for rebuttal.

One of the interveners, John

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## Decision 2015

# Centerville Approves Opt-Out Extension

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By a nearly 3-to-1 margin, Centerville school district voters have extended their \$225,000 annual opt-out for another five years.

Meanwhile, Delmont residents have approved — by a 60-59 vote — a toughening of their city's animal ordinance.

Those ballot measures were among the issues decided in Tuesday's elections across southeast South Dakota. Delmont voters also cast ballots for a council seat, and six other communities had city council or school board elections.

Incumbents held their seats in Springfield and Wagner city elections, while challengers claimed seats in Elk Point, Freeman, Scotland and Tripp city races. The Freeman school also saw challengers take the two seats in the four-candidate field.

The following is a round-up of available election results as of Tuesday night's press deadline.

**CENTERVILLE:** School district voters approved extending the opt-out by a 73-27 percent margin, according to business manager Angie Poll. The opt-out election was the only ballot issue as there were no candidate races and drew 27 percent voter turnout.

The Centerville district has opted out for \$225,000 annually for the past 10 years. The opt-out allows the Turner County school district to exceed the state property-tax limit.

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Scout (right, played by Hannah McKechnie) conjures up a monstrous image of what the reclusive Boo Radley might look like while her brother Jem (Adam Donovan) looks on in a scene from "To Kill a Mockingbird," presented by the National Players at Mount Marty College's Marian Auditorium Tuesday. The actors and crew also conducted a workshop for area high school students interested in theater.

# It's Just An Act!

National Players Tour Brings Its Outreach Back To The Mount Marty College Campus

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America's longest running professional touring company, the National Players, stopped in Yankton to present two classic plays in surprisingly accessible ways.

The 10 actors performed William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" and "To Kill a Mockingbird" for public audiences in Mount Marty's Marian Auditorium.

Beside the National Players public performances, the company also performed a 90-minute version of "To Kill a Mockingbird" at MMC's annual high school Theatre Day on Tuesday.

Students from Beresford, Parker, Armour, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Whiting High School, Emerson-Hubbard Community Schools, Crofton, Colome, Bon Homme,

Alcester-Hudson, West Holt Dakota Valley, Irene-Wakonda and Flandreau Indian School were in attendance at Tuesday's matinee performance.

With such a small cast for the two productions, all of the actors in each performance have to double up on duties.

"Some of us have double characters," said MK Smith, an actress for National Players. "Not only that, but we are all the technicians, we load in a venue like this on our own and do our own sound board and lights. We just handle everything."

Smith's interest in theater evolved in high school, but due to reluctance from her family about her potential career choice in acting, Smith went to school for nursing at

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## Onward Yankton Continues To Attract Submissions

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We're 15 days into Onward Yankton's 100 day search for the city's next big idea — but suggestions continue to pour in.

Onward committee member Heidi Marsh said the time has led to some well-thought ideas.

"I can tell — as people have had some time to think about it and connect with their family, friends and neighbors — that the ideas are becoming really well thought out," Marsh said. "They're really planned now. You can tell people are really taking time to dig through their thoughts."

She added there's also been a broad range of ideas so far.

"I love the variety of ideas that have come in," she said. "We have some structural things, but then we also have ideas that are more scholarship based, or idea driven or policy driven."

According to committee member Beth Rye, more than 200 ideas have been submitted to Onward Yankton's website as of Tuesday night. The submission deadline is July 9, after which ideas will be narrowed down to five choices. A submission could be chosen

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## Singing Into Spring



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These members of the Yankton Middle School Sixth Grade Chorus bring a refined touch to their performance during the YMS spring vocal concert, held Tuesday night at the middle school gym. The music of Disney movies inspired much of the evening, with songs drawn from "The Lion King," "The Little Mermaid," "Lilo and Stitch" and "The Aristocats." The YMS Jazz Band also performed a selection of numbers, including the "James Bond" theme.