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**Art Adventures instructor Kathleen West** showed the board a picture a student of hers made and discussed the decision-making skills needed to make the picture and how important art is in school. After much discussion and testimony's from the general public, the Yankton School District (YSD) school board approved an art teaching position at the Yankton Middle School at the special board meeting Monday.

## YSD Gives OK To Add YMS Art Instructor

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A passionate applause rang out from local arts supporters after the Yankton School District (YSD) school board approved an art teaching position at the Yankton Middle School at the special board meeting Monday.

The Fine Arts proposal was presented and discussed at the March 9 school board meeting by Yankton Middle School (YMS) principal Todd Dvoracek and Yankton High School (YHS) principal Dr. Jennifer Johnke.

"Since then, we have had some discussion, along with an overwhelming response from community members and folks reaching out to us to share their side and support that position for the last couple of weeks," YSD board member Kathy Greenway said Monday. "We had the opportunity to start looking at the budget for our next year, as well incorporating that position."

According to YSD superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle, the position was eliminated a few years back when the school district was going through budget cuts.

"Really it's about budget," Kindle said during the meeting. "We have really gone through that in our budget meetings. It will certainly add to our structural deficit, which we know. We are being very open and transparent about that."

"I think it is a very good start for the fine arts department and the

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## After Busy Monday, Burn Ban Back On



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Yankton firefighters work to contain a controlled burn that got out of control northeast of Yankton Monday. Two other controlled burns involved CRP land in the Lesterville area also got out of control. There was another blaze reported in the Gayville area early Monday night; no details were reported. Yankton County reimposed its burn ban late Monday night after the hectic day. Forecasts for this week call for warm temperatures with little chance of rain.

## Things Look Green, But Dry Dangers Still Lurk

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**A**s a result of Monday's fires, the Yankton County burn ban has been reinstated immediately. Yankton County emergency manager Paul Scherschligt notified the media Monday night that the burn ban was set to go into effect at midnight. That means the ban is in effect as of today (Tuesday).

"Due to recent fires with in the county, the fires chief(s) have determined to put the burn (ban) back on," he said. "The fires (Monday) were burning green grass and spreading quickly without a strong wind to push it. With the lack of moisture in our area, conditions continue to get worse."

Any piles of debris that may still be burning

need to be monitored closely and buried, Scherschligt added.

Yankton deputy fire chief Larry Nickles said Monday's blazes showed the need for continued caution.

"These fires give you an idea of the conditions," he said. "People still need to use extreme caution."

The dry conditions look to continue, according to South Dakota state climatologist Dennis Today.

"The May outlook calls for equal chances of normal, above-normal and below-normal temperatures and precipitation," he told the *Press & Dakotan* in an earlier email interview.

"The drought outlook through July 31 calls for the tendency to persist and intensify in eastern South Dakota, with the possible exception of the southeastern corner of the state."

Northeast Nebraska, despite receiving decent moisture over the past two weeks, still maintains

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## Boys & Girls Club Closer To Reality

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The dream of a new Boys & Girls Club facility in Yankton cleared yet another hurdle during a meeting of the Yankton City Commission Monday night.

The commission voted unanimously to approve a conditional use permit for the facility, which is set to be on the grounds of Yankton Middle School.

Community Development Director Dave Mingo said this is a process all school additions need to go through and that he'd heard no objections raised over it.

"Additions to schools, or projects such as this — a youth community center — are required to go through a conditional use process where the neighborhood is notified," Mingo said. "We've gone through that notification process. We haven't received any comments to date from our publications and mailings."

Mingo added that much of the discussion with the Planning Commission revolved around parking, saying the school's original intent has left it with an over-abundance of parking.

"The discussion at the Planning Commission revolved primarily around parking and traffic," he said. "The site was designed to be a high school originally so parking far exceeds the requirements associated with a middle school, so

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## Benefit Set To Aid Family Whose Son Is Battling Brain Cancer

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"You think your kid is 100 percent normal, and the next day, they have cancer," Ryan Lenhoff said.

The Lenhoff family, originally from the Yankton area, found out their son Ethan had cancer when he wasn't even a year old.

"They thought he probably had it since birth," Lenhoff said. "By the time they removed it, it was about an eighth the size of his brain."

To help the Lenhoff family with medical bills, a benefit 5K run will be held at Yankton's Riverside Park Saturday, May 2 with registration starting at 7 a.m. and walk starting at 9 a.m.

In addition to the 5K, friends and family will be holding a benefit for Ethan at Riverfront Event Center in Yankton from 5-11 p.m.

"We are having a free-will donation dinner from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and a raffle, silent auction and live auction at 9-11 p.m.," Lenhoff's cousin, Dawn Noecker, said. "We are also going to have music by Dennis and Deb Kruse from 9-11 p.m."

All food and auction items are donated from friends and family of the Lenhoff family, along with other businesses and people from local communities.

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PHOTO: BOOKLYNN NOECKER

In the fall of 2014, Ethan Lenhoff was diagnosed with grade II pilomyxoid astrocytoma right before his first birthday. A 5K and benefit will be held for the Lenhoff family in Yankton May 2.

## New Status Hearing Set In Hudson Case

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As the set trial date for Joshua Hudson draws nearer, the courts have asked for a post-evaluation update to precede it.

Hudson, who's accused of killing his uncle Todd Hudson in Yankton in 2014, is set to have a third forensic psychiatric evaluation in Rapid City from May 8-17 with a report expected to be complete by mid-June.

Deputy State's Attorney Erich Johnke filed a motion Monday asking First Circuit Judge Glen Eng to grant a status hearing to go over the report and consider any other motions necessary. Eng set a special date — Friday, June 26 at 9 a.m. — for the hearing.

Hudson's trial is scheduled to begin July 27.

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