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## A Lost Opportunity

### Terrorist Threat Cancels Local Athlete's Trip To Turkey

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VERMILLION — Dylan Fischbach has always managed to come out on top, despite the adversity life has thrown in his direction.

He and other young men much like him have found that athletic competition mixed with a bit of courage is a great way to deal with some of the difficulties they've had to face.

They have also, collectively, achieved the

good sense to know when to say "no," especially when a possible future adversary may be overseas terrorism.

Dylan lost a leg, but fortunately, not his life, to cancer when he was an infant. He spent his youth mastering his skills at wheelchair basketball, competing for years as a member of the Nebraska Red Dawgs basketball team.

Dylan, the son of Kelly and Bruce Fischbach of Vermillion, is now a 18-year-old man who graduated from Vermillion High School last

spring. A few weeks after receiving his high school diploma, he was selected as a member of the prestigious 2013 USA Men's Under-23 Wheelchair Basketball Team.

The team was scheduled to participate in the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) U23 World Championships, set for early September in Adana, Turkey.

Along with the hard work, courage, and de-

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#### South Dakota

## Universities Consider Aid Based On Need

BY BOB MERCER  
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — At the annual planning retreat next week, one of the decisions facing the state Board of Regents is whether to ask the Legislature for \$3 million next year to put in a trust account, so the earnings can be used to help provide need-based grants to students.

The \$3 million is one of a dozen budget requests under consideration by the regents for the state's public universities. Most of the requests aim at reducing expenses for students in various ways, such as tuition buy-downs and expansions of the Opportunity scholarships.

The regents also will focus at the two-day retreat on enrollment trends and projections, which show the head count of South Dakota students physically attending the state universities declined slightly in recent years, while overall enrollment increased because of distance-learning courses and non-resident students.

Population forecasts indicate South Dakota will see more high school graduates in the coming decade, while nationally the numbers of high school graduates will

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#### Touching Up



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

A construction crew worked Thursday afternoon to put the finishing touches on a bridge and spillway replacement project at Beaver Lake. The \$1.9 million project was substantially completed last week.

## Work Complete At State Lake

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After more than a year of construction work, a bridge and spillway replacement project at Beaver Lake, also known as State Lake, has been completed.

"It's looking real nice," Yankton County Highway Superintendent Brian Gustad told the Yankton County Commission recently. "We opened it up last week."

The process started with the need to replace the county bridge along 302nd Street and the dam spillway owned by the South

"Everything looks nice, and we're pleased with the final product."

RON PETERSON

Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GF&P). Federal funds supplied 80 percent of the money for the bridge and spillway replacement. The county provided the remaining 20 percent for the bridge, while the GF&P is on the line for the spillway.

The South Dakota Department

of Transportation (SDDOT) administered the contract for the \$1.9 million project, according to Yankton-area engineer Ron Peterson.

Grangaard Construction of Watertown was the primary contractor for the undertaking.

Peterson said the project took a little longer than expected, and all that remains to be done is some clean-up and final inspection.

"Everything looks nice, and we're pleased with the final product," he added.

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## Yankton Man Charged With Vehicular Homicide

From P&D Staff Reports

GILLETTE, Wyo. — A Yankton man has been charged with aggravated vehicular homicide after allegedly running over and killing a man at a construction site in Gillette, Wyo., Monday morning.

According to the *Gillette News Record*, Andrew Michael Ames, 31, was charged Wednesday in the death of Jason Thompson, 38.

A witness claims to have seen Ames back up a dump truck and run over Thompson, court documents show. A second witness said he saw the front passenger wheel go over Thompson after he was already on the ground.

Ames was originally arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol after a Wyoming Highway Patrol trooper smelled alcohol on his breath, and he subsequently failed field sobriety tests.

According to court documents, Ames admitted to drinking alcohol the night before the incident but said he had quit at 8 p.m. He appeared remorseful in an interview with authorities and said he didn't see anyone or feel any impact to indicate anything had been hit.

According to the *News Record*, Ames is charged with aggravated vehicular homicide by DUI or, in the alternative, aggravated vehicular homicide by reckless operation.

The first charge alleges that Ames was driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and caused Thompson's death. The alternative charge alleges Ames' reckless driving caused Thompson's death.

If convicted of either charge, Ames faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.



P&D FILE PHOTO

Participants of last year's "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" are shown wearing the red high heels that have become a staple of the event that aims to raise awareness about domestic and sexual violence. This year's theme is "Be Someone's Hero," encouraging open communication about the topic.

## A Chance To Be A Hero

### Annual Walk Aims To Raise Awareness About Domestic And Sexual Violence

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Men in the community are being encouraged to "be someone's hero" during this year's "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes."

That's the theme of the sixth annual Yankton Women's and Children's Center (YWCC) event, which raises awareness about domestic and sexual violence. "Walk A Mile" will take place Saturday, Aug. 31, in conjunction with Rockin' Ribfest.

At last year's event, the YWCC decided to move away from allowing men to dress in drag along with the red high heels they are asked to wear as a way to raise awareness about domestic and sexual violence. Instead, participants were encouraged to walk with their loved ones.

"That went over well," said Desiree Warren-Johnson, executive director of

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