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## Regents Vote Against Repeal Of Alcohol Ban In 2016

BY BOB MERCER  
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SPEARFISH — The state Board of Regents decided Wednesday against asking the Legislature to repeal the state law that bans alcohol on state university campuses.

Meeting in Spearfish at Black Hill State University, several regents said it was premature to seek the repeal during the 2016 legislative session without knowing specifically where, how and when they want alcohol allowed.

The regents instead asked staff and university officials to deliver a menu of options that could be presented at community meetings during the next year for public discussion.

Janelle Toman, the regents' director of communications, chaired the task force that considered whether to recommend seeking the repeal.

Toman said task force members weren't interested in allowing alcohol at student unions or in student housing on campuses. They also ruled out liquor, she said.

That left beer and wine as possibilities at sporting and charity events, donor gatherings and special parties.

"I feel that an outright repeal will be difficult without the associated policy indications we intend to follow," Toman said.

"The cleanest way to deal with this is to repeal the prohibition. The difficulty is deciding what we want it to be," she continued.

Regent Kevin Schieffer of Sioux Falls said the board shouldn't rush into offering legislation for the 2016 session.

He said the topic "should be subject to a little more sunshine."

Regents' executive director Mike Rush recommended prior to the meeting that the board should wait until a clear proposal was developed.

The discussion on alcohol came in recent months amid greater emphasis on Division 1 sports at the two largest state universities.

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Happy Holidays



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# Reward Offered In Case

## Investigators Hope Offer Brings New Info To Investigation Of Woman's Death Near Vermillion

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VERMILLION — A reward is being offered for information in the unsolved investigation of the homicide of Alicia Hummel.

The body of Hummel, 29, Sioux City, Iowa, was found in the late afternoon on June 1, 2015, near boat dock along the Missouri River at Myron Grove.

Final autopsy reports indicate her cause of death was due to drowning with contributing circumstances of an incised wound to the neck and blunt force injuries to the head.

This week marks the six-month anniversary of Hummel's death and law enforcement continues to follow-up leads and asks the public to provide any

**"We are trying to track down any information people might not have told us. We are hoping that the reward will stimulate someone to come forward with any information."**

SHERIFF ANDY HOWE

information that may assist them in this investigation.

An anonymous reward of up to \$5,000 has been offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person(s) involved.

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## REWARD

The Clay County Sheriff's Office and the Division of Criminal Investigation are investigating a suspicious death of an adult female who was found late afternoon on Monday June 1, 2015, near the boat dock at Myron Grove, also known as the Highline Area of Clay County, South Dakota. She has been identified as Alicia Marie Folkers Hummel, 29, Sioux City, Iowa and Elk Point, South Dakota

Authorities are asking for the public's help with information on any suspicious activity in this area on the afternoon of June 1 between the hours of 1-3 p.m. A \$5000.00 reward is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) involved.

Individuals with any information are asked to contact the Clay County Sheriff's Office at 605-677-7100.

### \$5000 REWARD

Offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible.

## Looking At Options



Jason Metz, a golf shop assistant, uses the golf simulator at the Fox Run Golf Course Wednesday. The City of Yankton is looking at a number of options to help the clubhouse and course as a whole operate more efficiently and bring in more golfers.

## Changes Eyed For City Golf Course

BY ROB NIELSEN  
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The leisurely pastime of golf has seen a number of changes across the country in recent years.

Demographics, a shift in sporting interests and higher costs, among other reasons, have forced public courses throughout the United States to reduce staff and services, seek out alternative management structures in order to stay afloat, or shutter completely.

The Fox Run Golf Course in Yankton is also seeing the changing tides of the sport, but city officials are looking at several options to help the course run efficiently and thrive.

City Manager Amy Nelson said Fox Run is experiencing some of the same issues with the changing culture around golf.

"Golf, nationwide — not just in South Dakota and not just in Yankton — is not the sport it used

to be," Nelson said. "Generations have changed and people's ability for free time has changed, so golf is, as all sports do, ebbing and flowing in popularity."

She added that Mother Nature also tends to add to fluctuations in numbers.

"Golf is dependent on weather — some years we have really good seasons," she said. "Some years, if we have wet springs and early winters, we have less successful seasons, so that is an issue as well when it comes to the viability of a golf course."

Fox Run has had some down years of late. According to Yankton Parks & Recreation Director Todd Larson, the course lost \$118,000 in 2014.

But, 2015 has seen somewhat of a rebound with 24,260 rounds played through Oct. 31. This is up from 23,419 rounds played in 2014 and 21,267 in 2013. The numbers are still well short of busier

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## Farm Transition Issues Discussed At Area Workshop

BY LINDA WUEBBEN  
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HARTINGTON, Neb. — If a farm or ranch owner/operator wants his business to continue, there needs to be a strategy, a plan that will work.

Dave Goeller, Farm Transition Specialist with the Dept. of Agricultural Economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, spoke Wednesday with a group of northeast Nebraska farmers about business succession in Hartington. It is a process he has been perfecting since 1982 and he invites farm families to join clinics he facilitates which hammer out all the details for transition of the family farm.

Goeller reviewed a set of graphs from 1982 to 2012 which displayed the age of Nebraska farmers. It did not present a pretty picture for success. In 1982 there were about 60,502 farmers in Nebraska and 22 percent were under the age of 35. That was the peak. Every five years following have seen decreases and the number dropped in 2007 to 3,353.

A bright spot came in 2012 with a slight increase from 7 percent to 9 percent with 4,747 youngsters under 35 in farming operations. Nebraska was the only state which showed an increase in young operators.

Goeller asked the participants to speculate on the reason behind low numbers and some suggested the labor-intensive work in farming as being an obstacle and another thought it was because people were living longer, healthier and enjoyed what they were doing. But probably the number one reason is the huge price tag is takes to get into the agricultural industry. Beginning farmers find it very difficult to break into farming.

"It is important to have a long range plan," said Goeller. "Sometimes, as farmers, we are too busy doing what we do, we forget to make plans



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## YHS Students Learn The Value Of Ethical Decisions

BY ALISSA WOOCKMAN  
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More than 350 top business executives and community leaders will spend the rest of this week in classrooms across South Dakota talking to nearly 8,000 middle school and high school students about real-life ethical decisions.

This effort is part of Junior Achievement (JA) of South Dakota, a program that helps young people connect with relevant learning and the importance of staying in school. The

curriculum utilized volunteers from 29 communities around the state to teach a lesson to get kids thinking about their own personal set of morals and values to promote future success.

Wednesday, Yankton took part in its Junior Achievement program with business leaders visiting 11 different classrooms full of YHS sophomores.

Deb Specht, JA of South Dakota board member and co-owner of Vision Real Estate Services in Yankton, told the Press & Dakotan about the

kind of volunteers the organization targets to bring into the classroom.

"What we really look for are business executives — presidents, CEOs, the high-profile people," she said. "We have had really good retention for our volunteers. There are some that have been doing this since we started."

Each volunteer is a top person in his or her field. Volunteers share their personal

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ALISSA WOOCKMAN/P&D  
Jack Weeks, vice president of First National Bank holds a deflated balloon to demonstrate the importance of good decision making during his visit to YHS Wednesday.

