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A Sound Direction

Task Force Formed As City Grapples With Noise Issue

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Although the loudness of music at a downtown bar has subsided in recent weeks, the Yankton City Commission has decided to form a task force to evaluate noise regulation in the community. According to Police Chief Brian Paulsen, the owner of Happy Hourz at 311 Douglas Avenue has been cooperating with authorities to address the issue since a formal complaint was filed last month, along with a



Paulsen

decibel reader to monitor noise levels. However, the commission has decided

number of informal complaints. "(Neil) Anderson told me ... he has now excluded some of the bands that were creating the louder events at his establishment," Paulsen told the commission at its last meeting, adding that Anderson has been using a

that further study of possible noise ordinances is still warranted and will create a task force of community members, business owners, city staff and city commissioners. City Manager Amy Nelson wrote in a memorandum to the commission that there are not enough disturbing-the-peace complaints to convince her a revision of the ordinance is needed, but ultimately suggested the task force when it became clear com-

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Fast Thinking Helps Snuff Out Store Fire

BY NATHAN JOHNSON

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Some quick thinking Monday morning averted a potentially damaging fire at a downtown Yankton business. Cyndi Hunhoff, owner of Lisa's Fashions in the 100 block of West Third Street, was talking with an employee at approximately 11:15 a.m. Monday when the fire was discovered in the shop.

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Progressing On Summit



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Utility work and service connections have been completed along Summit Street between Ninth and 15th streets, and now paving is under way. The intersection of 15th Street and Summit Street will close today (Tuesday) to prepare it for concrete paving Wednesday. It will remain off limits until the concrete reaches adequate strength. Masonry Components of Yankton is the contractor for the road reconstruction project.

State Grant Gives Boost To RTEC

BY DEREK BARTOS

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Thanks to its success in training future workers, the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC) in Yankton is getting another boost to help continue its educational efforts.

Through an amended Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) has awarded the City of Yankton \$64,072 to support RTEC's programs. The funds will go toward scholarships for individuals who enroll in training programs offered at RTEC during the coming year.

"We're thankful for the GOED office up in Pierre for considering us for another amendment to the proposal we put in last year," said RTEC General Manager Josh Svatos. "Any time you can work in partnership with these state agencies and our local partners, it's a great thing. This is workforce develop-



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The Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC) in Yankton has been awarded more than \$60,000 through a Community Development Block Grant to assist with its programs for training future workers. According to RTEC General Manager Josh Svatos (pictured), the grant money and matching funds will be used to offer nearly \$90,000 in scholarships for training programs offered through RTEC during the coming year.

ment, and this is what we have to do to capture and train our future workforce." Last year, the GOED awarded the City of Yankton and RTEC a CDBG in the amount of \$107,500. The grant and supplemental matching funds went toward the purchase of a

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Cause Of Death Determined In Accident At Marne Creek

From P&D Staff Reports

A 30-year-old Yankton man killed earlier this month in a car accident died of blunt force trauma, according to Yankton Police Chief Brian Paulsen. Joshua Paul Scott was found dead outside of the vehicle he was driving July 16 after it crashed into the embankment along Marne Creek near Fourth and Burleigh streets.

Paulsen added that the autopsy that determined the cause of death did not find evidence of a medical condition that could have contributed to the accident.

The results of a toxicology test are still pending, he said.

It's estimated Scott was traveling at 65 miles per hour in a 30 mph zone when the vehicle went off the road, sustaining extensive damage upon impact.

Senate OKs Comey As FBI's New Director

BY ALAN FRAM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate overwhelmingly confirmed James Comey on Monday to become FBI director, elevating the one-time Justice Department official who defied efforts by President George W. Bush's White House to renew a program that allowed warrantless eavesdropping.

Comey was approved 93-1 after one of the Senate's leading conservatives abruptly ended delaying tactics that had blocked a vote on the nomination.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., mentioned as a possible 2016 GOP presidential candidate, had been thwarting the vote over his concerns about the FBI's domestic use of drones. Minutes before a showdown vote that seemed likely to force an end to his delays, Paul announced he would allow a vote on Comey, saying he'd received a letter from the FBI that answered his questions about drones.

That letter said the FBI has seldom used drones and cited Supreme Court rulings that the agency said suggested that court warrants are not needed for aerial surveillance.

Paul was the only "no" vote.

President Barack Obama nominated Comey, 52, in June. He will succeed Robert Mueller, who is stepping down in September after 12 years heading the agency.

"In the face of ever-changing threats, he has repeatedly demonstrated his commitment to defending America's security and ideals alike," Obama said in a written statement about Comey.

Comey was the Justice Department's No. 2 official from 2003 to 2005 under Bush. He gained attention during a brief stint as acting attorney general in 2004, when he and Attorney General John Ashcroft, who was ill, rejected an effort by White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card and White House counsel Alberto Gonzales to have Justice renew a program that allowed eavesdropping without court warrants of domestic phone calls and emails.

With the Obama administration under fire following recent revelations about the National Security Agency's collection of records of domestic telephone calls and online communications, that 2004 episode and Comey's credentials of serving under a Republican president helped make him an attractive candidate for the top FBI job.

"James Comey proved that his reputation for unwavering integrity and professionalism is well-deserved," Senate Judiciary Committee



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