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Vermillion Death

Drowning, Injuries Cited

Autopsy Reveals 'Traumatic Injuries'
In Clay County Homicide Case

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VERMILLION — Drowning and traumatic injuries led to a Sioux City woman's death earlier this month in a Clay County homicide case, authorities said Wednesday.
Alicia Hummel, 29, was found in the late

afternoon of June 1 near the boat dock at Myron Grove, also known as the Highline Area of Clay County. The area lies along the Missouri river, south of Gayville and Meckling.

Attorney General Marty Jackley and Clay



Hummel

County Sheriff Andy Howe released the autopsy report Wednesday afternoon.

Besides drowning, contributing circumstances to her death were an incised wound to the neck and blunt force injuries to the head, according to the autopsy report. The toxicology reports were negative for any alcohol or controlled substances.

No arrests have been made in the case. Authorities say Hummel came from Sioux

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YSD Takes On New Training Guidelines

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Changes have been made to the Yankton School District's student training rules to discourage the use of electronic cigarettes among students. During last week's Yankton School Board meeting, Activities Director Ryan Mors made a presentation to the board regarding upcoming changes in the YSD Training Rules for Interscholastic Activities. The revisions were approved by the board.

Nicotine will now be added to the list of prohibited substances. Throughout any calendar year, including the months when school is not in session, any member of any school activity or team, grades 6 - 12, who has possessed, used or purchased any prohibited substances could be suspended from interscholastic activities.

"It was an administrative decision to update this rule," Mors said. "Other teachers had incidents that were not athletes but we decided to get under it in our training rules to prevent a problem in the future."

This change is due to the continued popularity of the electronic cigarette, or e-cigarette.

Since their release in 2004, e-cigarettes have become popular because of the reduced risk of second-hand smoke. The user inhales an aerosol, commonly called vapor, rather than cigarette smoke. These electronic cigarettes contain nicotine, not tobacco like regular cigarettes.

According to the FDA, as of 2012, up to 10 percent of American high school students had used e-cigarettes at least once. Some e-cigarettes look like traditional cigarettes, but others do not. There are disposable or reusable versions. Some even look like pens, which makes it harder for teachers or other faculty to prevent them from being allowed into the classroom.

"Just in case there are some



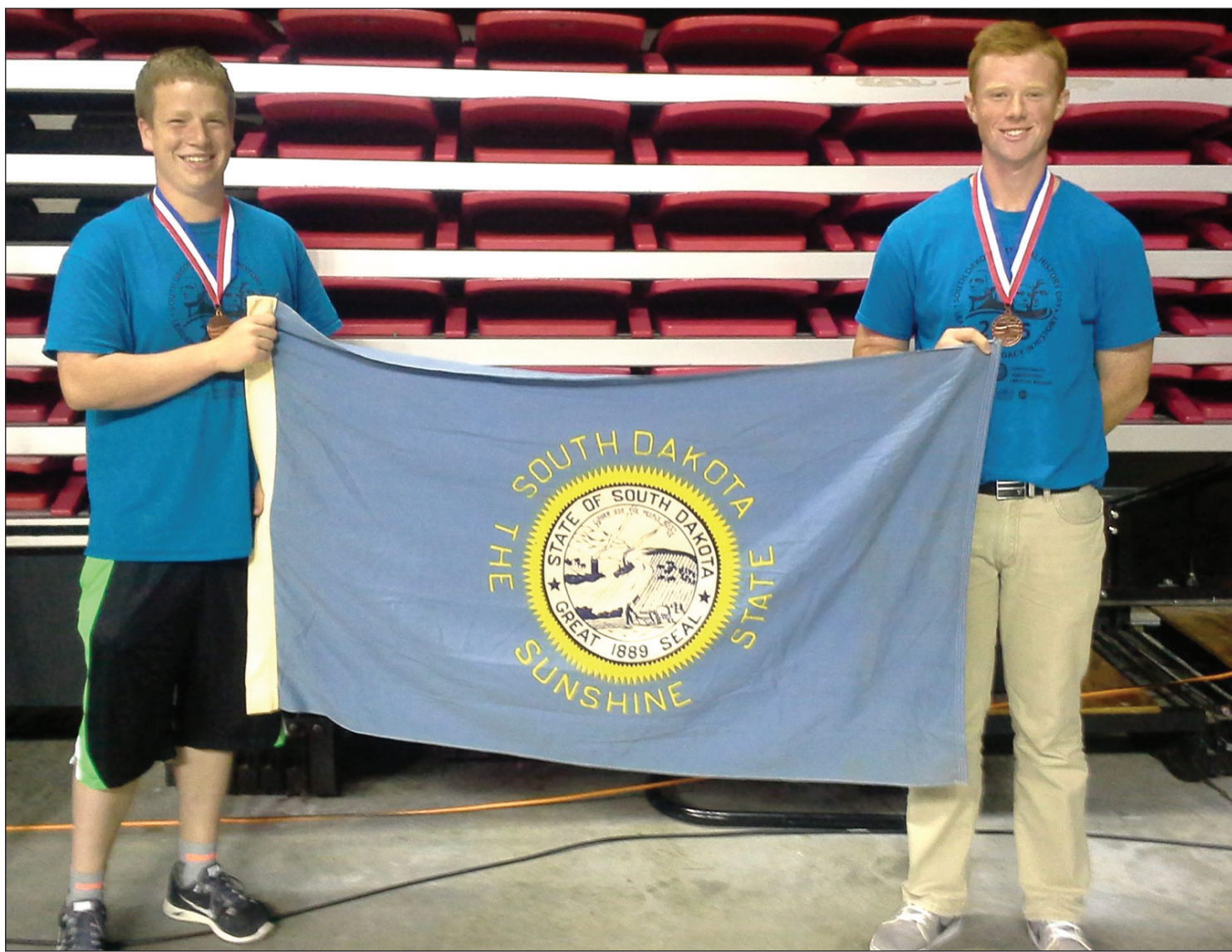
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CORRECTION

Czech Days queen candidate and 1st runner-up Kimberly Janice Stibral's name was incorrectly stated in Wednesday's issued correction.

History Day Honors



COURTESY PHOTO

Yankton high School's Broc Mauch (left) and Adam Walter display the state flag after winning third place in their division at the National History Day competition at the University of Maryland last week.

YHS Duo Nabs 3rd In National Competition

BY REILLY BIEL
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There is a new way Yankton is getting national attention: through History Day.

Last week, two former Yankton High School (YHS) seniors, Broc Mauch and Adam Walter, placed third in the Senior Division for the 41st annual National History Day competition, held June 14-18 at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland. Their project was titled "Leadership and Legacy: George C. Marshall and the Marshall Plan."

"We looked for someone with a strong leadership and a long lasting legacy," Mauch

"I enjoy seeing the kids grow. It's nice to see them look forward to being critiqued and watching their project develop."

DOUG HAAR

explained. "Marshall was all that, and a great person to do our project on."

Their exhibit included coins and stamps with Marshall's picture, as well as a rotary

dial phone that was wired to play a speech Marshall had made about his Plan.

"It speaks well of the Yankton School District (YSD) that they've placed in the top 10 of the finalists for the past 15 years," Doug Haar, YHS AP History teacher and advisor, said. "We've had three finishes in the top five these past five years."

Mauch and Walter previously placed fifth nationally in last year's competition with their presentation on Agent Orange, a chemical used in the Vietnam War.

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Vermillion Forum Weighs Ballot Issues

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE
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VERMILLION — If the turnout for Tuesday's forum hosted by the VCDL Legislative Affairs Committee on the upcoming special election set for June 30 is any indication, community members are very interested in the Malt Beverage Tax and the Daycare Ordinance at the center of the debate.

Held in the City Hall Council Chambers, community members offered questions for nearly two hours on the issues helping to clarify the debate in order to help decide which way they want to vote.

The special election issues are:
• Imposing a charge upon malt beverage purchases; and

• Creating a requirement for day care businesses to register with the city and provide for certain health and safety requirements.

The first half of the evening focused on the malt beverage tax.

In February, the City Council unanimously approved the second reading of Ordinance 1325 to implement a 5 percent malt beverage markup on the wholesale cost and freight of malt beverages beginning on July 1.

As part of the Nov. 4 general election, Vermillion residents passed a \$3.1 million bond issue for Prentis Park improvements. The project carries an estimated

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SHAUNA MARLETTE/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK
Matt Zeman and Jesse Jastram, speak against the Malt Beverage tax imposed by the city to help pay for the Prentis Park Pool Project during Tuesday Night's forum regarding the upcoming June 30 special election.



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