

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The **COMMUNITY CALENDAR** appears each Monday and Thursday. Contributions to this list of upcoming events are welcome and should be submitted two weeks before the event. Submissions **MUST** be typewritten or legibly printed and include the name and phone number of a contact person. Send items to P&D Calendar, 319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078, or email to news@yankton.net.

MONDAY

Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Quilting, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Daily Reprieve, noon, open meeting non-smoking, 1019 W 9th St.
Interchange, noon, Minerva's Bar and Grill, 605-660-8849.
Cribbage, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Pinochle, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Whist, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Hand & Foot Cards, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
River City Harmony Sweet Adelines, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 11th and Cedar, 605-661-7162
Divorce Care, 7 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church
Divorce Care For Kids, 7 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church
Daily Reprieve, 7 p.m., closed meeting non-smoking, 1019 W 9th St.

FIRST MONDAY

Yankton Republican Party Executive Meeting, 5:30 p.m., 2507 Fox Run Parkway, 605-260-1605
Yankton Lions Club, 6 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. meeting, JoDeans, 605-665-4694
Heartland Humane Society Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 601 1/2 Burleigh
Yankton Parks Advisory Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., RTEC, 1200 W. 21st Street

TUESDAY

Table Tennis, 8:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Yankton Community Forum, 8:30 a.m. coffee, 9 a.m. meeting at Hillcrest, 605-664-5832
Ladies Pool, 10 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Weight Watchers, 10:30 a.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 1/2 hour before.
Yankton Alanon, noon, non-smoking session, 1019 W 9th Street
Nurse, 12:30-3:30 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Pinochle, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Bingo, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685. (Open to the public)
Open Billiards, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Yankton Alcoholics Anonymous STEP Sessions, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., 1019 W. 9th St.
Vermillion Unity Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., closed session, Trinity Lutheran Church at 816 E Clark St. Vermillion.
Vermillion Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., non-smoking closed session, 16 1/2 Court St. Vermillion

FIRST TUESDAY

Yankton Area Banquet, 6 p.m., United Church of Christ, Fifth and Walnut

WEDNESDAY

Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Nurse, 10 a.m.-noon, The Center, 605-665-4685
Quilting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Daily Reprieve, noon, non-smoking open session, 1019 W. 9th St.
Whist, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
SHIINE, 1-4 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Yankton Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., non-smoking session, 1019 W. 9th St.
Springfield Footprints, 7:30 p.m., non-smoking open session, Catholic church, Springfield

FIRST WEDNESDAY

Partnership Bridge, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

BIRTHS

EASTEN BECKER

Easten Emil Becker was born on Sept. 7, 2012 to Tony and Danielle Becker of Rapid City. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 18.25 inches long.
Grandparents are Rob and Dorothy Winchell and Gary and Renee Becker all of Yankton.
Great-grandparents are Emil Tejral of Butte, Neb. and the late Camilla Tejral, Art and Marge Becker and Leona Cwach and the late Luvern Cwach all of Yankton, and the late Andrew and Agatha Kleinschmit.
Little Easten was born on Grandpa Rob's birthday.

REX SAILER

Meagan (Friend) and Adam Sailer of Yankton announce the birth of Rex Ryan Christopher Sailer, born Aug. 25, 2012, in Yankton. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
He joins a sister, Baileigh April, 21 months.
Grandparents are Kim and

Mary Sawatzke of Crofton and Troy Friend of Sioux City; Jody Sailer, Yankton; and Terry Sailer, Tabor.
Great-grandparents are Jim and Marg Chartier of Sioux City and Robert and Janet Friend of Sioux City; John and Betty Heindel, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Adeline Burton, Yankton.

GRACELYN EELLS

Jeremy Eells and Steph Budahas of Yankton announce the birth of their daughter Gracelyn Nicole Eells, born Sept. 24, 2012, at 5:46 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.
Gracelyn joins brother Skyler Zachary Thomas, age 5.
Grandparents are Shery and Robert Budahas of Mission Hill, Larry Brewer of Sioux Falls and Tisha Hofer of Volin.
Great-grandparents are Marilyn and Clarence Voudry of Vermillion and George and Dorothy Eells of Yankton.

Computer Aids Paralyzed Victim

BY GUS G. SENTEMENTES

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BALTIMORE — Shawnice Singletary was driving in Northeast Baltimore in May when someone pulled up next to her car at an intersection and fired a gun at her. Bullets slammed into her face and neck.

At the Johns Hopkins Hospital emergency department, doctors saved Singletary's life. But she couldn't breathe on her own. A doctor broke the news to her that mother of three was paralyzed from the neck down: a quadriplegic.

But on Tuesday, Singletary was set on a path to regaining at least some independence. A team of people and organizations who have helped care for her donated a \$16,500 mobile computer that Singletary can control with her eyes.

She can use it to send email and text messages, make phone and video calls, listen to music, take photos and surf the web.

"I'm still getting used to it," said Singletary with a smile during a small ceremony at Hopkins. "You can do a lot on here."

The 36-year-old clinical assistant said she's been devastated but is still hopeful for a better life. Still, life as she knew it — driving, hugging her children, earning a paycheck — irrevocably changed with a bullet in her neck, fragments of which are still inside her.

The tragic shooting has echoes of the sudden death 18 years ago of her younger brother, a third-grader named Tito, in an accidental shooting on a Baltimore street by a teenager playing with a gun.

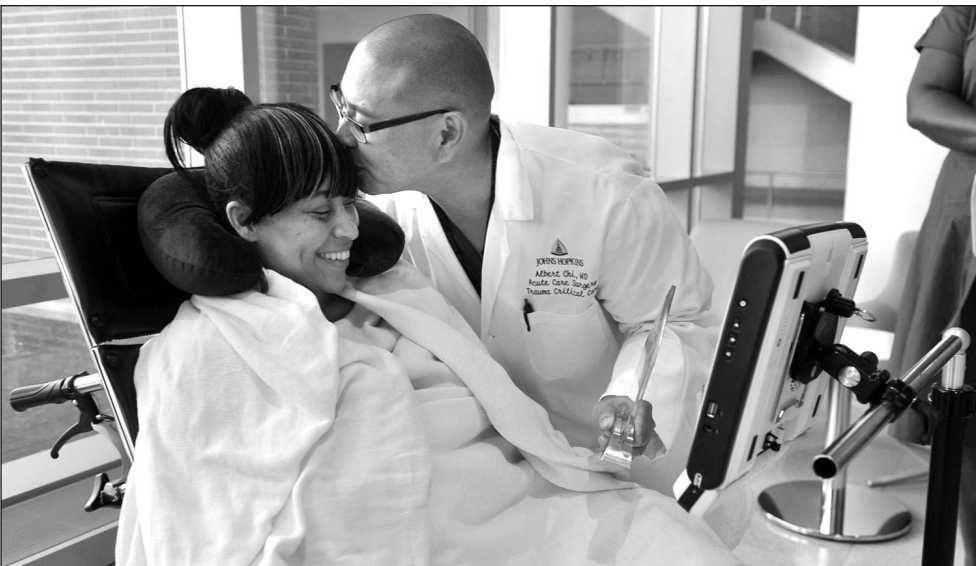
"It's still very hard for me to believe that this happened to me," Singletary said.

Her shooting remains under investigation, and no one has been arrested.

Singletary is benefiting from the rapidly evolving field of computer assistive devices, which crosses the latest in cutting-edge communications technology with therapeutic and rehabilitative care in hospital settings. Doctors and manufacturers are bringing assistive devices into hospitals earlier in patient care, to help them better communicate with medical staff and their friends and family.

Patients can use these devices at home or in hospitals, to communicate with those around them, and lessen their reliance on others for basic tasks. And the technology for eye-gazing software and hardware is becoming more ubiquitous and cheaper.

This field of augmentative and alternative com-



KIM HAIRSTON/BALTIMORE SUN/MCT

Shawnice Singletary, left, paralyzed in a shooting during the summer, gets a kiss from her trauma surgeon Dr. Albert Chi, Johns Hopkins Medicine, in Baltimore, Maryland. She was presented with a Tobii C12, at right, an eye-tracing computer that will enable her to communicate, use the web and telephone.

munication devices has been around for a while but as advanced quickly in recent years with faster and smaller computer processors, and the rise of smartphones.

The assistive technology market is growing fast, thanks in part to the growth of populations of older and disabled people in the United States. The U.S. market for assistive technologies, which includes low- and high-tech vision, auditory and speaking aids, is projected to grow from \$41.1 billion last year to \$55 billion in 2016, according to London-based Vertical Edge Ltd., a market research firm.

Some technology companies are using simple web cameras to incorporate eye-tracking in their software. More robust software and hardware, such as what Singletary is using, applies infrared camera technology that was once prohibitively expensive for most commercial applications.

Singletary's doctor, Albert Chi, researched eye-tracking software on the Web and cobbled together a way for her to browse the Internet through a webcam that tracked her eyes.

"She got online right away and started getting on Netflix," Chi said. "She was so amazing."

Then Chi stumbled upon the Tobii, made by a

Massachusetts-based company called Tobii AT. The Tobii is a touchscreen monitor with two built-in infrared eye-tracking cameras mounted below the screen.

This computer tracks the user's eye gaze patterns, allowing the person to use his or her eyes like a computer mouse. Such hands-free operation enables Singletary to type out words on a screen or speak commands through a computerized voice, and much more. She can even control her home's air conditioning from the device.

Text-to-speech is important for Singletary, who only recently regained the ability to speak after having to re-learn to breathe on her own, without a ventilator.

The Tobii C12 model that Singletary received and other similar devices typically are covered by insurance plans, and Medicare and Medicaid.

Tara Rudnicki, president of Tobii AT, said patients like the device because it returns some semblance of privacy. They can browse the Web and make phone calls without someone's help. They can have private conversations. They can watch a movie without asking for help.

"It brings more independence back to the patient," she said.

MILITARY

PFC. MORGAN JONES

SIoux FALLS — Area native, Pfc. Morgan Jones, 18, earned the title "U.S. Marine" upon graduating from Marine Corps recruit training in San Diego on Aug. 31, 2012.

Jones enters into a proud, life-long brotherhood composed of the select few men and women who have earned their place in the Corps' ranks.

Putting his recruit's honor, courage and commitment to the test, Jones faced the physically and mentally rigorous challenges packed into the 13 weeks of Marine Corps boot camp. The training was designed to enhance raw talent and to create the morale and discipline required of all Marines.

During recruit training, Jones joined others from across the country to undertake the quest to be among the world's military elite. He learned time-honored military customs and courtesies and mastered close-order drill. The demanding physical fitness regimen placed Jones in the best shape of his life. The training honed vital military skills such as marksmanship, first-aid, martial

Yankton County 4-H Club Holding Ice Cream Social

The Yankton County 4-H Ice Cream Social will be held at the Yankton County Extension Office, 901 Whiting Dr., Yankton, on Tuesday, Oct. 9, running from 4:30-7 p.m.

Do you like ice cream? Interested in learning more about 4-H? Attend this free ice cream at the Extension Office. 4-H members will be on hand to answer questions, and there will be plenty of ice cream to go around.

For more information, call 665.3387 or visit yankton4h.com.

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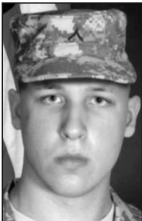
Following approximately 10 days of well-earned leave, Jones will attend school to learn his occupational specialty. Then Jones will report to his first duty station to gain further knowledge and experience serving with a Marine Corps unit.

Jones is a 2012 graduate of Yankton High School in Yankton. He was enlisted by Sgt. David M. Harper from the Marine Corps recruiting office in Sioux Falls.

PV2 AUSTIN SCHWARZ

Army National Guard PV2 Austin Schwarz has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studies the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare, drill



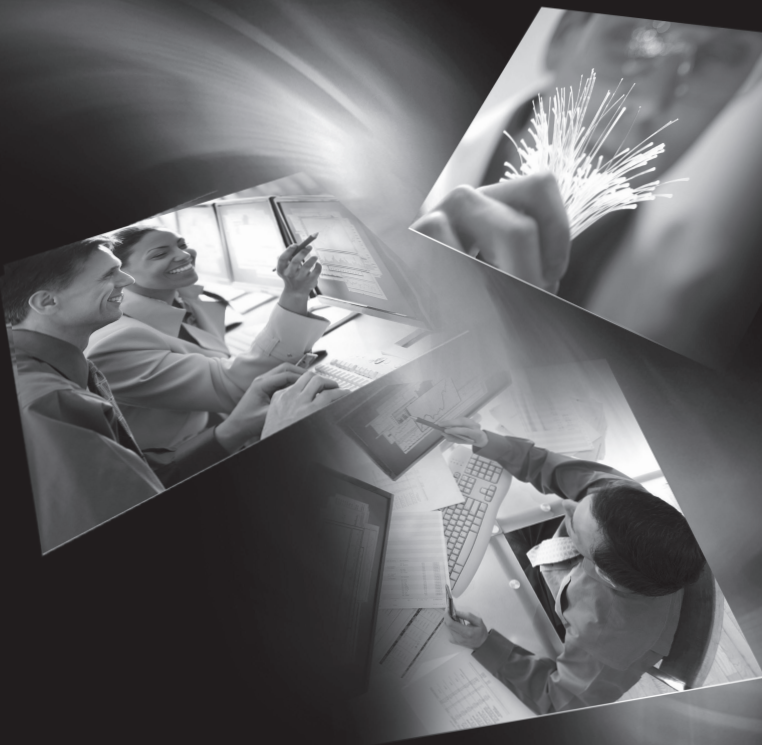
Schwarz

and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

He is the son of Joe and Julie Eickhoff of Yankton.

Schwarz is a senior at Yankton High School and will attend his Army National Guard Advanced Individual Training at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland after high school graduation.

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