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Harrisburg Principal Shot, Wounded By Student

16-Year-Old Male Suspect Taken Into Custody; No Students Injured

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HARRISBURG — A shooting at a South Dakota high school that left the principal with a minor injury may have turned out far worse if not for staff members who tackled the student suspected of firing at the administrator, authorities said Wednesday.

Just moments afterward, Harrisburg High School Principal Kevin Lein took to the intercom to announce a lockdown and tell students he had been hit,

"but was fine," senior Aanna Okerlund said. Other than Lein, who was struck in the arm, no one was reported hurt.

Lein is a graduate of Mount Marty College in Yankton, and was a star basketball player for the Lancers. He later coached the MMC women's basketball team for several seasons. He is a member of the school's Hall of Fame.

Police said the student had confronted Lein in his office about 10 a.m.



Kevin Lein, shown here being inducted into the Mount Marty College Hall of Fame in 2005, was shot by a student at Harrisburg High School Wednesday. Lein, who is principal at the school, suffered only a minor wound. (James D. Cimburek/P&D)

Kindle: All Districts Worry About Shooting Incidents

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On Wednesday, a student opened fire at Harrisburg High School in Harrisburg, injuring the principal, Kevin Lein, who is a graduate of Mount Marty College (MMC) and a former MMC coach. Lein is in stable condition and the suspect, a student, has since been taken into custody.

"The incident in Harrisburg is something every school worries about and prays would never happen in any school,"



Kindle

Yankton School District superintendent Wayne Kindle told the *Press & Dakotan*. "School safety is a constant focus in school districts, including Yankton."

Incidents like the one in Harrisburg remind school administrators that they need to be ready if such an incident were to occur in their school.

"We do a number of things to help ensure the safety of students and staff including: updating safety plans, mock lockdown drills, locking entrances other than our main entrance, and locking classroom doors, so when closed they are immediately locked," Kindle said.

The process of school safety is ongoing, with district officials constantly looking to step up security.

"In the past year we have done multiple upgrades to security camera systems in both the elementary schools and high school with the middle school being next," Kindle said. "Equally important is being extra observant, and encouraging the students and public to report any concerns which may pose a threat."

"Last year, we partnered with the City of Yankton to provide a School Resource Officer at YMS and YHS with hopes to possibly extend this into our elementary schools. Training and presentations are something we need to

Paving A New Home



This graphic shows what the new of Yankton College Alumni & Educational Center could look like once completed. The Yankton Historical Society and Yankton College Alumni are in the process of raising money to renovate the Mead building to serve as the new Dakota Territorial Museum. Both organizations are anxious to preserve the memory of Yankton College, ensuring future generations the opportunity to learn from it.

TransCanada Exercise Set For Today

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Oil has been flowing under parts of the City of Yankton via a pipeline built by TransCanada for nearly five years with little incident — but today (Thursday), officials from TransCanada and local emergency responders are engaging in an exercise on how to handle a breach under the Missouri River.

David Dodson, senior communications representative for pipeline development and operations with TransCanada, told the *Press & Dakotan* this is one of many exercises the company does across the United States and Canada where their pipelines run.

"TransCanada has a very robust training program," Dodson said. "Last year, 120 times, we did emergency response exercises. Some of them were tabletops, but some of them were major field exercises in which we engage, not only our own emergency response, but we called on local first responders and we're going to have contract emergency response agencies and regulators involved."

Dodson said the exercise, which was initiated Wednesday but becomes more visible to the public today, simulates a leak under the river that's "spotted" with a simulated pressure drop on Wednesday night.

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Yankton College Works Toward New Alumni, Education Center

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Yankton College forever." That motto symbolizes the importance and dedication that members of the Yankton County Historical Society and the Yankton College Alumni are hoping to keep alive.

Yankton College recently launched a fundraising campaign toward the construction of its own alumni and educational center. This dedicated space in the Mead building would be used for storing the advanced collection of memorabilia, as well as a future site for reunions.

"It was meant to be a gathering place for the

alumni," said Yankton County Historical Society President and Board of Trustees Chair for Yankton College Alumni Joan Neubauer. "That was the beginning of it; but of course, we have fewer and fewer alumni because we are not creating any more. So it becomes a place where families of alumni would come to do research on their grandparents and great-grandparents."

The Yankton College Alumni have partnered with the Yankton Historical society to achieve a shared collection of the area's past.

The new center will occupy about 3,200 square feet of the Mead building's third floor. The Historical Society is currently working on a restoration project of the building as a new home for the Dakota Territorial Museum.

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Yankton Sioux tribal chairman Robert Flying Hawk gestures to the audience during Wednesday's inauguration ceremony at the South Dakota National Guard Armory in Wagner.

YST Chairman Begins Second Term, Challenges His Tribe To Unify

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WAGNER — As Yankton Sioux chairman, Robert Flying Hawk is challenging his people to discover their identity and to work in unity to solve problems.

Flying Hawk issued those challenges during Wednesday's inauguration ceremony at the South Dakota National Guard Armory in Wagner. Flying Hawk was re-elected to his second two-year term as chairman. Other tribal officials were also sworn into office during the ceremony.

"We are a strong people. You see us, and you see our strengths and carrying out our strengths," he told the audience that filled the Armory.

However, the Yankton Sioux face many

issues as a tribe and as individuals. Flying Hawk pointed to the medicine wheel on a nearby banner, symbolizing the traditional values which have served the people well.

"We spin the wheel and fight this disease," he said.

He later told the *Press & Dakotan* that he was referring to a concept rather than a specific issue. However, he acknowledged that growing methamphetamine usage stands as a major problem for the tribe.

Despite such challenges, Flying Hawk sees numerous possibilities for the Yankton Sioux.

"I strongly believe in who we are as a people," he said. "I'm thankful that I was given the opportunity to have the job again for

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