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YPD Officer Cleared In Sept. Shooting

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A report on an officer-involved shooting has found that the officer involved was justified in firing on the suspect in Yankton last month.

Attorney General Marty Jackley concluded in a press release Thursday that the officer involved, Yankton Police Department (YPD) Sgt. Jason Foote, was within his right to use deadly force in dealing with the suspect, identified as Trae Angel, 19, Yankton.

"It is my conclusion as Attorney General that Officer Jason Foote was justified in firing his weapon and using lethal force," Jackley said. "I would like to thank the Yankton Police Department and the Officer for their service and complete cooperation in this investigation."

The report lays out events in detail as they happened: At 8:45 p.m., Sept. 1, the Yankton Police Department

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Yankton Co. Gets Grant For Rail Park

State Panel Makes Highway Loan
To Help Yankton County Rail Park

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — The South Dakota Transportation Commission adopted a new policy Thursday for making loans from the state highway fund to local governments.

The first loan will be for \$6 million to Yankton County for constructing an industrial-grade service road.

The concrete road would con-

nect S.D. 50 and the Yankton area rail park proposed by Dakota Plains Ag Center in northern Yankton County.

The park would be at the junction of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad and the state-owned Napa-Platte railroad.



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State government previously owned the BNSF line. As part of the sale to BNSF, state government retained rights for traffic from state lines to move over the BNSF line and reach other railroads such as Union Pacific at Sioux City, Iowa.

Last month the State Railroad Board awarded the lease for the Napa-Platte line directly to the Dakota Southern Railroad.

The Napa-Platte line has been largely defunct for many years.

The change to Dakota Southern came over the protests of the previous

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ConAgra Cuts 1,500 Jobs; Moving HQ To Chicago

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — ConAgra Foods will eliminate 1,500 jobs — which represents 30 percent of its office-based workforce — and move its headquarters to Chicago from Omaha, Nebraska, with the goal of creating a more-efficient packaged food company.

Company officials said Thursday that its new Chicago headquarters will have about 700 workers by next summer, including top executives and consumer foods employees that are currently divided between Omaha and Naperville, Illinois. The company will keep about 1,200 employees in Omaha to handle research and development, supply chain management and some administrative functions.

About 1,000 people will lose their jobs in Omaha and roughly 300 Omaha jobs will move to Chicago.

Spectator Sport



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

The 2015 paddlesport season dawned with the arrival of October Thursday, and there were more than just anglers hitting the tailwaters below Gavins Point Dam. This couple was among several people who turned out just to watch the action as hundreds of people attempt to land the ancient fish. The water flowing through the spillway kept some fishermen from getting close to the dam, which is often a prime spot to land paddlesport. Action was described as good overall, especially earlier in the day.

Seigenthaler Accepts 2015 Al Neuharth Award

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE
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VERMILLION — For John M. Seigenthaler, it is fair to say that journalism runs in his blood.

His father, the late John Seigenthaler, was a world renowned journalist who spent his lifetime of work promoting quality journalism received the 1999 Al Neuharth award at the University of South Dakota.

So the fact that John M. was named the 2015 winner of the Neuharth award was in his words "very special."

"I am honored to receive this award in Al Neuharth's name — South Dakota's favored son — a guy who was a visionary and a pioneer in journalism," Seigenthaler said in an interview with the Plain Talk. "That is very special for me. I knew Al Neuharth; he was very close friends with my father. I was here in 1999 when he received that award, in fact I participated in that discussion. So, this is an emotional moment for me, very emotional and very powerful."

The award is named for the late USA Today and Freedom Forum founder Al Neuharth, a native of Eureka, South Dakota, and 1950 graduate of USD. It honors lifetime achievement in media.

Despite many changes in journalism occurring through the years one thing Seigenthaler — who anchors Al Jazeera America's prime-time news program and previously anchored "NBC Nightly News" weekend edition — said is that there will always be a need for people willing to ask the questions and tell the stories.



SHAUNA MARLETTE/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK
John M. Seigenthaler, anchor of Al Jazeera America's prime-time news program and previous anchor of "NBC Nightly News" weekend edition has been honored as the 2015 Al Neuharth Award for Excellence in Media recipient. Seigenthaler is pictured during a panel discussion held Thursday as part of the annual event.

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Two Sexual Assaults Reported In Vermillion

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE
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VERMILLION — University of South Dakota (USD) and Vermillion Police are investigating two reports of sexual assault that occurred this weekend involving USD students.

One assault occurring in a University of South Dakota residence hall and one off-campus, according to university police.

In response to the reports, USD issued an alert to all students, faculty and staff on Wednesday evening, followed by an email containing photos of three persons of interest. The photos were collected by police during the investigation, which is ongoing.

According to Chad Passick, captain with the Vermillion Police Department, both assaults are alleged to have occurred within a short time frame late Sunday night and early Monday morning. The assaults were reported to the Vermillion Police Department and University Police was notified on Wednesday.

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