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Anatomy Of An Investigation



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Law enforcement officials cordoned off a square block of downtown Yankton on the night of Sept. 1 after an incident led to an officer-involved shooting of a suspect. A state investigation followed that exonerated the Yankton police officer.

YPD, Officials Discuss Shooting Protocol

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Use of deadly force by law enforcement and its aftermath has been at the forefront of the news for more than a year now. One incident close to home has offered a glimpse into the protocols that police departments across the state take when lethal force is utilized in a situation.

On Sept. 1, Yankton Police Department (YPD) officer Sgt. Jason Foote shot assault suspect Trae Angel when a gun was pulled on him and another officer. Angel was indicted on four charges of attempted murder in the first degree, four charges of aggravated assault against a law enforcement officer and one charge of aggravated assault. A report clearing Foote's use



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of force was released on Oct. 1. YPD chief Brian Paulsen told the Press & Dakotan that it's not just lethal force that's investigated. "Any time we have a use of force — whether we have to take somebody to the ground or ... if we pull our Taser, and it's on or we have to pull our gun and never even fire it — they have to file a 'use-of-force' report," Paulsen said. "We track how many times we have to physically take somebody down, (and) pulling of the Taser or firearm." Paulsen said use-of-force reports are investigated internally and are looked over by the entire adminis-

trative structure to see if its use is justified.

"In my five years, we've never had a use of force that wasn't justified," he said.

However, when an officer's gun is fired or the death of a suspect is involved, Paulsen said it's up to the South Dakota's Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) to handle the investigation.

"Once it gets to the point where we have to take lethal force — an officer-involved shooting — we immediately turn it over to DCI," he said. "We need the independent investigation. We give them every report we have, and from there, we supply them with anything they want — video, we build

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ALISSA WOOCKMAN/P&D

MMC President Marc Long poses with two senior nursing students (left to right) Amber Wilson and Aline Mukesha in Mount Marty's Cyber Cafe.

MMC Focuses On Strengths To Boost Enrollment

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Fresh off the Onward Yankton project, Mount Marty College (MMC) is looking to grow bigger and better with improvements in recruitment strategies and the school's overall message.

According to the college's admissions office, this fall saw a 5 percent decrease in undergraduates enrolled compared to last year. However, admissions also showed a 4 percent increase in graduate programs.

"Easily we could have 650 undergraduate students. We are a little over 400 now."

MARC LONG

with ways to help fill Mount Marty's hallways by focusing on the college's strengths.

"The main thing is reinforcing who we are and making sure that everybody knows the foundation from where we started," he said. "We are a small, Catholic/Benediction college that welcomes people from all faith backgrounds."

That intimate atmosphere is one of the benefits on which recruitment officers focus. By pushing those strengths, Long believes that particular message will resonate with a lot of students.

"Many students are looking for a small Catholic college close to home," he said. "We want to appeal to those students who would thrive in that sort of atmosphere and make sure they know about us."

In Mount Marty's Onward Yankton proposal, a partnership between the college and the community of Yankton was discussed to boost student enrollment by 50 percent and provide career opportunities to entice them to stay after graduation.

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History In The Air

Native American Radio Station Enters A New Era

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LAKE ANDES — Shavonne Flying Hawk made history last week when she attended the Yankton Sioux Tribe inauguration.

As an on-air staff member, Flying Hawk broadcast the ceremony for radio station KDKO of Lake Andes. It marked the first time the community-based station had ever aired the event.

"You are listening to KDKO, the voice of the people. We now bring you the inauguration for the Yankton Sioux Tribe," she said in hushed tones from her table at the National Guard Armory in Wagner.

The political coverage also marked the station's next step in serving tribal members and other listeners, said CEO Charon Asetoyer.

"(The broadcast) was special because it was



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"This was for everybody in the general election. They were given air time. We also interviewed them and asked them all the same questions to hear their platforms. It wasn't required, and not all of them participated. But some did come with their ideas."

KDKO, billed as Dakota Talk Radio, can be found at 89.5 FM on the dial or livestreamed on the Internet at www.nativeshop.org. The station broadcasts from within the Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center. The listener-supported station is a project of the Native American Community Board, a non-profit tax-exempt organization.

The station promotes culturally-based programming through language, music, news and public affairs. The station runs 24/7 and offers

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RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

Shavonne Flying Hawk broadcasts the Yankton Sioux Tribe inauguration ceremony on Lake Andes radio station KDKO, the first time the community radio station had aired the event.

Library Gains First Member Of Centennial Club

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The Yankton Community Library has found the perfect member to join its new club.

The Centennial Club, designed for library patrons aged 100 or older, gained a first member in Hilda Raymond, who turns 102 today (Thursday).

"When you're 100 and still reading or listening to library books, you deserve to be honored," said library director Kathy Wibbels. "It's a great way

to show that you're never too old for libraries and reading."

Raymond has been a library patron for 12 years, and is also a part of the library's outreach program, which delivers library books and movies on the first Wednesday of every month to patrons in nursing homes, care centers and people who are homebound.

"It's an honor to be a member of the Centennial Club," she said.

Raymond, who resides at the Yankton Care Center, reads

large-print books.

"I like reading Debbie Macomber books," she said. "I like mysteries, especially if it's a series. I've also read Tom Daschle's books."

Raymond has lived in the Yankton Care Center since 2010. Previously, she resided in Majestic Bluffs.

"I like it here. They (the workers) are very kind and patient and care about every-

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Joyce Brunken, senior library assistant, presents Hilda Raymond with a certificate as an official member of the Yankton Community Library's Centennial Club.

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