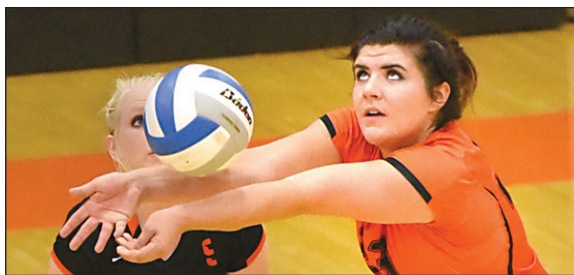


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YSD Board Discusses Activity Numbers

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Yankton School District students are in the top ranks of the Eastern South Dakota (ESD) Conference when it comes to participation in activities, according to a presentation at Monday night's Yankton School Board meeting.

Activities Director Ryan Mors presented the results of a survey involving students in grades 3-12 taken last year.

Just before the start of last year's basketball season, Mors and Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle noticed a decrease in girls basketball numbers. They decided on a survey to discover why this was happening and how it correlates with the other activities that students take part in throughout the year.

"Dr. Kindle and I were wondering what our kids are doing that they are not going out for girls basketball," Mors said. "While we are doing that, we don't just want to know about girls basketball; we are going to try to find out in general what our kids are up to."

They put together a committee to develop specific questions that would address each grade level. These questions ranked students' interests in the top five activities and highlighted some interesting correlations between the grades within Yankton schools and how Yankton compares to the other ESD schools.

The amounts of girls that went out for basketball last year for each of the ESD schools was as follows:

1. Brookings - 36
2. Brandon Valley - 33
3. Pierre - 31
4. Mitchell - 31
5. Harrisburg - 28
6. Watertown - 27
7. Aberdeen - 22
8. Yankton - 21
9. Huron - 21

While Yankton is ranked low on the number of female basketball players, the survey also ranked the schools by what percentage of their students participate in activities.

Yankton High School was ranked number one with 59 percent of females enrolled involved in some activity.

YHS males were

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A New Face For The City



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Amy Miner is sworn in as Yankton's new city commissioner by city attorney Ross Den Herder during Monday night's City Commission meeting at the Technical Education Center. She replaces Brooke Blaaid, who resigned recently due to a new job. Miner is a Yankton native and a teacher at Yankton High School.

Amy Miner Appointed To Yankton City Commission

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The Yankton City Commission is back to being a nine-member board.

During the commission's regular meeting Monday night, Amy Miner, a teacher with the Yankton School District, was appointed to the spot recently vacated by Brooke Blaaid, who resigned last month to pursue other interests.

Commissioner Nathan Johnson said the list of applicants for the vacant position was impressive.

"I, like everyone else on the commission, was very impressed with the caliber of candidates that applied to this position," he said.

Other applicants included Tom Bixler, Chris Svarstad, Dave Spencer, Tony Maibaum, former City Commissioner Nancy Wenande, Tara Gill and Lola Harens.

Johnson nominated Miner and the commission unanimously voted to appoint her.

"I have benefited from (the commission) my whole life, and you never really understand a thing until you're in it."

AMY MINER

Miner said it came as a bit of a surprise to her that she'd be chosen out of the eight.

"It was a nice list of candidates that put their names in," Miner said. "I'm a hometown kid and I'm also connected with the school system, so I like to think I bring a little something unique to the table. But there are wonderful people who put in letters."

She said civic responsibility and curiosity drove her to throw her hat in the ring.

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Goodwill's Good Work Is Not Going Unnoticed

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The Yankton Goodwill has played an integral part in helping people with disabilities find employment for the past several years, and it has recently been recognized for its work.

The local Goodwill, nominated by Connie Schubach of Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health, is up for the Employer of the Year award in Yankton for National Disability Employer Awareness Month with its services in hiring people with disabilities. The award winners will be announced in October.

The Yankton Goodwill has existed since 1975 and is part of the Goodwill of the Great Plains that stretches from Mason City, Iowa to Rapid City.

"It's been my goal to broaden our services in the Yankton community," said Nickie Beltran, Yankton Goodwill store manager. "We've tried to push our mission services and the people we serve to outlying stores."

Yankton Goodwill's partnerships with Ability Building Services, Lewis & Clark



REILLY BIEL/P&D

(From right to left) Yankton Goodwill Store Manager Nickie Beltran and Goodwill employees Rob Ludwig and Deb Williams posing by the Goodwill Halloween display. The Yankton Goodwill was recently nominated for the Employer of the Year award sponsored by National Disability Employer Awareness Month.

Behavioral Health and the Department of Labor have helped greatly with their service programs.

"We work with a lot of agencies in town, offering job training and skills development for people with disabilities or who have barriers to employment," said Beltran. "Last year, we serviced over 25 individuals who had barriers to employment, physical

or mental disabilities or were people who were just entering the workforce."

Yankton Goodwill services people through its Shoe, Hat and Mitten Party where it distributes such items to children in need during the Christmas season, and it offers a voucher program

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Officer-Involved Shooting

Suspect Enters Plea Of Not Guilty

Man Arraigned On Four Counts Of Attempted Murder

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A man arrested in an officer-involved shooting in Yankton two weeks ago was arraigned Monday.

Trae Angel, 19, Yankton, pleaded not guilty to 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.

The attempted murder and aggravated assault against a law enforcement officer charges each carry a 25-year maximum sentence with up to \$50,000 in fines each while the separate aggravated assault charge carries a 15-year maximum sentence with up to \$30,000 in fines.

First Circuit Judge Glen Eng set Jan. 11, 2016, as the date for the start of a trial. Eng also set Dec. 18 as the deadline for any plea deals and asked that motions be filed by Oct. 16.

Eng also set a \$270,000 cash bond for Angel.

On Tuesday, Sept. 1, authorities were called to a domestic disturbance incident involving a gun at a residence in Yankton. Upon arrival, officers were unable to locate the suspect. After an hour-long search, the suspect, identified as Angel, was located in an alley in the downtown and was subsequently shot by Yankton Police Sgt. Jason Foote.

Agents from the Division of Criminal Investigation

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Investigators: Sturgis Fire Was Accidental

STURGIS (AP) — Authorities investigating a fire that destroyed a popular South Dakota biker bar say the blaze was accidental.

Officials said Monday that investigators can say "conclusively" that the fire at Full Throttle Saloon in Sturgis started in the main part of the bar and was an accident.

The loss is estimated at \$10 million.

A team from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives started investigating the Sept. 8 fire last week, along with state and local officials.

Special Agent in Charge James Modzelewski says authorities examined artifacts from the scene and conducted interviews to help determine the fire's cause.

The bar had been the subject a reality TV series that aired for several seasons starting in 2009. Its amenities include zip lines, musical stages and rental cabins.

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