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Niobrara Man Faces Charges In Scotland Incident

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SCOTLAND — A northeast Nebraska man faces felony charges in Bon Homme County for allegedly following a female juvenile driver, twice rear-ending her vehicle and threatening her with a shovel.

Chad Michael Strom of rural Niobrara, Nebraska, who will turn 53 on Friday, has been charged in connection with the early morning events of Aug. 9 starting south of Scotland and ending at the girl's residence, according to court records. The driver, identified in court records only by her initials, is listed as 15 years old.

Strom faces five charges:

- Aggravated assault, a Class 3 felony with a maximum punishment of 15 years in prison and a \$30,000 fine;
- Intentional damage to property, a Class 4 felony with a maximum punishment of 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine;
- Simple assault, a Class 1 misdemeanor with a maximum punishment of one year in a county jail and a \$2,000 fine;
- Reckless driving, a Class 1 misdemeanor;
- Failure to immediately report accident to law enforcement, a Class 2 misdemeanor with a maximum punishment of 30 days in a county jail and a \$500 fine.

Bon Homme County Deputy Joel Neuman investigated the incident and filed a report with the following information.

At approximately 1:38 a.m. Sunday, Neuman was contacted by the Bon Homme County

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A State Leader



MARK MAHONEY/P&D

Yankton School District Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle was named the recipient of the 2026 Outstanding Superintendent Award earlier this year by the South Dakota School Superintendents Association.

YSD's Kindle Honored With Top Superintendent Award

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of stories about Yankton residents who have recently received recognition for their commitment to and support of the Yankton School District.

BY MARK MAHONEY
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Dr. Wayne Kindle has been honored by his peers from across South Dakota for being a thoughtful leader in public education whose decisions are consistently grounded in what is best for students.

The longtime superintendent of the Yankton School District (YSD) was named the recipient of the 2026 Outstanding Superintendent Award earlier this year by the South Dakota School Superintendents Association (SDSSA).

With family members and friends in attendance, Kindle officially received the award last month during the SDSSA's summer conference in Oacoma. As for why he was honored with the recognition, the inscription on the South Dakota-shaped plaque that he was given says, "For your meritorious contributions to the children and education in South Dakota."

"Thank you so much to the South Dakota School Superintendents Association and those

who nominated me," Kindle told the *Press & Dakotan*. "I am deeply honored by this recognition. The work we do as superintendents is filled with unique challenges, which makes being recognized by the peers I respect, collaborate with and rely on so incredibly meaningful. This award may have my name on it, but it truly reflects the hard work of our incredible school board, administrators, teachers, staff and students."

Kindle and Yankton School Board member Kathy Greenway, who has been honored with the 2026 Outstanding School Board Member Award from the Associated School Boards of South Dakota organization, will be celebrated during a public open house from 2-4 p.m. today (Wednesday) at the Yankton High School Commons, 1801 Summit St.

Both Kindle and Greenway also were recognized for their awards last week in Sioux Falls during the joint convention sponsored by the Associated School Boards of South Dakota and the School Administrators of South Dakota organizations.

Yankton School Board President Jacklyn Mueller, who is entering her second three-year term on the board, is in her fourth year of working

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Data Center Petition Filed, But Faces Detour

Yankton Co. State's Attorney Says Petition Not Filed Under Correct Statute, Can Be Resubmitted

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If it meets signature requirements, a citizen petition for a proposed Yankton County data center ordinance would go to the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission, not the ballot box, the P&Z members learned Tuesday night.

State's Attorney Tyler Larsen offered his legal opinion to the P&Z on a petition that has been filed with the county auditor's office regarding data centers. As written, the petitions based their work on Chapter 17-18A.

"However, it's my interpretation of statute and my opinion that is not the proper statute to apply to this issue," he said. "Chapter seven deals with ordinances that are legislative acts by the county commission. The proposed ordinance is a

land-use ordinance governed by planning and zoning, and that's a different chapter, Chapter 11."

A citizen-backed group seeks to submit its proposed ordinance to the voters. The three-page document includes sections on permitting, siting requirements, utility notifications, noise, signage, structural requirements and access.

Another section deals with the decommission, restoration and abandonment of data centers. A final section outlines the requirements for applying for the installation or construction of a data center or for modifications to a lawfully existing data center beyond routine maintenance.

The petition states that the proposed ordinance seeks "to guide the siting and operation

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Miner Named Yankton's 'Art Advocate Of The Year'



JAY GRAVHOLT/P&D

Amy Miner was recently named the Yankton Area Arts Association "Art Advocate of the Year" for 2026. Miner is well known for her stagecraft in running many plays in Yankton, especially the spring musical, and has also co-written a movie that was just released.

BY JAY GRAVHOLT
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Former Yankton High School (YHS) teacher, play director and film enthusiast Amy Miner has been named the Yankton Area Arts Association "Arts Advocate of the Year" for 2026.

Miner, who is well known throughout the community, especially for the always popular spring musicals she helped direct at YHS, and her passion for sharing a love for the arts with anyone she meets.

Miner said she was "flabbergasted" by the award and didn't understand how she could be listed among the names of some of the "pillars" of Yankton.

"Growing up in town, there are legends in this community," she said. "You got Dixie Church, you got Roger Huntley (the previous two winners), all of these people. There's so many. There were several former recipients

of this award who are legends. These people are legends in that category. So, I keep thinking they've really given me something to live up to."

"Then there's Anne Smith and Sharon Earhart and Carol Hamvas. These former recipients, I just hold them in very high regard. I use the term 'legend' or 'pillars' of the community."

When reminded that the imprint she has left on the community has already cemented her place as a pillar in the community, Miner said, "I don't know about that. Maybe a caterpillar."

Regardless, Miner's artistic talents have been featured all over the world, including in a film she helped produce with a former student, Yana Alliata. Miner helped co-write the script.

"She was a student of mine when I taught in Hawaii, and then she went

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