

# MENNO

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been ripped years ago," he said.

The problem is that ripping, or using fabric and rubble to protect the shoulders from water erosion, would probably cost about \$250,000 to do a half-mile on each side of the road.

No federal assistance has been available for such a project, according to Sorensen, making the funding issue an even bigger challenge.

"I think ripping that road would save you money in the long run," Mettler said.

When discussing a deteriorating county bridge earlier in the meeting, the commission had acknowledged the need to make a capital improvement plan for the road and bridge system in the county. Commissioner Allen Sinclair said the Stone Church Road project is an example of where the county needs to plan in the long term and set aside funds.

"Even if we can't find a way to do it right away, we have to start doing some of this stuff," added Commissioner Donna Freng. "It's not going to get better."

Sinclair noted that a bill passed by the Legislature this year — overcoming a veto by Gov. Dennis Daugaard — will provide more funding for projects like the Stone Church Road. The legislation would increase vehicle registration fees in two steps during 2012 and 2013, generating \$31 million annually when in full effect. The money can be used by counties, municipalities, towns and townships on roads and bridges.

Yankton County is expecting approximately \$200,000 during the first year and \$400,000 in subsequent years.

"We want to spend that on projects like this that need to be



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A reception was held in the Yankton County Commission Chambers Tuesday afternoon to recognize Joe Gill for his 25 years of service with the Yankton County Emergency Medical Services. Gill has been a volunteer emergency medical technician since 1986. When presenting Gill with a plaque at the reception, Commission Chairman Bruce Jensen praised him for the sacrifices he has made to serve area residents.

done," Sinclair said.

In other business Tuesday, the commission:

- were given an annual overview of the assistance provided to the county by Planning and Development District III, a quasi-governmental organization that assists with application writing, research, project administration and land use planning, among other things. Since Yankton County began paying dues in 1973, District III has aided it in obtaining \$50,827,991 in assistance. Director Greg Henderson said that is a big return on the \$495,477 paid in dues. Commission Chairman Bruce Jensen acknowledged that District III had been "quite an asset";

- approved a 15-foot utility easement along the west side of the new county highway shop property so a natural gas line can be relocated from where it currently runs;

- announced that Lauren Fosheim, a recent graduate of South Dakota State University, has been hired to take on the

county 4-H director position full time beginning June 1;

- chose Chris Nelsen, Frank Kralicek, Leland Wiedmeier, Dean Morman, Craig Hanson, John Gunderson, Kevin Kirschenman, David Healy, Erik Mellem and Darrel Nelson to a task force that will work toward developing a drainage ordinance for the county. Commissioner Garry Moore will be the commission representative; and

- held an executive session for contractual and personnel matters. No action was taken.

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## Dr. Douglas D. Neilson Has Relocated.

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# BURN

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truck's large size prevents its access to the area of the fire.

While the department receives numerous requests to do controlled burns of buildings, Nickles said they only get three or four structures each year that they can actually do.

"We'll go out and make an evaluation of them, but we can't do them all," he said.

"Sometimes it just won't work. There might be too many high-line wires or the exposures could be too close. Sometimes it's the wind. We were going to do a building on Broadway last year, but the wind wouldn't cooperate, so we just ended up canceling it."

Nickles said the wind is an important factor when considering the effects the burns will have on other structures. If the wind threatens to push the smoke into other homes or housing developments, the department won't do the exercise.

Once the fire department

decides to burn a structure, the emphasis is always placed on safety.

"We make sure everyone is in the right place with the right equipment," Nickles said. "We watch which way the heat is going to go, and we make sure we have plenty of water, obviously. We also take a look at what the building is made of and make sure the power and water are off and the gas is cut."

Surprisingly, the biggest problem the fire department encounters is the actual lighting of the fire. The firefighters are not allowed to use any fuel. Instead, they make a pile to burn inside the building and light it with a forestry drip torch.

"It doesn't always work as well as one would think," Nickles said.

Even though it can be difficult to get the right conditions to start and execute a controlled burn, Nickles said the exercises are well worth it.

"I've been doing this as long as I've been a fireman," he said. "It teaches us a lot. It teaches us about fire behavior, safety, pretty much all aspects we try to do."



Lewis & Clark Home Builders Association

6th Annual

# Home Show

April 9th & 10th, 2011

Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ■ Sunday Noon – 4:00 p.m.

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## PROGRAMS OFFERED

<b>Saturday</b> 11:00 a.m. Master Gardeners	<b>Saturday</b> 1:00 p.m. Yankton County EMS	<b>Saturday</b> 2:00 p.m. Yankton Fire Dept.	<b>Saturday</b> 3:00 p.m. Dogs 'R Us 4-H Club	<b>Sunday</b> 1:00 p.m. Yankton ATA Taekwondo Club
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