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Meeting To Look At YHS Parade Safety

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Hoping to prevent future incidents similar to last year's accident during Pioneer Days that resulted in the injury of a student, Yankton High School (YHS) is seeking input from community members about changes needed for the celebration.



Johnke

An open meeting to discuss the Pioneer Days Homecoming Parade will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the YHS library.

"We're looking at ways to continue the tradition while still keeping our students safe," said YHS Principal Jennifer Johnke.

Last year, a female freshman student was injured during the parade when her leg was run over by a float. Reports differed on the events leading up to the accident.

Johnke could not provide more specific details on the incident or the extent of the injury.

The principal said that while the school did not receive many concerned comments from the community about the issue, YHS officials agreed adjustments should be made to the annual homecoming event.

"We don't like to see anyone walking away injured from something that's supposed to be a lot of fun," she said.

Johnke said that the

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A Night On The River



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Any evidence of the thunderstorm that blew through Yankton Monday morning was gone by early evening, allowing people to use the Missouri National Recreational River by Riverside Park for fishing and boating. The dark clouds that dumped 1.54 inches of rain in the morning were nowhere to be found. However, more stormy weather may be in store for today (Tuesday). For forecasts details, see page 2. For more on Monday's storm, see page 3.

Wet Summer Means Less Stress For Local Firefighters

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After having one of its busiest years in recent history, the Yankton Fire Department is having a much less stressful 2013.

"This is a normal year," Deputy Fire Chief Larry Nickles said. "We've had enough rain to keep us green. Temperatures are down. That all helps us out. Plus, we're not spending a lot of time enforcing a burn ban."

The total calls for 2012 was 250, and that included fires, accidents and other miscellaneous causes.

With drought conditions prevail-

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'Rock Garden Tour' Ready For Yankton Taping Thursday

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What happens when a dude loves to garden and loves rock-n-roll? And more importantly, when he loves South Dakota?

On Thursday, Yankton will find out with the live taping of "Rock Garden Tour" for South Dakota Public Radio (SDPR). The old-time radio show visits Yankton for the first time, bringing with it its wit, indie/alternative rock and good-natured songs about the Rushmore State.

Don't expect anything too deep or intellectual, said "Rock Garden" tour guide Ted Heeren (a.k.a. "Flower Man"). However, do plan to laugh and have a great time.

"We had a program dedicated to Jell-O," he said. "Altman Studeny talked to us for three hours about Jell-O. It's a wholesome salad, and it can be turned into something special."

If you don't have a ticket for Thursday's taping, you're out of luck.

The 7 p.m. show in the Copper Room at Ben's Brewing

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Obama: Close Fannie, Freddie

President To Urge Congress To Pull Plug On Agencies

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama, seeking to buffer taxpayers from future housing market downturns, will urge Congress this week to back bipartisan efforts to shutter Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the mortgage-giants bailed out by the government in 2008.

Obama will also renew his calls for sweeping mortgage refinancing legislation when he travels to Phoenix Tuesday. Arizona's desert capital was the epicenter of the housing crisis that began in 2008, but the market there has rebounded strongly, with home prices up and foreclosures down.



Obama

The president's visit to Phoenix marks the latest stop on his summertime economic tour aimed at refocusing his agenda on middle class Americans still struggling to fully recover following the recession. The collapse of the housing market in particular had a dramatic impact on people's lives and the economic viability of communities across the country.

"So many Americans across the country view their own economic and financial circumstances through their homes and whether they own a home, whether their home is underwater, whether they feel like they have equity in their homes," White House spokesman Jay Carney said Monday.

Senior administration officials said Obama would focus in Phoenix on shifting more of the burden for supporting the nation's massive mort-

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Bon Homme County

Durfee Prisoners Support Area Pantry

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SPRINGFIELD — Without leaving the Springfield grounds, Mike Durfee State Prison (MDSP) inmates are helping relieve hunger for area residents.

Participating inmates recently added \$1 to each of their commissary purchases at the prison, raising \$1,061 for the Bon Homme County Food Pantry.

The pantry isn't the first cause to benefit from the inmates' donations. Since the MDSP program was started in 2011, inmates have raised \$6,349 for a variety of needs.

Inmates approached prison officials about donating to area charities, said Associate Warden Susan Jacobs.

"They wanted to give back to the community," she said. "It's really just a

great sense of satisfaction for them. The inmates take pride in it."

The idea of inmates donating to charities actually started at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, Jacobs said. The penitentiary inmates asked then-Warden Doug Weber if they could raise money for worthy causes.

The program was so successful at Sioux Falls that it was started in 2011 at the Springfield facility and at the women's prison in Pierre, Jacobs said.

"Our inmates' money (for their donations) comes from their commissary account," she said. "They receive 25 cents an hour when they are working, and their family members can also send in (money) to the commissary account. It's their choice on how they

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A check in the amount of \$1,061 was presented to Shirley Mann, at the Bon Homme County Food Pantry in Tyndall last week. The money came from a fundraiser at Mike Durfee State Prison (MDSP). Pictured are, from left: Sharon Bell, Shirley Mann and MDSP Assistant Warden Susan Jacobs.

Man Arrested For Alleged Sexual Contact With Minor

From P&D Staff Reports

A Wakonda man has been arrested for allegedly having sexual contact with an underage girl.

According to Clay County Sheriff Andy Howe, Larry Rederick, 38, was indicted Aug. 1 by a Clay County grand jury on charges of sexual contact with a child under 16 and sexual exploitation of a minor.

The alleged victim is 13 years old.

The sheriff's office received a report July 19 of the alleged sexual contact. An investigation followed with the assistance of the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation.

Rederick was arrested Aug. 2 on a warrant served in Yankton.

He is being held in the Clay County Jail on \$50,000 bond.

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