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# For Sale: County Set To Auction Off Properties

## 3 Properties Will Be On The Block For Aug. 19 Sale

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Yankton County is looking to sell, sell, sell. At 9 a.m. Aug. 19, it will auction off two properties in its possession.

The first sale site will be the former Yankton County Highway Shop at 407 West 11th Street. It includes the 80-foot by 60-foot shop itself, as well as some storage buildings.

The property is approximately 4,600 square feet, according to D.W. Duhacek of East River Auctioneers in Mission Hill. He was hired by the Yankton County Commission to manage the auction.

A second auction will be held at the site for a 50-foot by 94-foot strip on the south side of West 11th Street that has Broadway Avenue frontage.

According to South Dakota codified law, the winning bids must be at least 90 percent of the appraised value of the properties.

The commission recently tabled approval of a \$122,625 bid from James Steel for a storage facility near the Yankton County Ambulance Building at Eighth Street and Douglas Avenue until after the Highway Shop auction. Commissioner Garry Moore has argued that the old shop location should be used for cold storage, rather than building a new facility.

The remaining commissioners agreed that they would postpone moving ahead with the bid until it is assured that the Highway Shop property can be sold.

The third auction of the day, which is expected to take place at approximately 11 a.m., will take place at 904 Eastside Drive. The county will sell the former Yankton Ethanol Plant building and the 1.8 acres upon which it rests.

The building itself is 50 feet by 75 feet.

According to Yankton County Treasurer Pam Marchand, the county took possession of the property Aug. 2, 2012, after the site had gone through years of bankruptcy proceedings. Taxes have not been paid on it since 1990, she said.

"At this point, I don't know how much in back taxes is owed on the property," Marchand said.

Duhacek said there has been a lot of interest in the facility and its contents.

Among the contents of the building are five



ABOVE: D.W. Duhacek of East River Auctioneers, left, and Yankton County Commission Chairman Bruce Jensen look over the contents of the former Yankton Ethanol Plant along Eastside Drive. BELOW: Jensen stands in front of the former Yankton County Highway Shop. Both properties will be auctioned off Aug. 19 by Duhacek.

storage tanks, ethanol evaporators, large fuel pumps, a 5-horse-power air compressor, a 35-horse-power boiler, stainless steel water columns, large electrical panels, many feet of stainless steel and iron piping, a 100-horse-power corn grinder and a 24-foot, 60,000-pound truck scale.

The property, the building and its contents will be sold together.

Items outside the building, such as two trucks, some storage tanks and scrap iron, will be sold separately.

The county will give Duhacek 1.75 percent of the sale price for his services Aug. 19.

For more information about the auctions, visit [eastriverauctioneers.com](http://eastriverauctioneers.com).

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# Storms Bring Rain, Hail To Parts Of Area

From P&D Staff Reports

Numerous storms late Saturday afternoon and Saturday night brought considerable rain to the region.

Yankton officially reported .93 of an inch as of early Sunday morning, but some areas near Lewis and Clark Lake reported at least 2 inches of rain with some brief, walnut-size hail. There were no reports of damage at press time.

Meanwhile, a powerful storm pummeled the Di-

mock area in northwest Hutchinson County. Ping-pong ball-sized hail was reported covering the ground, and it was estimated that a seven-mile area of crops was destroyed in the storm.

Some hail damage was also reported near Olivet in central Hutchinson County and Irene northeast of Yankton.

Additionally, large hail was reported near Creighton, Verdigre and Wausa in Knox County, Neb.

As for rainfall, local amounts varied from 2.44 inches near Marion, 2.22 near Parker and 1.04

inches at Centerville to .33 near Gayville, .29 at Tyn-dall, .26 at Pickstown, .22 near Dimock and .08 in Vermillion.

Mitchell reported 2.18 inches from the storm system, with reports of 2.85 southeast of the city. Sioux Falls officially received 1.87.

The forecast calls for a small but gradually increasing chance for thunderstorms continuing through Thursday, with temperatures expected to remain slightly below normal. For forecast details, see page 2.

## Nebraska Park Permit Sales Down From 2012

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LINCOLN, Neb. — Visitors to Nebraska's state parks and recreational areas are buying fewer entrance permits this year than at the same point in 2012, but the numbers are still above average after a surge in sales last year.

The state has sold 336,425 park-entrance permits as of July 31 — about 25,000 fewer than at the same time last year, according to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. The number of annual and daily permits was down, as was the number of "duplicate" passes sold at half price to visitors who want to register more than one vehicle.

Still, the number of permits sold was above the state's five-year average. The sales have generated \$4.6 million in revenue so far this year, down from the nearly \$4.9 million during the same period in 2012 but well above recent years.

Game and Parks officials said an unusually mild winter and early spring helped boost last year's permit sales, as did the lack of the rain. This year has proven more seasonal because of greater rainfall, and permit sales have returned to more normal levels, said Patrick Cole, the commission's budget director.

"Memorial Day tends to be our peak time," Cole said. "Last year, the weather was beautiful. It was nice even into early March."

Cole said most of the permits sell in the first half of the year, as families prepare for summer vacations. The parks often see a last-minute spike in attendance in late July and early August, he said, as many families squeeze in a last-minute trip before schools starts.

Nebraska has eight state parks, 59 state recreation areas and 10 state historical parks, all of which require a park permit to enter.

Despite the reduced sales, park administrators said attendance at Nebraska's parks has remained strong, and many of the camp sites have stayed at capacity. Parks officials said they won't know exact attendance until the end of the year.

"This year has been pretty good," said Jim Fuller, an assistant division administrator for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. "We've had some rains, but they haven't been heavy rains. Many of the parks have been busy all summer long, and these past few weeks have been extraordinarily busy."

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## Hairing It Out



Some of Maggie Leland's blonde hair splashes over the wood she used for this tee shot during Sunday's final round of the South Dakota Golf Association Women's Amateur Championship, held at the Fox Run course in Yankton. Morgan Fitts of Brookings took top honors in the tournament. Leland, who is from Alexandria, Minn., finished fourth. For more details, see page 7.

## Yankton County

# Jail Facing Unexpected Expenses

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A historic number of prisoners is being held at the Yankton County jail, and it's requiring officials to adjust for the influx.

According to Sheriff Jim Vlahakis, a one-day record of 110 prisoners was held in the jail recently. The facility was built for a maximum of 130 inmates.

The large numbers are mostly due to a contract the county has with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to hold prisoners.

Vlahakis told the Yankton County Commission last



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\$100,000. It went up from just more than \$50,000 in June.

"We've had to increase the utilization of part-time jail staff," Vlahakis said. "In order to handle those numbers, we had to increase supplies, dishes, clothing and other daily supplies. That's offset by the revenue we're bringing in, but at the same

time these line items in the (adopted 2013) budget are going to be expended pretty quickly."

Vlahakis also explained that the more prisoners the jail holds, the cheaper the county is able to purchase meals. The per meal cost is currently approximately \$1.40.

Aside from the increased revenue, Vlahakis said the higher population is putting a strain on the facility.

"It's a crappy subject, I guess you could say," he joked with the commission. "The sewage grinders in the

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