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# A Race Against Time

K.C. Firm Has  
Until Sept. 1  
To Submit  
HSC Proposal

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A Kansas City development company that is widely recognized for its historic renovation projects is hopeful that it will soon add the South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC) campus to its list of accomplishments.

Foutch Brothers, LLC, is currently racing to meet a Sept. 1 deadline set by Gov. Dennis Daugaard's office to submit a proposal for the Ordway, Mellette and Herreid buildings on the historic campus of HSC.

Shawn Foutch, who works out of the Des Moines office where the company runs its Iowa operations, told the *Press & Dakotan* that Foutch Brothers will have had approximately a month to assemble the proposal under the current deadline. Originally, the governor's office had set a June 1 cut-off for developers to submit proposals with funding in place. However, when Foutch Brothers approached the state about the property this summer, a concession was made.

"It is extremely challenging to get these pieces put together so quickly," Foutch said. "We are in the process of trying to put together a proposal



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The Herreid Building, above, is one of three buildings on the Human Services Center campus that Foutch Brothers, a Kansas City development company that specializes in rehabilitating historic structures, is looking at for

possible redevelopment. The other buildings are Ordway (below left) and Mellette (below right). The firm has until Sept. 1 to submit a proposal to the office of Gov. Dennis Daugaard.



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# YSD Steps Up Security After Burglaries

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After break-ins at two elementary schools during the last week, the Yankton School District is stepping up security measures at its facilities.

According to Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle, additional lights are being left on, doors and windows are being double checked to make sure they are locked, and money is being placed in safes.

"The custodians do building checks," he added. "We'll make sure that they continue to do those. We're going to ask that the po-

lice do some extra patrols past the schools. We're also going to make sure all of our cameras are in working order. We want to do everything we can to be preventative."

It was reported at 11:28 a.m. Saturday that there had been a burglary at Beadle Elementary School. The incident occurred sometime after 11 p.m. Friday.

"Beadle School was entered on the ground level through a window in a classroom. A window was broken out," Kindle said. "It appears they entered the building through that window and maybe propped open a nearby door. They busted out the glass windows in the (principal's) office and

entered that way."

Money was taken from the office, he stated.

After the incident was discovered, Kindle said staff checked other facilities in the district to make sure there weren't additional burglaries.

The report of another break-in, this time at Webster Elementary School, was received at 7:12 a.m. Tuesday.

"At Webster, it appears glass was broken out of a door and a tool was then used to

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# Wagner 'Ready To Go' For Labor Day

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WAGNER — Greg Nielsen can't be blamed if he runs the Wagner Labor Day celebration with military precision.

Nielsen, a full-time member with the Wagner unit of the South Dakota National Guard, is using his organizational skills chairing the Labor Day committee. He's even taking vacation time to focus on the final details.

However, he quickly credits the rest of the Labor Day committee and the scores of volunteers who make the celebration hum. The 113th annual celebration runs Saturday through Monday.

Traditionally, thousands of visitors

create a huge influx for the Charles Mix County community of 1,600.



"As we get closer (to this weekend), the committee meets at 6:30 p.m. every night," Nielsen said. "We have a check list of what needs to get done for all the events. We're coordinated, so we're ready to go. The committee is out there working hard, getting ready for Labor Day."

Besides Nielsen, the committee includes secretary Marla Hewitt, Dave Greger, Amber VonEschen, Barb Pecchous, Mike Novak, Miranda Medricky, Steve Cotton and Ryan Beeson.

This year's Labor Day celebration will again offer something for everyone. The weekend includes the parade, festival in the park, demolition derby, car show, poker run, rodeo, carnival midway and much more.

The parade — with the theme "Party Times" — will start at 10 a.m. Monday, with a pre-parade fly over by Dakota Aircare.

"It's one of the biggest parades in the state. I would say that 10,000 spectators would be a pretty accurate number," Nielsen said. "It's a real tradition. A lot of people grow up with it, and they want the same spot every year for watching the parade."

This year's procession will feature at least one prominent official — Lt. Gov. Matt Michels of Yankton.

Michels told the *Press & Dakotan* he has friends in the Wagner area, and he was invited to ride in the parade.

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# 'Get The Community Excited'

'United Way Week' Kicks Off 2014 Campaign

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Numerous picketers will congregate outside of local businesses today (Wednesday), but it won't be a typical demonstration.

United Way volunteers will be holding "Thank You" signs in front of the organization's most loyal supporters — big and small — throughout the community that have contributed to its fundraising campaigns throughout the years. Planned locations include Roger's Family Pharmacy, First Dakota National Bank, First National Bank, Vishay Dale Electronics and Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

"It's kind of like a friendly picket," said Lauren Hanson, executive director of the United Way and Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton. "We're just really grateful for them. We want to show them how much their contribution matters and how they make an impact in the community, and it's one way to show our appreciation."

The "Big Thanks Event" is part of "United Way Week" taking place through Saturday in Yankton to help kick off the organization's 2014 campaign. The celebration features several community awareness events to promote

the United Way and its more than 35 partner agencies.

"It's to get the community excited about the campaign and to teach them a little more about us and how they can help out," Hanson said.

Earlier this week, the United Way decorated various spots in town with its "Live United" logo, and also held T-shirt giveaways on Facebook and over the radio.

Promotions continue Thursday with "Dine United," in which area restaurants will share a portion of their proceeds for the day with the United Way. For a list of participating businesses, visit [www.yanktonunitedway.org](http://www.yanktonunitedway.org).

On Friday, a free car wash will be offered from 4-6 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club at 1804 Broadway.

"It's a way to get the kids out and helping," Hanson said. "We want to show off our awesome partnership with the Boys & Girls Club that we're really excited about."

Saturday night, the United Way will officially kick off its 2014 campaign with its annual halftime show at the first home football game of the Yankton Bucks.

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COURTESY PHOTO

United Way workers show off their "Live United" T-shirts, which are on display around Yankton this week as the organization holds its "United Way Week." The celebration features several community awareness events to promote the local United Way and its more than 35 partner agencies. Earlier this week, "Live United" logos were placed around town, and T-shirt giveaways took place on the radio and Facebook. Activities continue today with a "Big Thanks Event," a "Dine United" promotion Thursday and a free car wash Friday. The week finishes with the 2014 campaign kickoff Saturday during halftime of the Yankton Bucks first home football game.