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Dogs R Us member Grant Kramer, 17, rewards his dogs after running them through the agility course at the dog agility demonstration at the Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days Friday.

Dog Days Are Tricky

4-Hers Participate In Dog Demonstration At Yankton Achievement Days

BY KAYLA PRASEK
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Yankton County 4-Hers proved old dogs can be taught new tricks during Friday's dog agility demonstration, part of the Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days.

While the 4-H dog show was held in July, the dog agility demonstration gave 4-Hers a chance to showcase their animals at Achievement Days.

Dogs R Us member Grant Kramer, 17, showed both of his black Labrador retrievers, which he's shown for the past six years.

"My parents wanted me to do an activity

outside of school, and Dogs R Us seemed like fun and sounded interesting," Kramer said.

The Dogs R Us club holds dog-training lessons each week starting in April to help 4-Hers prepare their dogs for the county dog show. There are four different areas 4-Hers can show their dogs in — showmanship, obedience, agility and rally.

Kramer shows both of his dogs in showmanship and agility.

"I work with them a couple hours per day and make sure they know what to listen for when I show them," Kramer said. "It's a lot of repeating commands and running homemade jumps. For showmanship, there's some

grooming that goes into it so they look good when I show them."

Kramer said his favorite part is agility. "Agility is the excitement," Kramer said.

"It's always energetic."

Lexi Maier, 11, is in her second year showing her two dogs, one of which is deaf.

"I have to teach her sign language and be really patient because she's not always looking at me so she doesn't realize I've given her a command," Maier said. "Even though it's a little more difficult with a deaf dog, I really like

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Economy

Midwest Figures Decline In July

By The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — A monthly economic survey index for nine Midwestern and Plains states remained in positive territory despite dropping from a three-year high point a month earlier, a report released Friday said.

The overall Mid-America Business Conditions Index dropped more than 3 1/2 percentage points in July, to 57.0. The index had risen slightly in June, to 60.6 — the three-year high.

The survey results from supply managers are compiled into a collection of indexes ranging from zero to 100. Survey

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"Supply managers indicated anecdotally that a weaker housing market is restraining growth while the region's energy sector, including alternative energy, is a source of positive growth," said Ernie Goss, a Creighton University economist who oversees the survey.

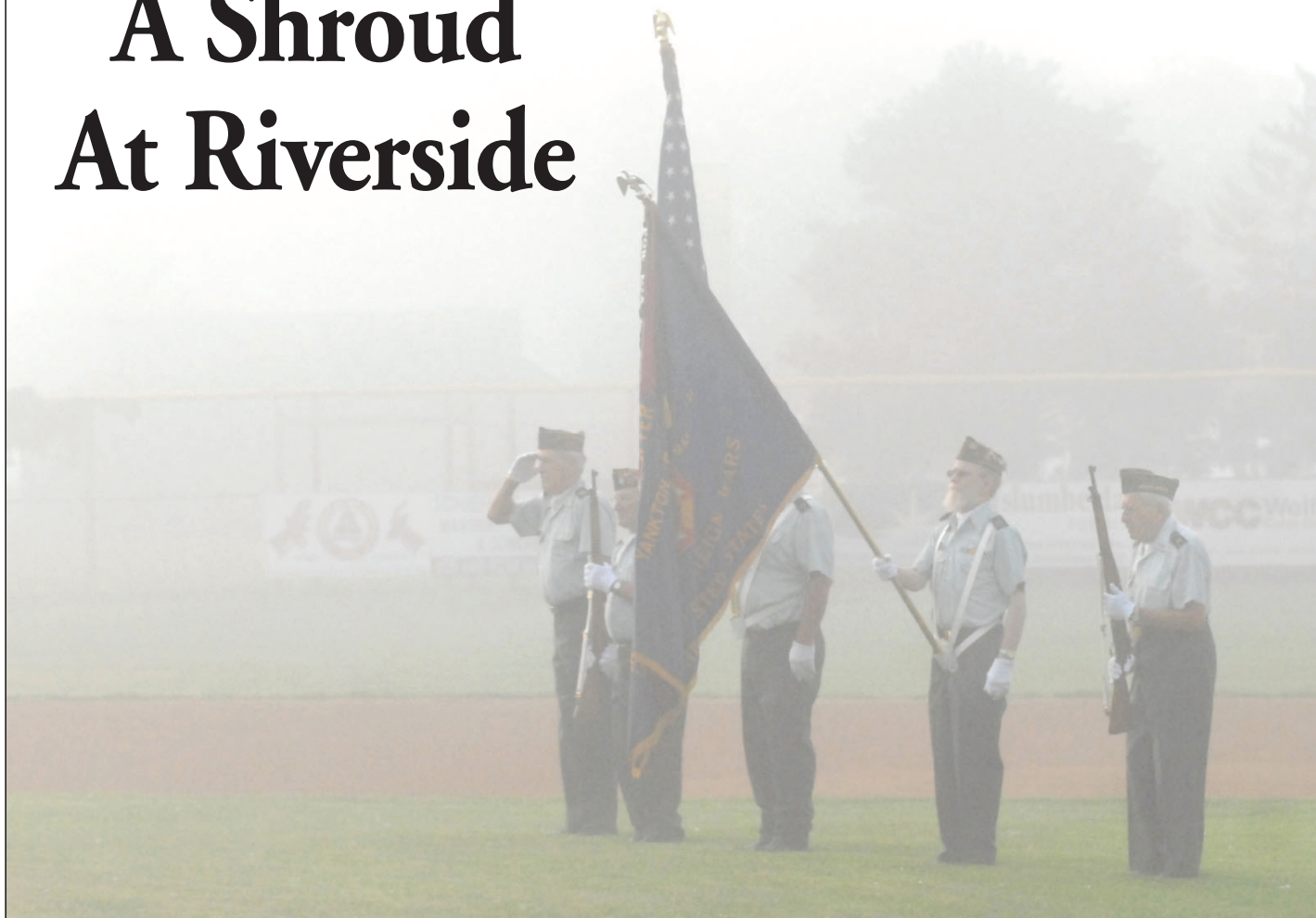
Almost a quarter of the supply managers who responded reported expanding global sales have been the biggest driver of company sales over the past year. Sixteen percent said expansion in the farm sector was the major factor in pushing their company sales higher for the year.

Looking ahead six months, the business confidence index dipped to 60.0 from 63.6 in June.

"Despite growing global tensions, im-

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A Shroud At Riverside



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

The Yankton VFW color guard stands at attention in the fog prior to the start of the South Dakota State VFW Teener Class AA 13-14 Majors baseball tournament Friday morning at Yankton's Riverside Field. Action did get under way shortly afterwards, with a full first day of games. For details on the tournament, see page 7.

Nebraska Lawmakers Tout Benefits Of Hemp

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Lawmakers are expected to debate again next year whether Nebraska should allow expanded research and medical access for hemp, a plant cousin of marijuana.

Advocates for the crop gathered at the Capitol on Friday and briefly raised an American flag made of hemp fibers. Supporters are attempting to elevate the hemp flag over every state capitol as part of a campaign to promote the product. On July 4, 2013, the flag flew over the U.S. Capitol.

Hemp is a close plant cousin to marijuana, with only a tiny fraction of the THC chemical that produces marijuana's high.

"Nebraska and other states can only go so far before we bump into federal restrictions."

SEN. SUE CRAWFORD

More than 25,000 products are made from hemp fiber, seeds, oils and the interior of the stalk, according to the Congressional Research Service. The list includes fabrics, yarns, paper, carpeting, home furnishings, auto parts, animal feed, food and beverages, lotions and industrial oils.

Sen. Sue Crawford of Bellevue said she's working on legislation for next year that

would allow for increased research and access to low-potency hemp oil as a treatment for epileptic seizures. Crawford also has introduced an interim study to explore the options, with a hearing set for later this year.

Crawford introduced a similar measure earlier this year, but withdrew it amid concerns that it ran afoul of federal law. The type of hemp oil used for treating the seizures is classified as an illegal drug, which prevents patients from getting access, she said. Crawford said she sent a letter Friday to every member of Nebraska's congressional delegation, urging them to support loosening the restrictions.

Federal rules "still block growth and devel-

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Women To Be Celebrated At Inaugural Business Conference In Yankton

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Yankton area women are going to be celebrated next month at the first "Women's Business Conference."

The South Dakota Center for Enterprise Opportunity (SD CEO) at Black Hills State University (BHSU) will partner up with several Yankton-area businesses to host this inaugural event in Yankton on Friday, Sept. 12. The event will be held at the Best Western Kelly Inn from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We are so honored and excited to be hosting this women's business conference in Yankton for the first time," said Helen Merriman, director of SD CEO and scheduled speaker at the conference.

Topics of the conference will include educational and skill building sessions to increase professional development, enhance business communication technique and strengthen business relationships.

DS CEO hopes that 100 regional women will participate in the event.

"The networking opportunities are endless here. This event is pulling in women from all over. I think women are eager to meet other women," Merriman said. "We really encourage women to come. We think that this will be a great educational and networking opportunity. It will also really benefit their professional development. We will have some really phe-



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Hellen Merriman, Director at SD CEO (right) stands with Chaunter Wright-Moore, Admissions Representative at Yankton College Business and Natural Sciences (left). Both will speak at the first Women's Business Conference in Yankton Friday, Sept. 12.

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More SD Statehood Celebrations Planned

PIERRE (AP) — More activities are planned across South Dakota to mark its 125th year of statehood.

In Minnehaha County, the Historical Society's Statehood Celebration Committee will give magnets to all fourth-graders in September. South Dakota history is typically taught during fourth grade.

Tripp residents will be celebrating the state's birthday with dinner at the fairgrounds and a Fireman's Dance on Main Street on Sept. 6. A breakfast and Cowboy Church is planned for Sept. 7.

Members of the committee overseeing Sisseton's contribution to the statehood celebrations plan to continue interviewing and recording elderly residents to preserve family stories and local historical events.

Those interested in recording a story can do so in various locations including the Heritage Museum of Roberts County and with the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate tribal archivist Tamara St. John.