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County Crafting Road Plan

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With concerns growing over the state of the nation's road network, Yankton County officials are in the process of putting together a plan for how they'll deal with maintenance of county roads and needs for future expansion.

Pat Garrity, director of planning and zoning, said the plan, being drawn up in cooperation with state and federal departments of transportation, will help put the focus on what needs to be done with the county's roads.



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"We're going to call ours the Yankton County Master Transportation Plan," Garrity said. "What its intent is, is to identify the current road structures, where we're at with them, what issues are involved with them and then also do some planning to take a look at how we can enhance intermodal transportation (bicyclists and pedestrians) and where we have issues. We will end up with a county master plan that can be reviewed each year to see what are the priorities for the future."

The plan is slated to look at road needs for the next 20 years. The South Dakota Department of Transportation granted an application for Yankton County to complete the study this year. Normally, the state only grants three such requests each year.

A plan is slated to be released sometime in March.

Last week, the second of four public meetings was held seeking input from the community on what citizens would like to see done in the future and current road concerns. Garrity said while the amount of public comment is normal, more community input is needed.

"I don't know why we have to wait for a tragedy or a crisis

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Eight Long Seconds



ROB NIELSEN/P&D
Jake White of Whitewood rides in the bareback event at the 49th annual Scottie Stampede rodeo in Scotland Saturday. White, the sole bareback rider during the Saturday night round, managed to hang on the full eight seconds. Other events included barrel racing, bull riding, calf roping, goat tying, breakaway, team roping, saddle bronc, steer wrestling, team penning and team roping. The two-day rodeo, which wrapped up Sunday, was the highlight of a full weekend which included a parade, a street dance and a lawnmower drag competition.

New Study Sees Keystone Concerns

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — The much-debated Keystone XL pipeline could produce four times more global warming pollution than the State Department calculated earlier this year, a new study concludes.

The U.S. estimates didn't take into account that the added oil from the pipeline would drop prices by about \$3 a barrel, spurring consumption that would create more pollution, the researchers said.

Outside experts not connected to

the study gave it mixed reviews. The American Petroleum Institute found the study to be irrelevant because regardless of the pipeline, the tar sands will be developed and oil will be shipped by railroad if not by pipeline, spokeswoman Sabrina Fang said.

The researchers estimate that the proposed pipeline, which would carry oil from tar sands in western Canada to refineries on the Texas Gulf Coast, would increase world greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 121 million tons of carbon dioxide a year.

The department said this year that at most, the pipeline would increase world carbon dioxide emissions by 30 million tons.

Such emissions have been on the mind of President Barack Obama, who has said his administration would allow the pipeline to be built "only if this project does not significantly exacerbate the problem of carbon pollution."

The new estimates, from scientists at the Stockholm Environment Institute, were published Sunday by

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US Vows Support For Iraq Official

US Lawmakers Are
Split On America's Role

BY PHILIP ELLIOTT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States said Sunday it "fully supports" Iraq's new president, just hours after embattled Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki accused him of violating the constitution.

The State Department responded after al-Maliki accused Fouad Massoum, who was named president last month, of neglecting to name a prime minister from the country's largest parliamentary faction by Sunday's deadline. He said Massoum has violated the constitution "for the sake of political goals."

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the U.S. rejects any effort to use coercion or manipulation in the process of choosing a new Iraqi leader. She said the U.S. supports the process to select a prime minister "by building a national consensus and governing in an inclusive manner."

Al-Maliki's surprise speech late Sunday plunged the government into a political crisis at a time it is battling advances by Islamic State militants. It was his first speech on Iraqi TV since U.S. forces launched airstrikes and humanitarian airdrops in Iraq last week.

Al-Maliki is seeking a third term as prime minister, but the latest crisis has prompted even his closest allies to call for his resignation. A parliament session scheduled for Monday to discuss the election and who might lead the next Iraqi government was postponed until Aug. 19.

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Child Killed In Crash Near Scotland

From P&D Staff Reports

SCOTLAND — A 7-year-old child died in a one-vehicle crash south of Scotland Friday.

According to a press release from the South Dakota Highway Patrol, Kirstan Roubideaux was a passenger in a 1995 Oldsmobile Cutlass driven northbound by Stephanie Kae Hamilton, 28, of Yankton on S.D. Highway 25 south of Scotland. The vehicle left the roadway to the right, hit a field approach and rolled at approximately 9:15 a.m. Roubideaux and another passenger, Colton Roubideaux, 5, were not wearing seatbelts and were thrown from the vehicle.

The 7-year-old died at the scene. The 5-year-old was taken to a Scotland hospital with life-threatening injuries. Hamilton was thrown into the backseat of the vehicle during the crash and was able to flag down a passing motorist who contacted emergency personnel.

The highway patrol is investigating the incident. Bon Homme County Sheriff's Office, Bon Homme Fire Department and Scotland Police Department assisted.

Kirstan Roubideaux's funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. George Catholic Church in Scotland. The Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton is handling arrangements.

MMC Official Airs Views In D.C.

Kocer Testifies At Senate Hearing

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A Mount Marty College (MMC) official recently had the opportunity to talk to lawmakers in Washington about student loans at private colleges.

On July 31, MMC's Ken Kocer testified before the U.S. Senate Banking Committee in Washington on those issues. Kocer is the president of the South Dakota Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and has been director of financial assistance for Mount Marty College for the past 23 years.

Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.), who is the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee Chairman, invited Kocer to testify after talking with him during a conference call about his opinion on certain private loan issues.

"It happened so fast. It was a very

amazing experience — a whirlwind," Kocer said.

During his testimony, Kocer talked about the federal student loan program being the very best program colleges can offer students. Federal student loans include the availability of subsidized for some borrowers, multiple repayment plans, and options for loan forgiveness. The Federal Direct Loan program additionally offers deferment and forbearance options, consolidation opportunities and overall lower interest rates.

But there is a dark side to the program, Kocer said.

In many instances, students need more money than what has been given to them. Besides tuition, students must pay for room and board, money for

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Ken Kocer, president of the South Dakota Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and director of financial assistance for Mount Marty College, testified before the U.S. Senate Banking Committee in Washington last month.

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