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SDNG Unit From Wagner Deploys Next Week

From P&D Staff Reports

WAGNER – The South Dakota National Guard (SDNG) unit in Wagner deploys next week for a one-year mission to Kuwait.

The recognition ceremony for Detachment 1 of the 155th Engineer Company will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Wagner High School. Planned speakers for the ceremony include Wagner Mayor Donald Hosek.

The 155th headquarters is located in Rapid City. A deployment ceremony for the entire unit will be held at 2 p.m. (MDT) Wednesday at the Rapid City Civic Center's Barnett Arena. Planned speakers for the ceremony include Gov. Dennis Daugaard, U.S. Sens. John Thune and Mike Rounds (both R-S.D.), Rapid City Mayor Steve Allender and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, SDNG adjutant general.

The Rapid City- and Wagner-based unit will deploy to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom – Spartan Shield.

The 155th is a vertical engineer company capable of

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Taking The Reins At Mount Marty



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Marcus Long is learning the ropes of his new position as Mount Marty College's president. He officially started July 15.

Long Settles Into MMC Presidential Position

BY REILLY BIEL
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Most people just a few weeks into a job are still struggling to find their sea legs. For new Mount Marty College (MMC) president Marcus Long, however, the transition seems to be working just fine.

"It's been wonderful. I have been doing a lot of listening," said Long. "I've met with a lot of staff and am scheduled to meet with more faculty as the school year approaches."

Long officially became MMC's president on July 15. He left his previous job as vice president of administration at St. Louis College of Pharmacy in St. Louis on July 6.

For his first year on the job, Long will reside on MMC's campus while his wife remains in Missouri with their sons, who are soon-to-be high school seniors.

Fortunately, there is enough to keep him busy. "Carmen Schramm with the Chamber of Commerce spent a whole day introducing me to busi-

ness leaders in Yankton, which was enormously helpful because I got to hear what they thought about Mount Marty and ways we can partner that will benefit the community and the college," Long said.

To get to know the college and community, Long attended events like a Chamber of Commerce board meeting and the Meridian En Blanc held last month. He has also gone to several MMC alumni events in Yankton, St. Louis and Kansas City.

"Everybody has been so open and honest with me about where Mount Marty is, so I know exactly what we need to focus on in terms of planning for a new school year," said Long.

He has acquainted himself with MMC's other two campuses, located in Sioux Falls and Watertown. A reception was held for him at the Sioux Falls campus and he met with community leaders in Watertown to discuss how MMC can work with them.

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GFP: Bald Eagles Are No Longer Endangered Or Threatened

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

ABERDEEN — The bald eagle won't be on South Dakota's list of endangered and threatened species any longer.

The state Game, Fish and Parks Commission held a public hearing on the national bird's status during its meeting Thursday in Aberdeen.

No one testified.

The silence told a story of success. The state Wildlife Division's management plan calls for an average of 25 active nests annually over a five-year period.

South Dakota now has five to six times that many.

John Cooper of Pierre, the commission's chairman, recalled there were about 360 active nests nationwide in 1974 when he joined the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The vote was 7-1 Thursday for the de-listing.

Commissioner Jim Spies of Watertown cast the lone nay. He said he doesn't see the plus side.

"I've read this many times and my question is why?" Spies said. "Who benefits from having it off? I don't know why."

Tom Kirschenmann, a top biologist for the Wildlife Division, said there isn't a monetary gain from the change but there are connotations.

"That indicates to people things are going well, conservation and management are going well," Kirschenmann said. "That just puts a positive light on all conservation we're doing."

By the 1970s, bald eagles became rare in South Dakota, their population decimated by the use of DDT.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency banned the pesticide's use in 1972. Slowly the species came back.

In 1992, a pair of bald eagles attempted to nest at Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, north of Aberdeen.

They didn't succeed, but the attempt excited wildlife

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Rollin' Home



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Yankton's Bravo Battery of the 1st Battalion 147th Field Artillery National Guard unit rolled into Yankton Thursday morning after training for two weeks at Camp Guernsey, Wyoming. The soldiers worked on their Multiple Launch Rocket Systems, and also underwent live grenade training. Training began July 23, and the unit arrived in Yankton at about 11:45 a.m. Thursday. Other images and notes from the annual two-week training exercise can be found on Facebook at Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion 147th Field Artillery.

YHS Teachers Prepare For Ninth Grade Orientation

BY ALISSA WOOCKMAN
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Any student will tell you that one of the biggest transitions in their education career is the one from middle school to high school.

For Yankton High School's incoming ninth graders, that means new teachers, new classes and a new building.

However, YHS faculty work to make the transition as simple as possible by hosting ninth grade orientation each August. This year, the orientation is set for Tuesday night at YHS.

"It's those little things that hopefully the orientation can help them get familiarized so it's not such a shock on the first day of school," said YHS Principal Jennifer Johnke.

Staff will help students report to their new homerooms at 7 p.m.



Johnke

and parents will witness a presentation in the YHS main theatre from 7 - 7:45 p.m.

"One of the important things is meeting their homeroom teacher," Johnke said. "That is the

one person that they can go to and connect with ahead of time if they have any questions in the first few days."

While in their homerooms, the incoming freshmen will receive tips on the different aspects of student behavior at the high school level.

Assistant Principal Tony Beste will cover the attendance policy, how to get good grades and the importance of a high school diploma

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