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The area immediately surrounding the location of Saturday's plane crash in Cedar County, Nebraska, was cordoned off Sunday afternoon. Two people from Yankton were injured in the incident.

Two Hurt In Plane Crash

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Two Yankton residents were injured when their small plane crashed into a cornfield in Cedar County, Nebraska, on Saturday evening.

Pilot Ronald Feimer, 56, and his son Alan, 16, were taken to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital for unknown injuries when their Cessna 172G aircraft crashed near the intersection of 895th Rd. and 556th Ave. in northwest Cedar County at 4:52 p.m. Saturday.

"They were pretty fortunate that they survived it, and it sounds like they're going to recover," said Yankton deputy fire chief Larry Nickles, whose crew responded to the scene.

According to the Cedar County sheriff's office, the extent and severity of injuries remained unknown, and no

further information was provided Sunday.

The two-seat plane was in one piece when crews arrived, Nickles said, which meant no special equipment was needed to get the two passengers out of the plane.

"It was a quick deal, we had them out of there pretty fast," Nickles said.

The plane remained on site as of Sunday afternoon and the road – 556th Ave. – directly adjacent to the plane was cordoned off for further investigation.

Also responding to the scene were the Cedar County sheriff's office, Cedar County Emergency Management, Cedar County Roads Department, Crofton Fire & Rescue, and Yankton County EMS.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

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University Centers Face Dropping Enrollments

Regents To Consider Issue At Meeting This Week

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State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — A decade later, concern that building state university centers in Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Pierre would hurt the six traditional state universities hasn't proven true.

Instead, the state Board of Regents now faces tough decisions about what to do with the new campuses.

Enrollments have plunged during the past six years at the Sioux Falls and Pierre centers, and Rapid City last fall was at its lowest point since the new building opened in 2011.

The university centers are one of the first topics the regents are scheduled to discuss Tuesday during their annual planning meeting.

The regents' central staff prepared a detailed report on the situation. (It is available at https://sdbor.edu/theboard/agenda/2015/August/ Retreat/3_BORRetreat0815.pdf on the Internet.)

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Blaalid On The Move





City Commissioner Resigning To Accept Teaching Position In SF

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When the Yankton City Commission meets tonight (Monday), the commissioners will be saying goodbye to a board member who, in a short two and a half years, has had an impact on her city and the staff she's worked with in that time.

Brooke Blaalid will be resigning her position in order to take a faculty position with the University of South Dakota (USD).

Blaalid said it wasn't an easy choice.

"It wasn't an easy one," Blaalid said. "But taking this new faculty position at USD — and it's in Sioux Falls — I don't have the time commitment to give between working in another community 40-plus hours per week and commuting, I just don't think it's fair to sit on the commission since I'm not spending as much time in the community. Since I love Yankton, I want to make sure there's someone who's got enough time."

Blaalid will be the assistant professor for USD's Master of Social Work program at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

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ROB NIELSEN/P&D Yankton City Commissioner Brooke Blaalid will be stepping down from the commission this week after serving 2 1/2 years. Blaalid is taking a teaching position with the University of South Dakota.

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Yankton High School football player Tyler Strahl, center, instructs these two youngsters during a Junior Football camp last week. Strahl and his Bucks teammates will be traveling to Nebraska this week for a 4-day, 3-night leadership camp. It is one of a series of events and activities the defending Class 11AA state champs are undertaking as they prepare for the start of the 2015 season.

YHS Football Team To Take Unique Bonding Trip

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The current players on the Yankton High School football team have only ever spent one night together, during past overnight bonding experiences at Crane-Youngworth Field.

That number will triple this week.

In a unique opportunity to not only begin their pre-season practices somewhere new, the Bucks will venture south into Nebraska this week for a 4-day, 3-night leadership camp. A total of 75 players – juniors, seniors and some sophomores – will have certain responsibilities such as cooking and cleaning, which is just fine, they said.

"We're a tight group of friends," senior Logan Haak

said. "We always say we're friends 'til the end, so this will definitely be good bonding for us."

The players, along with six coaches, will leave Yankton on Wednesday night and will stay three nights before driving back on Saturday. Even two nights away from Yankton would have been a far cry from the usual one-night stays at Crane-Youngworth.

"It's a great idea, I think," senior Colin Muth said. "We're usually at Crane, but it'll be fun to go somewhere new."

All the players know ahead of time is that they're traveling somewhere 40-50 miles away into Nebraska and that a former YHS player will speak to the team. To further ensure bonding, players will also not be allowed

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