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City Officials Exposed To Aggressor Training

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Yankton City commissioners and city department heads spent the better part of last Tuesday evening working out how the 2016 budget will look. It's normal business for the commission each fall — but in this day and age, that business has the potential to be interrupted by a life-or-death struggle.

Before starting on the budget, city officials were given a briefing by Lt. Mike Burgeson of the Yankton Police Department (YPD) on what to do if ever faced with an active aggressor.

Burgeson told the Press & Dakotan that the training is available nationwide.

"The training that we do for the commission is the same training that we would do for the general public, for state employees, city employees or whoever," Burgeson said. "It's a training curriculum that's provided by the Homeland Security office that is the same curriculum or thought process that is given out nationwide, and that is the 'run, hide, fight' philosophy that we teach in case an active aggressor enters

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A Plaza Pleaser



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

This young girl was determined to taste some of the fun of the water jets at the newly opened Meridian Plaza, located at the foot of the Meridian Bridge in downtown Yankton, Saturday afternoon. She was among many children (and adults) who sought some relief from the heat and humidity that dominated the area for part of the weekend. Yankton's high temperature reading Saturday was 90 degrees, with the dewpoint reaching the low 70s. Rains and cooler temperatures arrived Sunday, with a flash flood watch posted for the area through early today (Monday). Much cooler temperatures are in the forecast, which can be found on page 2.

Building For The Future

Acceptance And Hope Prevail As Delmont Undertakes Recovery

BY ELIZABETH "SAM" GROSZ
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DELMONT — Delmont citizens who have been affected by the May 10 devastation that came to this small southeastern town met for a potluck dinner and program designed to look to the future.

The meal, the fellowship, the talk was all designed to help work through the feelings left from the tornado that ripped a third of their town away.

The tornado at first only took about a dozen homes, but in the cleanup that continues yet today, more than 50 structures have been dismantled and their basements covered over, leaving no trace of the landmarks and touchpoints they once were. Just that day, Aug. 13, another small church that in recent years had served as a hunting lodge, began to be torn down, a small crew salvaging the arched windows, the lawn sign salvaged for the local Historical Society.

But, other hopeful sights and construction sounds abound, as the materials for the fire hall to be rebuilt arrive; the first new house has its water turned on; the hammering in place of shingles and siding is heard; and new foundations are dug and poured.

Instead of trucks lumbering out with debris hanging over their sides, now trucks are bringing in building supplies in the reconstruction effort.

Lutheran Social Services coordinators Duane Kavanaugh

(Lutheran Social Services coordinators Duane Kavanaugh reminded residents that they, too, should be thinking of how to commemorate the May 10 anniversary of Delmont's devastation. There should be a celebration, he said, to point out "We survived — it made us stronger.")

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Making Headway

RV Resort Near Meridian Bridge Takes Shape

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The Meridian Bridge RV Resort continues to take shape at the foot of the Meridian Bridge on the Nebraska side — and the campground preparing to take in some of its first guests.

Neal LaCroix of LaCroix Construction told the Press & Dakotan that it's been a busy summer of progress.

"We have run 6,000 feet of tree-inch water main through the whole park," LaCroix said. "We have put in 72 water hydrants and we've put in

88 sewers. We just have the far-west road to finish up."

Additionally, work has begun on walking trails to the beach area along the Missouri River and connecting to the bridge's walking trail. Installation of 1,100 feet of original Meridian Bridge railing, removed from the structure during renovations in 1977, has also been installed along the trails.

LaCroix said they're opening a small number of RV pads for Riverboat Days with limited amenities.

"We have 48 pads ready for Riverboat Days," he said. "We're waiting on some testing on the

water so we will not have water and sewer for Riverboat Days, but we'll have power like a state park would have."

Testing on the water is set to be complete later this month or early in September with full amenities expected to be in place by April, 2016.

The first phase of the resort includes 120 RV pads rented by the year with full water, sewer and electricity services.

The resort is the brainchild of landowner Jay Harmelink and



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RV pads begin to take shape at the Meridian Bridge RV Resort. The resort is opening 48 of its pads for RV enthusiasts during Riverboat Days.

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Talking, Sometimes the Best Medicine

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