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Creighton Keeps School Board Chair

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CREIGHTON, Neb. — By a more than 2-to-1 margin, voters in the Creighton school district have kept their school board president in office.

In Tuesday's special recall election, Creighton school patrons voted against removing Dan Morrill from his position. The unofficial final tally saw 210 voters in favor of the recall and 449 voters opposing the measure.

The election drew 659 of 1,424 registered voters for 46 percent turnout. The electorate consists of 1,306 registered voters in Knox County and 118 in Antelope County. The school district includes land but no voters in Pierce County.

Creighton resident Jody Fuchtmann filed the initial affidavit against Morrill, according to Knox County Clerk Joann Fischer.

"After (Fuchtmann) filed the affidavit, I had to send a letter to Mr. Morrill, and he had 20 days to respond with a defense statement," Fischer said.

Fuchtmann provided the following statement of her reasons for the recall:

"He (Morrill) failed to communicate and respond to the community; to act in a fair and impartial manner based on what is in the best interests of the students and district; surrendered his independent judgment to special interests; failed to evaluate the effectiveness of the superintendent on an ongoing basis; allowed the inequitable treatment of board members by an outside source."

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Hitting The Road

Yankton Co. Commission Set To Hold Public Hearings Around County

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Members of the Yankton County Commission will be spending a lot of time outside of the confines of the Government Center chambers during the next month.

The commission is set to start a series of town hall meetings, attended by two commis-

sioners each, in county communities in order to speak on commission matters and gain input from the public.

Although plans for town halls were being sorted out before the passage of the road and bridge levy in July, the meetings come as the commission gears up for a referendum on the levy.



Woods

Commission chairman Todd Woods said this is part of an effort to reach out beyond the City of Yankton.

"We wanted to do this to get out to the other communities," Woods said. "Sometimes it's difficult for people to come to town at 4 p.m. to sit in on these meetings."

Woods said they'll be taking an informal approach to the meetings.

"There's going to be two commissioners at these meetings," he said. "These are going to be informational. People asking questions and we'll

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The Rain Hunters



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

These kids hunt for tadpoles, bugs and other creatures crawling through the rain runoff in the 2200 block of Valley Drive in Yankton Tuesday morning after a pre-dawn thunderstorm dumped 1.41 inches of rain in less than 30 minutes. Power outages were reported in eastern Yankton and in the Lesterville area. There were also reports of 2.45 in the Fox Run vicinity and 1.88 in the E. 18th St. area. Other regional rainfall totals included 2.51 in Huron, 1.93 in Sioux City, 1.53 near Mitchell, 1.09 in Platte, 1.00 near Vermillion and .78 at Parker. For forecast details, see page 2.

Families Enjoy Mission Trip To Yankton

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Most YouthWorks mission projects were served around the Yankton area. Families also assisted in ongoing Trinity Lutheran Church outreach such as quilting. Quilts go to Yankton Women's Fire Department Auxiliary for local fire victims and Lutheran World Relief. Youth helped in food preparation for The Banquet.

Since June, families from elder age to young children have chosen Yankton as their destination for a service mission trip. They come from states such as Michigan, Colorado and Pennsylvania or Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska. Each Thursday a new group of families arrived for a three days of service to others.

The last group for this summer left Yankton Aug. 2.

"YouthWorks is to connect families to God through service. They come here to serve and learn to live more like Jesus," said Alyssa Haslam, who coordinated the Yankton mission site with the help of three other staff.

YouthWorks, the Minneapolis-based sponsor organization is multi-denominational and so are staff and participants who come here. YouthWorks in Yankton based out of Trinity Lutheran Church the past three summers.

"We say anyone who believes in God and wants to serve Him and help people is welcome to join in. We express our love for God in service," she said.

Program participant families could have chosen service sites in Chicago, Atlanta, Duluth, cities in California or other YouthWorks locations. Part of the match is finding a mission site to serve that fit the kind of mission experiences that each family is looking for.

"There are lots of needs in Chicago and Atlanta. Those aren't necessarily where families want to go—especially families with young children. They don't want to go where there may be violence," she said. "But they want to serve and learn how to serve. Yankton is similar to many towns these participants come from. Here they are away from their job and everyday life and can immerse themselves in serving. They come

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First National Bank Sponsors WWII Veterans Float For Riverboat Days Parade

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To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, Yankton's First National Bank South Dakota is giving veterans of that era recognition by having them ride in their own float for this weekend's Riverboat Days parade.

The parade is on Saturday, Aug. 22, at 9:30 a.m., starting at 21st and Douglas Street in Yankton.

The theme of this year's Riverboat Days is, "Red, White and Blue: We Salute You."

On Tuesday morning, area WWII veterans arrived at the bank to register to ride on the float for

the parade.

Many saw Tuesday's sign-up as an opportunity to catch up with their friends and swap stories about their war experiences.

"One of the best choices I ever made was to take French in high school," remarked Bill Kerr. This decision enabled him to be an interpreter for his troop when they entered France after the Nazi army retreated.

Kerr said he still has clear memories of fighting in the war, including a couple close encounters with enemy snipers that proved to be too close for comfort.

"Both my earlobes have been brushed with sniper bullets," said

Kerr. "I figure I'm lucky. If they (the snipers) hadn't been off, I wouldn't be here."

Ralph Heger of Crofton had a little different experience: He was stationed in the Philippines when the atomic bombs were dropped in Japan.

"At 9 in the morning, a whistle was blown and we were told that a big bomb had been dropped in Japan and the war was over," Heger recalled. "Then at 11, they said it was a false alarm; the next morning, they said they'd dropped another bomb and the war was really over."

Having gotten married shortly before the war, Heger likened the



REILLY BIEL/P&D

World War II veterans arrive to register at Yankton's First National Bank South Dakota on Tuesday morning to sign up to participate in this year's Riverboat Days parade. The veterans will have their own float as part of this year's theme of "Red, White and Blue: We Salute You."

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