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Bypass Issue Aired At City Meeting



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Rod Gall, SDDOT area engineer for Yankton, addresses the Yankton City Commission during a presentation on a proposed Highway 50 bypass Monday. Supporters of the bypass collected more than 750 signatures in favor of building a truck route around Yankton.

Turner County

Battle Over Egg-Laying Operation Set For Court

PARKER (AP) — A dispute over a large egg-laying operation planned near Parker in southeastern South Dakota goes before a judge in Turner County this week.

Sioux Falls-based Sonstegard Foods plans to put 6 million birds on a farm 2½ miles from Parker and half a mile from the city's golf course. Opponents believe that's too close and will cause problems such as odor, traffic and noise for the 1,200 people who live within a 3-mile radius of the proposed site.

They sued the county and the project developers in February, contending the County Commission approved new zoning regulations to allow for the chicken operation without proper public notice or input from county planners. Opponents hope a judge will block the project.

The county says the zoning ordinance changes were not significant enough to go before the planning commission, and that the county commission followed the law and did nothing wrong.

Company officials have said they're designing a facility to minimize odor, and that it will create more than 150 jobs. The chicken farm would have 10 barns, two dry manure buildings, a processing plant and a feed mill.

The case goes before a judge Thursday afternoon, after months of court filings and depositions, the Argus Leader newspaper reported. Whichever side loses has the right to appeal.

Spirited Discussion Focuses On City Plans, Priorities

BY ROB NIELSEN
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A truck bypass for the city of Yankton will remain a long-term idea.

During Monday's regular meeting of the Yankton City Commission, commissioners were given a presentation on a long sought-after truck bypass around the city courtesy of former South Dakota state legislator Frank Kloucek.

Kloucek, who was part of a petition drive during the last couple of months that netted more than 750 signatures in support of a bypass, said there is a broad spectrum of support throughout the county.

"We do have, across the area, bipartisan support," he said. "I've got a petition here with people from Tabor, Bon Homme, Olivet, Yankton, Irene, Viborg and Mission Hill. ... It's a pretty big cross-section of people that support something to do with Yankton."

He added that the concern also extends to truckers.

"We're not hung up on having something by Walmart out and around town," he said. "If the city can find a route that would help relieve some of the congestion on Broadway (Ave.) and Fourth St., it would sure mean a lot. We have a lot of truckers who are really concerned."

One major contention among bypass supporters is that the effort to reconstruct Highway 50 between Broadway Ave. and Archery Lane, which is set to

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RILEY BIEL/P&D

Desiree Warren-Johnson and Kayla Heber display a few of the items that will be involved on Saturday's domestic violence events in Memorial Park in Yankton. The three events are "Silence Hides The Violence" 5K Run/Walk, Family Fun Day and "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes."

Coming Up

Events To Put A Spotlight On Domestic Violence

BY REILLY BIEL

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Raising awareness of domestic violence is always an important issue, but it will get some extra attention this Saturday.

River City Domestic Violence Center "We Believe" and River City Family Connections are teaming up to sponsor three events designed to raise awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The first "Silence Hides The Violence" 5K Run/Walk starts at 10 a.m. with the third annual Family Fun Day beginning at 11 a.m. and the final event, the eighth annual "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" starting at 2 p.m. All three events will be held in Memorial Park.

All funding raised will go to direct support services for victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

"Victim services are helping with a protection order, providing a safe haven from abuse and providing victim-centered advocacy," explained River City Domestic Violence Center executive director Desiree Warren-Johnson. "The victims are going through different phases in their journey to get to survivorship."

"Silence Hides The Violence" 5K Run/Walk is a new event created by River City Domestic Violence Center. It will start at the intersection of 19th and Douglas and will run through residential areas. Packet pickups will be from 9-9:30 a.m. Awards will be given at the end of the Run/Walk. T-shirts will be provided.

Family Connections is hosting Family Fun Day,

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JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Yankton's Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field, seen here before the Sioux Falls Canaries' exhibition game in May, received a 2015 Twins Fields for Kids Grant last week to help with paying for its turf project

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Grant Gives Boost To Field Project

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It's been nice mowing regular grass, but artificial turf at Yankton's Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field is here to stay.

With the addition of the 2015 Twins Fields for Kids Grant, the field is inching its way toward paying off the purchase of the new infield turf.

The grant is part of the Twins Community Fund's Twins Fields for Kids program, which provides financial support towards the improvement of baseball and softball

facilities for youth. The program has granted more than \$3.2 million to improve nearly 650 Upper Midwest and Southwest Florida ball fields.

Totaling \$5,000, the grant will go toward paying off the two phases of the field's turf project. The first phase, the turf on the infield, has been completed. Before heading into phase two, the outfield, the Yankton Baseball Association (YBA) is working on paying back its three-year community loan through First Dakota Bank.

Earlier, the project received a

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