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Yankton Co. EMTs Expand CERT Program

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Life is unpredictable, and no one knows that more than Yankton County's Emergency Management volunteers. Emergencies and disasters can happen at any time, and these EMTs want you to be prepared.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is expanding. With currently 20 certified members, the team is looking to add to those numbers. Community members are invited to take part in the introductory training meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Yankton County EM building.

"The CERT team is made up of the people that learn how to take care of their families first in a disaster," said Paul Scherschligt, director of Emergency Management. "Then you turn around and look at your neighbor to make sure everything is OK."

This program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area while training them in basic response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and medical operations.

"The introductory night is to give people an idea of what it's all about," Scherschligt said. "They will have a presentation that outlines what it means to be a CERT member. That way, they will be able to determine if they want to complete the training."

If community members like what they see, they can sign up for the online pre-course that is required before an individual can start the actual training day Sept. 19.

The online course takes approximately 30 minutes and consists of a course and a test. It is free to take, and anyone who is interested can sign up for that portion at the introductory meeting or through the FEMA website.

After completing the online segment, participants will be allowed to take part in the free, full day of training on Sept. 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The training day will consist of exercises conducted by Yankton EMTs.

"We have different instructors from Yankton coming in that have proficiencies in each one of the courses to give them the basics,"

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Bird Flu Recovery

Turkey Farms Restocked, Bouncing Back

BY KEVIN BURBACH
Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS — All nine of the turkey farms in South Dakota that were affected by the deadly bird flu virus during the spring have restocked and are raising birds again, though the lone chicken farm has yet to recover.

Officials say South Dakota is recovering faster than most other states that were hit by the H5N2 virus, which wiped out 48 million turkeys

and chickens in the U.S. and 1.7 million in the state. Jeff Sveen, the board chairman for Dakota Provisions, a farmer-owned plant that processes turkeys, attributes the speedy recovery to good cooperation with producers and Dustin Oedecken, the state veterinarian.

"We're ahead of anybody else in the country," Sveen said, noting that the final farm was repopulated last week. "We're a small state, we get things done."

Oedecken, on the other hand, gives credit

to the turkey growers, who are all Hutterites, a German-speaking people who primarily work in agriculture. Plus, he said, the majority of South Dakota's farms are independently, not corporately, owned.

"They're very hard working. They definitely have an ownership in what they're doing and they have an interest in getting it done as well as possible and as quickly as possible so that they can get back in production," he said.

The bird flu, which first showed up in South

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Generational Journey



ALISSA WOOCKMAN/P&D

Churchill Clark (back), fourth-generation grandson of famed explorer William Clark, passed through the Yankton area Saturday in his homemade, hollowed-out canoe, "Knotty." Members of Lewis & Clark Recreation Area helped Clark and his friend Jeff Troupe (front) portage the canoe across Gavin's Point Dam to continue Clark's journey down the river to St. Louis where the Mississippi and the Missouri meet.

William Clark Descendant Revisits Ancestor's Exploration Of The Missouri River System

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Obstacles are nothing new for an explorer named Clark — Churchill, that is. And he has seen more than most.

Clark, a fourth-generation grandson of famed explorer William Clark of the Lewis and Clark expedition, is paddling his own dugout down the Missouri River in what is a reunion trip of sorts. He passed through the Yankton area late last week.

The last time Churchill Clark was in the area was for the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial journey that began in St. Louis and traveled up river to Long Beach, Washington. Once on the coast, the group traveled back down the river to end the trip

back in St. Louis. In the nearly three-year tour, Clark took the trip to heart.

"I wanted to do it in honor of William (Clark)," Churchill said. "I fell in love with the canoes; every tree will teach you something. It has changed my life."

But Clark's life has seen a few other life-changing events.

Clark was involved in an accident in 2009 that left him blind for the several years afterwards due to an orbital fracture, along with a broken jaw, several broken teeth and a crushed T5 vertebra. Despite the difficult road to recovery, he has continued to do what he loves and inspires that kind of

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New Neb. Laws In Effect

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A host of new laws took effect Sunday in Nebraska, leading to changes ranging from costlier marriage licenses to expanded opportunities for nonviolent prisoners to be released for parole and probation.

The 181 laws took effect three months after the end of this year's legislative session, the normal grace period for measure approved by lawmakers.

Following a vote — and veto override — by legislators, Sunday also would have marked the end of capital punishment in Nebraska, but death penalty supporters announced last week they had gathered enough signatures to place a measure blocking the death penalty repeal on the ballot and stop the change from taking effect before the November 2016 election.

Here are some of the new laws now in effect:

MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES

Getting married in Nebraska will now cost an extra \$10. The new law increases marriage license fees from \$15 to \$25, while certified copies will rise from \$5 to \$9.

Nebraska counties lobbied for the increase, arguing the previous fee did not cover the costs of filing licenses and verifying the information. The original proposal would have raised the fee to \$50, but conservative lawmakers balked at the idea. The law is LB88.

The law will generate an estimated \$28,000 a year for Lancaster County, covering expenses that otherwise would have been paid through property tax revenue, said County Clerk Dan Nolte. Nolte said processing roughly 2,000 licenses each year and ensuring they're accurate

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Walking For A Good Cause

Men of the Yankton Fire Department strut their stuff at the "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" event Saturday hosted by the River City Domestic Violence Center to raise awareness for domestic violence. Participants put on red high heels and took a stand, although a wobbly one, against violence and showed their support for survivors. The Yankton Fire Department was also the recipient of the largest team award and received certificates for free pizza. (Courtesy Photo)



Residents Petition To Keep Highway 50 Passing Lanes

TYNDALL (AP) — More than 500 people in the Bon Homme County area have signed a petition to keep five four-lane passing sections on state Highway 50 between Avon and Yankton.

The petition was sent to the South Dakota Department of Transportation to protest a proposal to reduce the stretch to three-lane sections with

a center lane for left turns, The Daily Republic reported.

Former state legislator and Scotland-area resident Frank Kloucek said this week that about 510 names and signatures had been collected supporting the current four-lane setup in Bon Homme County. Residents from Charles Mix,

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