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## County Co. To Seek Applicants To Replace Johnson

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Citizens interested in filling Yankton County Commissioner Mark Johnson's seat after he resigns at the end of the year will have an opportunity to make their case.

Johnson announced last month that he was resigning Dec. 31 in order to pursue a job opportunity in Omaha, Neb.

He will have served one year of a four-year term. Commission Chairman Bruce Jensen said

the replacement process won't begin until after Johnson has officially resigned. "We will appoint someone for one year," he stated.

"We'll ask anyone interested to write a letter about why they want to do it. Then they will come to a meeting, introduce themselves and tell the commission why they would like to do it."

An election will be held next November for a two-year term.

"(The individual who is appointed by the commission) can just do it for the year if they want, but there will be two years remaining," Jensen said. "If they want to run, they can."

A similar process occurred in 2007 when Commissioner Brian Hunhoff resigned after being elected as the Yankton County Register of Deeds.

In that instance, Steve Fejfar was selected from a group of applicants to serve out the remaining two years of Hunhoff's four-year term.

A month later, Fejfar was killed in an accident at his residence, and the application process was repeated.

Donna Freng, who is still on the County Commission,

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### HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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20 shopping days to Christmas

## Eagle Eyes



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The coming of the winter season not only brings snow and cold, as we are currently seeing, but the increase in the number of eagles nesting along the Missouri River and near Gavins Point Dam. Numerous birds can now be seen in the trees along the river as well as around Lake Yankton. This juvenile eagle was spotted earlier this week surveying the river from a tree branch high above the road to the Chief White Crane Campground. However, it won't be the best weather for eyeing eagles, as cold and blustery conditions are in the forecast for the next several days. For details, see page 2.

## YSD Already On Board With Daily Pledge Recital

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When daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by school students began receiving attention throughout the state last month, Yankton School District Superintendent Wayne Kindle sent out a reminder to administrators that all YSD students K-12 are expected to participate in the pledge.

However, he quickly found out it wasn't necessary.

"I received a couple of emails back from building administrators wanting to know if there was a concern about it, because it was in fact being done," Kindle said.

The superintendent said the school district doesn't "necessarily have a policy on it, but it's more of a practice."

"I'd equate it to when we go to a school activity and the National Anthem is playing," he said. "It's just an ex-



Kindle

pectation that we have in our school district and in our community. We certainly respect the rights of students who choose not to participate for religious beliefs or other beliefs they have, but overall, we expect our kids to participate."

Kindle said he had also sent out a notification before the school year with the same reminder.

"In my first year as superintendent, I wanted to make sure that everybody was aware that we were in fact going to do this daily throughout the school district in all of our classrooms," he said. "And I don't know if it was necessarily happening."

The issue started to garner attention

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## Icy Roads Lead To Area Crashes

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HARTINGTON, Neb. — A motorist involved in an accident this week faces charges related to leaving the scene, Cedar County (Neb.) Sheriff Larry Koranda said Wednesday.

Tuesday evening's accident occurred at about the same time and location as a U.S. Highway 81 accident south of Yankton involving a semi-trailer and pickup truck

created by icy conditions, Koranda said. However, the accident involving the arrest was unrelated to the semi-pickup accident, he said.

Koranda wasn't the responding party to the arrest, but he was able to provide a general description of the incident.

"A gentleman tried to take off and leave the scene (of the accident), and he was apprehended as

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# Chill Puts West In A Deep Freeze

## Record Cold Wave Moving Across Nation

From P&D and AP Report

The jet stream hunkered to the south Wednesday, promising to bring nearly a week of temperatures that could dip to 20-below or worse in the northern midsection of the country, and forcing much of the rest of the nation to deal with unexpectedly cool temperatures. In Minnesota, the cold has forced Salvation Army bell ringers inside and canceled holiday parties, while dense, cold air sunk into Rocky Mountain valleys and kept some lower elevations freezing in the West.

The dip in the jet stream is allowing Arctic air to plunge deeper into the United States. To add to the cold weather trouble, AccuWeather senior forecaster Paul Walker said a new storm will likely develop in New Mexico and west Texas on Thursday and head east, bringing ice and potentially power outages.

The Yankton area saw tumbling temperatures throughout the day, with Yankton achieving its high temperature of 21 degrees at midnight.

Meanwhile, much of eastern South Dakota north of the immediate Yankton area was under a winter storm warning Wednesday as snow whipped by strong northwest winds created hazardous conditions. There were widespread reports of poor visibility and icy conditions.

Yankton recorded 2 inches of snow from the system. Other totals included: 8 inches near Forestburg; 7.8 inches in Mitchell; 6.7 inches near Sioux Falls; 6 inches near Platte; 5 inches at Marion, Armour and Parkston; 4.2 inches in Tyndall; 1.5 inches near Gayville and 1 inch in Vermillion.

But cold, Arctic air, especially to the west, was the major issue.

Extreme cold is nothing

## Cold Cancels Yankton Parade

From P&D Staff Reports

With sub-zero temperatures predicted for Friday, the organizers of Yankton's Holiday Parade of Lights have decided to cancel the event for the year.

In addition, the vendor fair scheduled for that evening at the former Gurney retail location will be postponed.

"The rule of thumb for canceling is if the wind-chill factor ... could cause frost-bite during the length of the parade," said organizer Paul Lowrie of the Gurney Redevelopment Group. "It would be hazardous for people to come out and watch the parade based on the predicted temperatures."

The parade will not be re-scheduled, but the vendor fair will be moved to Thursday, Dec. 19.

"We have a wine showcase at The Landing (Restaurant and Lounge) that night, so we'll tie the vendor fair into that," Lowrie stated.

new in the Rockies, with temperatures regularly dropping each winter to minus 20 or minus 25 degrees annually. The difference this year is how long the cold snap is expected to last.

National Weather Service meteorologist Dave Bernhardt said the last extended cold period in Montana he could recall was in the winter of 1996.

Low temperatures in Denver were expected to drop just

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This car was among the vehicle involved in a multi-vehicle accident near Gayville Wednesday afternoon. Slick roads and whipping winds have hit the area as a blast of Arctic air is sending a cold wave plunging across the nation.

