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Retired Judge Mary Dell Cody spoke at Wednesday's Drug Court graduation. Three graduates celebrated completing the program that will help them achieve life-long sobriety.

Drug Court Grads Hear Words Of Experience

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Wednesday's drug court graduates heard from a speaker who understands the trials of addiction.

The Yankton County Drug Court program held a ceremony for three graduates at the Yankton County Courthouse & Safety Center. Together, the graduates completed 1,654 days of sobriety, attended more than 730 support group meetings and paid more than \$10,000 in fines and restitution.

Drug Court is reserved for people who haven't been successful with traditional methods of attempted treatment. The program is a last resort for those facing a felony for a drug-related offense.

The featured speaker was retired judge Mary Dell Cody, who resides in Yankton during the warmer months.

Cody, who served as a Magistrate Judge for the First Judicial Circuit in Yankton for more than 30 years, summed up the struggle of battling addiction.

"To turn around addiction, envision turning a battleship around," she said. "That's how hard it is."

Cody noted that the perception of addiction is slowly changing in society.

"I've seen a change in law enforcement," she stated, using Lt. Todd Brandt as an example. "He still has a belief in crime and punishment, but now has a compassionate heart. He sees addiction through different eyes."

Cody touched on her own struggles with alcohol addiction, emphasizing that she understands the struggles addicts go through.

"When you look at an alcoholic, you don't think of illness because people don't have a disease in that way," Cody said. "They think of it in a negative, shaming way."

"I'm not ashamed of being an alcoholic," she added. "I'm not proud of it, but I am proud of my recovery."

She praised Yankton's Drug Court for having an amazing team

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Happy Holidays

WHAT DO YOU MEAN,
I'VE GOT TO BE GOOD
ALL THE TIME?!! DON'T
I GET WEEKENDS OFF?!!



Dec. 10
15 shopping
days to Christmas

The Road Ahead Is Closed For Now



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

The proposed reconstruction of West City Limits Road, which straddles the Yankton City-Yankton County jurisdictional boundary, is one of the topics the two governing entities must address in determining shared road projects for the future. The process is currently on hold while the county determines how it will address its road issues.

Bon Homme Wind Energy Law On Books

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TYNDALL – The latest addition to the Bon Homme County zoning ordinance is no longer blowing in the wind.

No referendum petitions were filed by Tuesday's deadline, so the county's new wind farm regulations went into effect Wednesday, according to County Auditor Tammy Brunken.

The measure, known as Article 17, was prompted by the construction of the Beethoven wind farm. The farm is located near Tripp and covers parts of Charles Mix, Hutchinson and Bon Homme counties.

Article 17 was further prompted by the proposed Prevailing Wind farms, which would be located at a nearby site in Charles Mix and Bon Homme counties.

Article 17 was initially

approved by the Bon Homme County zoning board. The proposed law then went to the county commissioners, who held a public hearing in October. The hearing was attended by nearly 100 people who packed the Bon Homme County courtroom.

The commissioners heard about 100 minutes of testimony from 35 people, split between

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Recent Pop Culture Franchise Influences Archery Popularity

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Those witnessing an increased interest in archery over the last several years don't have to look far for a reason why.

The rising success of the film franchise "The Hunger Games" has helped influence an increased number of young people's interest in archery, particularly in women. This is likely due to the most famous fictional archer in pop culture being Katniss Everdeen from "The Hunger Games."

"Women see Katniss participating in archery and they realize bow hunting

isn't just for their husbands when they disappear on the weekends," said Brittany Salonen, marketing and trade show manager for the National Field Archery Association (NFFA). "They see archery as more accessible."

Other bow-wielding icons include Merida from "Brave," Hawkeye from the "Avengers" franchise and the television show "Arrow."

The increase of youth participation has been very noticeable, according to

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City, County Put Road Agreements On Hold

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An agreement between the City of Yankton and Yankton County regarding shared road maintenance and reconstruction on some roads that cross both jurisdictions is on hold for the time being.

Yankton City Manager Amy Nelson told the *Press & Dakotan* that the hold deals with the county's desire to discuss the plan within a county committee looking at road and bridge funding in the county.

"We were going to wait to discuss the city-county road agreement until the county had a chance to move further along with their newly formed road committee," Nelson said.

The Yankton County Road and Bridge Action Group met for an informational session Wednesday to set ground rules and meeting times. The meeting did not discuss the city-county road agreement and the committee will not address it until at least January, when the group begins regular meetings.

Yankton County Commission chairman Todd Woods told the *Press & Dakotan* that the agreement has already gone before the county for discussion.

"Right now, it's a work in progress," Woods said. "It was brought to us last week more as information."

He added there's a lot more work to do on the issue.

"I hope we can incorporate this into the task force we have coming up that just got formed at the last meeting for a little more direction on it," he said. "There's a lot of work to go forward on it yet."

Nelson said that the City Commission will not address the agreement until the county has had an ample chance to discuss it, but that people will see no lack of services.

"I probably won't bring it forward until the county has indicated that they feel that the group's at a place where we're ready to bring that forward," she said. "That being said, nothing's going to change on the maintenance of the roads. It's still getting done, we were just talking about various ways we could split up the responsibilities. I don't think, as far as the city's maintenance, you're going to see



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Popular fictional characters like Katniss Everdeen from the "Hunger Games" books and films have played a part in increasing interest in archery, particularly among young adults.

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