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On The March To Florida



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The Yankton High School marching band prepares to travel to Orlando, Florida this week to participate in the Russell Athletic Bowl half-time show on Dec. 29. Students will get to join more than 2,600 students and learn from music instructors from some of the area's top Universities, along with experiencing the summer fun of Florida's beaches.

YHS Band Hits The Sand As Half-Time Entertainment

BY ALISSA WOOCKMAN

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By the end of this week, the Yankton High School marching band will be traveling to Orlando, Florida, to join marching bands from across the country to perform in the halftime show finale of the Russell Athletic Bowl on Dec. 29.

Since the band applied for the opportunity last fall, the students have been preparing to perform in front of millions of football fans.

"They are pumped," said YHS band director Todd Carr. "They are ready to go right now. If I said get on a bus, they would do it."

In order to qualify for the event, YHS had to submit videos of its programs and competitions to the WorldStrides band committee.

According to Carr, YHS will be one of the bigger bands participating in the event with 106 students.

The band has been practicing since October on the set list for the half-time performance and is ready to use their World Strides program experience in 2013 to set the stage for a successful show.

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TODD CARR

this great opportunity," said Dr. Jennifer Johnke, YHS principal. "They have worked hard and their efforts will pay off in a great trip and overall experience."

The band and colorguard are expected to memorize their music and choreography before they arrive. YHS student will be joining more than 2,600 kids in the course of approximately 3-5 hours of rehearsal time to solidify the performance.

"They are going to get a really good idea on how important it is for everyone to know their part in the bigger picture," Carr said. "That is the parallel to life of this whole thing. In society, everyone does their part. If they don't, it

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PUC Refuses To Revoke Permit For Keystone

BY BOB MERCER

State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — South Dakota regulators could decide very soon whether TransCanada has shown it can still meet conditions set in 2010 for the Keystone XL oil pipeline project.

The decision by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission could come as early as the next regular meeting Jan. 5, chairman Chris Nelson said Tuesday.

"There's no other information to come in," Nelson said in response to a reporter's question.

President Obama's administration decided Nov. 6 the pipeline from Alberta can't cross the U.S. border.

TransCanada never began construction. One of the conditions in the 2010 state permit requires federal approval.

Under state law, because no work began for four years, TransCanada must certify the



Nelson

state permit conditions can still be met.

That is the step currently pending before the state commission.

Commission members voted 3-0 Tuesday to reject arguments by KXL opponents that the permit should be revoked and the certification application should be dismissed.

"The fact is, a different president can easily make a different decision," commissioner Gary Hanson said.

"Just because it was turned down once doesn't mean it will be turned down in the future," he added.

Nelson said the South Dakota segment of the project couldn't be built without federal approval first.

Opponents described the

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Morrow Honored By City

BY ROB NIELSEN

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Yankton Building Official Joe Morrow has worked with the City of Yankton for 19 years. Earlier this month, those 19 years of hard work were lauded when he was named the City of Yankton's Employee of the Year.

Morrow said it was a distinction he hadn't seen coming.

"I'm extremely humbled by it and I didn't expect to be named employee of the year," Morrow said. "It's a privilege to work here and work for the citizens of Yankton."

Morrow's supervisor, Community Development Director Dave Mingo, told the *Press & Dakotan* that he's been impressed with Morrow's ability to teach ordinances and codes.

"He's always emphasizing education," Mingo said. "He



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Joe Morrow

isn't just applying an ordinance or a rule. He isn't just telling somebody 'yes' or 'no.' He's educating them through the process, and what that does is it really pays itself forward. So if he's working with a building contractor ... he explains the rule in its entirety and then why there is a rule like that. That really pays

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Happy Holidays



Dec. 23
2 shopping
days to Christmas

CORRECTION

In Friday's story, "Goodwill Never Sleeps, Slumberland Continues Tradition Of Donating Beds To Needy Families" the owners of Yankton's Slumberland Peggy and Larry Olson's names were spelled incorrectly. The owners are Peggy and Larry Olson, not Olsen. We apologize for the error.

Yankton Care Center Finalizes Move

BY REILLY BIEL

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After months of anticipation, the much-awaited day for Avera Yankton Care Center (AYCC) residents and staff arrived this week.

Tuesday morning, 73 residents were moved from the AYCC to the Avera Sister James Care Center (ASJCC). Approximately 70 Avera staff members and volunteers were on hand to help with the transition. Two vans, two 10- to 12-passenger buses and four trailers were used to transport the residents and their belongings to the Avera Sacred Heart Majestic Bluffs campus.

"Most are fairly eager to move, but a few are apprehensive as anyone is when going through a change," said AYCC director of nursing Cindy Sage before the move.

However, the residents had much to look forward to.

"They will be thrilled with the extra space," Sage said. "Our current dining rooms are very crowded, and the residents will now be divided between two dining rooms. They each have their own private room."

"There's been a lot of planning with a lot of people involved," she added. "I really give kudos to everybody who's helped with this move."

The reactions residents had upon seeing their new living quarters made the months of stress and build-up worth the wait.

"The reaction was pretty phenomenal on behalf of not only the residents, but the family members," said executive director for AYCC and ASJCC Tony Erickson. "There



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Resident Hilda Raymond is checked in by Pam Rezac and Mike Healy after arriving at the Avera Sister James Care Center. She is flanked by move day volunteers S. Julie Peak (left) and Nancy Johnson.

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