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So Far, Snow Good

Yankton Area Benefiting From Dry Winter

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While many communities north of the Yankton area have had their hands full with snow removal this season, local officials are enjoying a much milder winter.

Yankton Public Services Director Kevin Kuhl said that last Wednesday was only the second time this season that the city has undertaken a complete plowing of all its streets.

And according to Yankton County Highway Superin-

tendent Brian Gustad, county crews have "only been out a handful of times."

"This is a below-normal number of events for a typical winter," Kuhl said. "Most of the time, we've been able to manage the moisture that's hit the pavement with the use of sanding and (road salt)."

The Associated Press reported earlier this month that many communities across the country that rely on road salt to help control road conditions have suffered



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Bruning Run Triggers Competitive Neb. AG Race

BY GRANT SCHULTE Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — With just three months until the primary, the Nebraska attorney general's race is filling up fast with candidates who want to replace Republican Jon Bruning while he campaigns for governor.



Bruning

Bruning's announcement set the stage for a rare competitive Republican primary, and gave Democrats hope that they might snatch the seat in a race with no incumbent.

Republicans were guaranteed a race on Friday when Nebraska state Sen. Pete Pirsch announced he would seek the office. Lincoln attorney Doug Peterson has already declared that he will run, and Omaha attorney Brian Buescher and Lincoln lawyer Mike Hilgers are both looking seriously at the job.

The potential candidates emerged after Bruning declared this month that he would run for governor, instead of seeking a fourth term to the office that he has held since 2003. His departure gives Republicans their first contested primary since 1990, when Don Stenberg defeated then-Lancaster County Attorney Mike Heavican and Lincoln attorney John DeCamp

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Buying Into The Basics



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Yankton High School career and technical education teacher Bret Johnson was recently honored as the South Dakota Technology Education Association Teacher of the Year. In his 11th year at YHS, Johnson teaches classes such as exploring technology, drafting, vehicle maintenance, building trades and cabinetry.

Yankton's Johnson Named SDTEA Teacher Of The Year

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As a career and technical education teacher at Yankton High School, Bret Johnson is aware that not everyone is drawn to subjects like construction, welding or woodworking.

So in order to reach his students, Johnson focuses on the precision behind the work — the measurements, the algebra and the geometry — that

is the foundation of every vocational class.

"We want to teach the basics and just get them interested in something," he said.

That strategy has paid off, as the teacher has seen numerous students become engrossed in a variety of areas during his 11 years at YHS.

"I've had a bunch of really good students come through, and it's neat to watch these kids develop these

skills," Johnson said.

Other educators have noticed the results as well, as Johnson was recently selected as the South Dakota Technology Education Association (SDTEA) Teacher of the Year. The award was presented during the SDTEA annual conference earlier this month.

"I was taken back by the whole

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Obama Signs Debt Ceiling Measure

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE Associated Press

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — President Barack Obama on Saturday signed separate measures into law to lift the federal debt limit and restore benefits that had been cut for younger military retirees.

Obama signed the bills during a weekend golf vacation in Southern California.

The debt limit measure allows the government to borrow money to pay its bills, such as Social Security benefits and federal salaries. Failure to pass the measure, which the Senate passed 67-31 earlier this week and sent to Obama for his signature, most likely would have sent the stock market into a nose-dive.

The Treasury Department is now free to borrow regularly through March 15, 2015, meaning lawmakers won't have to revisit the issue until a new Congress is sworn in after the November elections.

Separate legislation passed in December would have held annual cost-of-living increases for veterans age 62 and younger to 1 percent-age point below the rate of inflation, beginning in 2015. The measure was designed to hold the line on the soaring cost of government benefit

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Estimated Powerball Jackpot Surges To \$400M

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Without a Powerball winner this weekend, the prize has climbed to \$400 million — one of the largest in U.S. lottery history.

Lottery officials said no one matched all six numbers for Saturday's \$330.8 million drawing.

The next drawing is Wednesday, and will be the fourth-biggest Powerball jackpot and sixth-highest lottery prize of all time — at least \$400 million or \$227.8 million in a lump sum.

Large jackpots tend to boost ticket sales and make it more likely the prize will be shared, and changes to the Powerball and Mega Millions games have the jackpots reaching fantasy-inducing levels more often.

In the case of Powerball, officials increased the ticket prices from \$1 to \$2 in January 2012, and raised starting jackpots to \$40 million. The current jackpot began its ascent at the end of 2013.

The nation's biggest lottery prize was a \$656 million dollar Mega Millions jackpot in March 2012 that was shared by three winning tickets sold in Kansas, Illinois and Maryland.



Nifty Moves

Michael Dewaal, working as a time tapper, jumps out of the way of official Todd Dvoracek during a quarterfinal match in the Dakota XII Conference Wrestling Tournament on Saturday in North Sioux City. Vermillion scored 142 points to take second place in the inaugural tourney, which was hosted by Dakota Valley High School. Beresford came in third with 125.5 points. Top honors went to Canton, which won four titles and put seven others in the top four to claim 209.5 points. For more wrestling coverage, see page 8. (James D. Cimburek/P&D)

Healthy Hearts BEAT STRONG event advertisement for Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Feb. 24, 2014, 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.



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