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NATHAN JOHNSON/P&D  
**Kyle Goodman, director of environmental services for Yankton, explains the temporary water intake structure erected to meet the city's water demand.**

## City Temporarily Solves Water Intake Issues

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High demand and intake problems have made it a challenging summer for Yankton's water treatment staff.

Kyle Goodman, director of environmental services, is asking for the public's help in getting future weeks off to a better start at the treatment plants.

"Monday mornings are really the ones that get us," he said. "Everybody has their sprinklers on and the industries are filling up to get started again. We have the capacity, but the demand hits us all at once. That's really the only time we'd like to see people cut back on sprinkling."

This modification of behavior between 4-9 a.m. on Mondays would make it easier for staff to deal with the manual temporary pumping system that has been installed due to the normal intake being overrun by a sandbar.

Demand for water has soared in Yankton this year, according to Goodman.

"We were hitting four million gallons per day in May. We've never done that," he said. "We were over six million in June. We've never been above six in June."

On July 2, usage on a single day for the year peaked at 6.8 million gallons.

The city's water treatment plant has a maximum capacity of approximately eight million gallons per day.

It was on July 2 that a temporary water intake system was implemented to offset the limited capacity of the water intake hindered by sand.

In the last several years, one of the intake structures was demolished because of the degradation of the river. The distance from the pumps on shore to the river below was becoming too great for them to suck up the water. It was at that time the city built two wells on property it owns in Nebraska.

"When we tore out the intake structure, we did not take out the pipe and screens that were under the river," Goodman explained.

The remains of that demolished structure are now being used for a temporary solution.

"What we did was take a temporary pump and slip it in that pipe," Goodman said. "We basically just pulled the pipe up to expose it and slid another pipe and

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# Road Funding Looks Murky

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South Dakota can expect to lose \$16 million annually under the new federal highway bill, state Department of Transportation (DOT) officials said Wednesday.

At the same time it's losing federal dollars, the state faces a tremendous — and previously unknown — demand on roads in northwestern South Dakota because of the North Dakota oil boom.

DOT staffers Dave Voeltz and Jerry Ortbahn spoke with Yankton area leaders about the proposed five-year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The public can offer testimony at regional meetings across the state, including July 18 in Sioux Falls and July 19 in Mitchell.

Given the financial crunch, the state will not take on new major transportation projects, Voeltz said. "The South Dakota DOT remains in preserva-

tion mode, taking on the roads that are beaten up. We will keep the current roads in good condition," the STIP coordinator said.

The S.D.DOT planned on \$289 million in federal funds for the next fiscal year, but now the state has learned the figure is down to \$273 million, Voeltz said. And the reduced funding becomes cumulative with each passing year, he said.

"With \$16 million less for projects, there's a good chance that a project could fall back a year on the list," he said. "But then the following year, you're seeing \$32 million less than this year, and \$48 million less the following year."

The federal funding formula has remained the same with the new highway bill, said DOT area engineer Ron Peterson with the Yankton office. South Dakota receives \$2 in highway funds for every \$1 sent to Washington, he said.

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RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D  
**Hutchinson County Highway Superintendent John Hazen (left) talks with District 18 Rep. Bernie Hunhoff (D-Yankton) during Wednesday's meeting with state Department of Transportation officials in Yankton.**



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

**A Lesterville fire truck sprays foam on a hay pasture fire while another truck in the background works on tackling spot fires Wednesday afternoon during a grass fire east of Lesterville. The recent dry conditions have increased the danger of sparks flying from farm machinery and igniting glazes.**

## Farm Work Causes Two Wednesday Fires

BY NATHAN JOHNSON  
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Lesterville and Yankton firefighters responded to a couple of fires Wednesday caused by farm machinery.

The Yankton Fire Department received a call at 10:21 a.m. about a fire three miles west of Highway 81 along 306th Street.

Deputy Fire Chief Larry Nickles said a windrower in a prairie hay field had struck a rock. The sparks were enough to cause a fire that burned hay equivalent to about two round bales, he said.

Firefighters were on scene for about an hour.

Around 2:30 Wednesday afternoon,

the Lesterville Fire Department was called to a prairie hay fire just north of Sigel Church.

Again, a windrower striking a rock was to blame.

"While we were getting the first fire out and preparing to load up, the windrower hit another rock and started another fire," said Lesterville firefighter Paul Scherschligt. "The fire was running pretty good down the windrows because it was wind-driven. But within 20 minutes, we had it under control. It burned five windrows."

Firefighters were on the scene for a couple hours.

"Conditions are extremely dry out there," Scherschligt said. "We waited

until the farmer finished to leave. That way, we wouldn't have to go back if there was another fire."

Scherschligt is also the Yankton County Emergency Management director, and he said officials are keeping a close eye on drought conditions.

If conditions warrant it, he said the County Commission could consider a drought declaration at its Tuesday meeting. A burn ban could also be on the agenda, Scherschligt added.

"If we go into a drought declaration, farmers are able to cut their Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres," he said.

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## Karate Community Honors Charlie Barron

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Heather Barron-Galvan remembers her father as a man who put his heart into everything he did.

That dedication showed in many aspects of Charlie Barron's life, but it was most evident with one of his greatest passions — karate. Barron taught the martial art in Yankton for 14 years before passing away last December.

"He always trained hard and put everything into karate," Barron-Galvan said.

"It was really a big part of his life. He was a really good teacher. People respected him and how he was with people."

Barron-Galvan recently learned those with the International Karate Convention held in Lincoln, Neb., which Barron attended each year, felt the same way. During the

convention last month, organizers gave out the inaugural Charlie Barron Memorial Spirit Award in recognition of Barron's 25 years of dedication to karate. Barron-Galvan was chosen as the first recipient.

"It's been hard on us, so it's really cool that they're recognizing him, because that was a big part of his life," Barron-Galvan said. "And for me to get it, it really means a lot."

Barron, who worked for the Yankton School District as a school psychologist/behavior specialist for 26 years, moved to Yankton with his family in 1991. A few years later, he decided to share his

love for karate with others and opened his own dojo, the Yankton Karate Club.

"He dedicated a lot of his life to making his dojo respectable," his daughter said. "He did a really good job



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**Mason Ballard and Heather Barron-Galvan recently attended the International Karate Convention in Lincoln, Neb., where Barron-Galvan received the inaugural Charlie Barron Memorial Spirit Award named after her father. Ballard, who was a student of Barron's, was awarded the Men's Spirit Award.**

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## Tribe Asks Feds To Re-Examine Reservation Deaths

BY KRISTI EATON  
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SIoux FALLS — Oglala Sioux tribal officials want federal authorities to reopen investigations into 16 more unresolved deaths and disappearances at a South Dakota reservation, including one dating back nearly 50 years, a lawyer for the tribe said Wednesday.

Tribal officials presented the list of names to U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson during a meeting in Rapid City. The list adds to the 28 deaths on or around the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation that Johnson agreed to re-examine nearly a month ago.

Lawyer Jennifer Baker gave the latest list to The Associated Press before the daylong meeting of the tribe's law and order committee.

As with the first list — submitted in May — the majority of cases presented Wednesday are from the 1970s, when the murder rate on the reservation was the highest in the nation and tension between the American Indian Movement and federal authorities was high.

But the new list broadens the scope of the requested investigations by several decades by including the 1964 death of Delbert T. Yellow Wolf, the oldest case presented for re-examination so far, and the 2010 death of Samantha One Horn. One person on the list is missing but has not been declared dead.

Baker — of the Colorado firm Smith, Shelton, Ragona & Salazar, which is working with the tribe — said tribal leaders expanded the original list after uncovering new information. Further details on the cases were not made available.

Johnson said his office will cross-reference the names from

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### CORRECTION

In Wednesday's story about the Southeast South Dakota Tourism Association's website, the web address was incorrect. The correct address is southeastsouthdakota.com.