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## Fire Guts Mobile Home



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Six people were left homeless after a fire destroyed a mobile home in the Eastwinds Mobile Home Park east of Yankton Monday. The fire department was alerted at approximately 3:40 p.m. by a passerby who saw flames on the deck of the mobile home. The passerby then alerted the occupants, three of whom were children, who were unaware of the fire. The flames spread quickly into the structure. One juvenile occupant received minor burn injuries and was transported to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital for treatment. The passerby also sustained minor burns but refused treatment. Firefighters were on the scene for approximately 90 minutes. The Red Cross is assisting the family. A cause for the fire is unknown at this time.

## The Top Dog

Yankton Man And His Border Collie  
Round Up International Title

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"Comebye" is just one of the words Kelly Gale uses to control his dogs when they try to wrangle in sheep, horses and cattle. Now Gale can add another word: champion.

His success recently netted him a cattle dog title at the first-ever Continental Stock Dog Competition, which was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, June 21-23.

Gale and his border collie Bess took home the title, which

featured a \$2,000 cash prize.

"This is the first time I've won an event like this — and I have a lot of friends up in Canada — so it meant a lot to me," Gale said. "I used to rodeo, and winning this event meant as much to me as anything I've ever won. The best dogs from across the United States and Canada compete in that event."

The competition featured a course in which Kelly had to stand behind a line and have Bess bring cattle through fence



COURTESY PHOTO

Kelly Gale of Yankton and his dog Bess recently took home the championship at the Continental Stock Dog Competition in Canada. "This is the first time I've won an event like this," Gale said of his international title.

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## Bumble Bees Buzzing Yankton For 4th

Group To Play At Riverside Park Before Fireworks

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This year's Fourth of July celebration in Yankton is creating quite the buzz.

Preceding the city's annual fireworks show Thursday will be entertainment by the Bumble Bees Music Show. Fourteen musicians from Nebraska and South Dakota communities will perform a patriotic show at 8 p.m. at the Riverside Park Amphitheater.

"It's a great group of musicians," said Gary Gibson, owner and drummer of the band. "We always have so much fun."

Based out of Tyndall, the band performs a variety of music, including big band, modern and classic country, polkas and waltzes, as well as many tunes from the '50s and '60s.

"People really like the variations we can

do," Gibson said. "We've had a lot of people tell us we put on a show similar to the Branston-style shows down there."

He said the wide variety of music the band plays is made possible by having such a large assortment of musicians. The group features numerous instruments, including a trumpet, clarinet, tuba, piano, saxophones, guitars, drums and accordions.

"That's why we can do them all," Gibson said. "We can play a country song that sounds like a country song, and the next song can be a polka song that sounds like polka because we've got all the musicians for it."

The concert, presented by Yankton Area

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The Bumble Bees, a popular show band based out of Tyndall, will perform at Yankton's Riverside Park amphitheatre Thursday as part of the City's Fourth of July festivities. The group plans a patriotic show in keeping with the Independence Day holiday. The annual fireworks display will start at 10 p.m.

## Coming Up

## Area Towns To Celebrate Holiday

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Independence Day celebrations are not meant just for July 4.

A number of area communities are getting a head start on their holiday celebrations, and — with the Fourth of July falling on a Thursday — a number of events are continuing through the week-end.

The following is an overview of area celebrations and observances that were available at press time.

### CENTERVILLE

Wednesday's schedule finds Crazy Days sales at various downtown businesses, a 3-7 p.m. community fundraiser meal at the Senior Citizens Center, 4:30-9:30 p.m. free wine and cheese tasting at the White Headed Robin Winery Warehouse, and the 5-7 p.m. toilet bowl races. The evening features a 7:30 p.m. community worship service, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. street dance and fireworks.

Activities resume Saturday with a fun run and walk with registration at 7:30 a.m. For more information and to register, contact Laura at lhybertson@gmail.com or call/text (605) 201-1251.

For information on the Fourth of July activities, visit online at www.center-villesd.com.

### CORPS OF DISCOVERY WELCOME CENTER

The public is invited to the Fourth of July Music Festival on Thursday at the welcome center, 2 miles south of Yankton on U.S. Highway 81.

The schedule begins with square dancing at 10:30 a.m. A chuckwagon will offer food on site, and kids' activities are offered during the day. Visitors should

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## Bid For Surplus City Land Falls Short

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The single bidder for approximately six acres of surplus property in Yankton came up short during a bid opening held Monday.

The Yankton City Commission recently opted to declare the property on the west side of the 2200 block of Douglas Avenue and south of Fire Station No. 2 as surplus land. The bare property is zoned as R-2 single-family residential, and the commission wants to sell it to a developer aiming to build affordable housing.

During the bid opening held in City Hall Monday afternoon, Drotzmann Construction submitted a bid of \$150,101.01.

However, the appraised value of the 5.58 acres was revealed to be \$195,300 at the meeting.

According to South Dakota codified law, the

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