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Actor Johnny Depp has caused a stir with his interest in purchasing a portion of the Wounded Knee National Landmark. This comes on the heels of his role (above) of Tonto in "The Lone Ranger," which some critics have found offensive for its portrayal of Native Americans.

Depp's
Interest In
Landmark
Causes Stir

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SIOUX FALLS — For months, questions have swirled about whether developers, activists or tribes would be willing to plunk down millions to buy a portion of the Wounded Knee National Historic Landmark. Now there's a new potential buyer in the mix: Johnny Depp. But is the star of "The Lone Ranger" really preparing to be the one who buys the property where hundreds of Native Americans were killed? Or is it just the latest rumor in the contentious debate over the landmark's future?

Depp touched off the story when he told London's *Daily Mail* newspaper that he is working to buy a piece of the landmark on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to give back to the tribe because it's important to their culture. The site is where 300 Native American men, women and children were killed by the 7th Cavalry in 1890. "I am doing my best to make that happen," he told the newspaper of a possible purchase. "It's land they were pushed on to and then they were massacred there. It really saddens me."

Landowner James Czywczynski, whose family has owned the property since 1968, is trying to sell the 40-acre fraction of the historic landmark and another 40-acre parcel for \$4.9 million. The two parcels of land have been assessed for \$14,000. The sale has sparked outrage among tribal members who feel Czywczynski is trying to profit from the killing of their ancestors.

Since the interview was published last week, Depp's been quiet, and there's been no record of an offer made for the

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Clinic Selected For Study

First Chiropractic Chosen For National Project That Could Determine Role In Healthcare Reform

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A Yankton chiropractic clinic is participating in a national study that could help shape the delivery of American health care.

First Chiropractic Center, which also operates satellite clinics in Scotland and Bloomfield, Neb., applied to be part of the study, said Dr. Tom Stotz.

"This is a pilot medical program, funded by the Foundation for Chiropractic Progress," Stotz said. "Twenty (clinics) were chosen for this nationwide study. Four were chosen from South Dakota, and

we were one of the four."

According to its website, the Foundation for Chiropractic Progress is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2003 by Kent S. Greenawalt, president of Footlevelers Inc.

The foundation's study isn't directly tied to the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, Stotz said. However, he said there's no question the health care landscape has already greatly changed in recent years and will likely continue to do so.

Stotz counted off the number of



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D
The First Chiropractic Center staff, part of a national study, stands in front of the Yankton facility. The clinic also operates satellite operations in Scotland and Bloomfield, Neb.

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A Drive Through Yankton



KELLY HERTZ/P&D
An estimated 185 tractors, like Nels Jensen's 1971 John Deere, rumbled through the streets of downtown Yankton Friday night during the annual WNAX/Tri-State Old Iron Tractor Ride parade. The event is the showcase of a two-day gathering of tractor enthusiasts who roll through communities in both South Dakota and Nebraska. To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net.

Local Company To Be On TV Show

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WAKONDA — What began as a family solution to planting struggles is quickly spreading nationally and internationally for a Wakonda family.

Ron and Eric Hesla, president and vice president for Pro Mags LLC in Wakonda, will have their products featured on an episode of the television show "American Farmer" today (Saturday) at 12:30 p.m. on FamilyNet (Dish Channel 232) and Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. (channel 345 on DirecTV and channel 231 on Dish).

The episode will feature Pro Mag's advances in technology for seed planters and drills, which aims to allow farmers to plant in wet conditions or in low spots, said Eric Hesla.

"The idea behind everything is to give farmers control and the ability to go out in the field and plant when they want to in the time window, regardless of weather," he said.

Eric said the company was started about six years ago as a project on their own farm, moved to the local market and then took off globally.

"You realize it's not just farmers in our area that



COURTESY PHOTO
A South Dakota film company crew films an episode of "American Farmer" in Wakonda in May. The episode will feature Pro Mags LLC and will air today (Saturday) and Tuesday.

have this issue," Eric said. "We're not excited that people have this problem, but if you've come up with something that everybody can relate to and give them something to help alleviate their issues, that's a

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British Author
Reflects On
Six Weeks In
Yankton

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After six weeks of living in Yankton and getting to know many of its residents, British author Fraser Harrison left the community with a bang.

He departed for a plane the day after the Fourth of July, with images of fireworks and Americans celebrating their independence from England fresh in his mind. Harrison thought it was a fitting scene for his exit.

"I've had a very good time in Yankton," he told the *Press & Dakotan* prior to his departure.

"People have been very hospitable to me. Every door has been opened to me — including the rubber cell at the police station," Harrison joked. "I was shown inside there during my visit to the police department."

Harrison returned to his home in the village of Walsham le Willows in Suffolk, England.

He has written 10 books, as well as two radio plays for the BBC, and now anticipates writing a short travel book with his impressions of Yankton and the things that preoccupied him while here.

"You're in a strange place and, curiously, one of the things you think hard about is home," Harrison said. "I've also thought very hard about Yankton. I do have things to say about it. What I really don't want to do is re-hash what has been done before. Especially at the beginning — and I think particularly because I am English — people were eager to say there is a lot of history in Yankton. That's true. It's got a long and colorful history. But my feeling was, there is absolutely no point in hashing through all that which has been done before and in six weeks expect to discover anything new."

Too much of a focus on history can give the impression that the community is now moribund, he stated. In fact, Harrison said the beginning of the book may be an effort to put the early history of Yankton behind him — to let the dead bury the dead.

"All these stories about Yankton's past



Harrison

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KELLY HERTZ/P&D
ABOVE: Logan Erickson and Amber Rice recently got engaged under the golden arches of Yankton's McDonald's. Erickson posed the question on the restaurant's sign, drawing the curiosity of many customers. RIGHT: This photo shows the "the big question" posed on the sign.

Couple Gets Engaged At Yankton's McDonald's

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Last week, customers at Yankton's McDonald's were presented with a question they probably weren't expecting: "Will u marry me?"

Of course, the question wasn't for them.

The marriage proposal was addressed to "Amber" and signed "Love Logan."

In fact, had the passers-by looked below the McDonald's sign carrying the message on the Fourth of July, they may have witnessed Logan Erickson, 19, on one knee proposing to Amber Rice, 22.

To Erickson's relief, Rice said, "Yes." "It felt good (that she said yes) because it was a lot of work!" Erickson told the *Press & Dakotan* this week.



Both of them work at McDonald's, and they have been dating for about two years. They knew each other approximately a year prior to that.

Erickson said he spent about a month planning the proposal.

"I was thinking about how people would put it on a screen at a football or baseball game," he stated. "I thought, if I put it along Broadway, people would see

it. Plus, I didn't think anyone else had done it before."

Permission was granted for the message to be posted on the sign by McDonald's management.

"I decided to do it on the Fourth of July because we always go to the fireworks and then usually go to McDonald's for ice cream afterward," Erickson said. "That way, she wouldn't think anything was unusual."

However, the carefully choreographed plan was nearly foiled.

Erickson was traveling in a separate vehicle so that he could arrive at McDonald's first and position himself for the big moment. However, in the unpredictable traffic following the fireworks show, the vehicle carrying Rice was on

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