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**Fatal Morning Accident**



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A crashed vehicle is shown at Marne Creek Tuesday afternoon in Yankton. Joshua Paul Scott, 30, of Yankton was found dead outside the vehicle, according to the Yankton Police Department.

## One-Vehicle Crash At Marne Creek Claims Life Of Yankton Man

From P&D Staff Reports

A 30-year-old Yankton man was killed Tuesday morning when his car crashed down an embankment at Marne Creek along East Highway 50.

According to the Yankton Police Department, Joshua Paul Scott was found dead outside of the vehicle.

The crash was reported at 6:16 a.m. Tuesday morning. It is not known when the accident occurred.

The white car went off the south side of Fourth Street just before the Marne Creek bridge near Burleigh Street. The vehicle came to a rest, in part,

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## Senate Steps Back From 'Armageddon'

Deal Reached In Nominations Fight

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WASHINGTON — The Senate stepped away from the brink of a meltdown on Tuesday, confirming one of President Barack Obama's long-stalled nominees, agreeing to quick action on others and finessing a Democratic threat to overturn historic rules that protect minority-party rights.

"Nobody wants to come to Armageddon here," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, the New York Democrat whose talks with Arizona Republican John McCain were critical in avoiding a collision that had threatened to plunge the Senate even deeper into partisan gridlock.

McCain, a veteran of uncounted legislative struggles, told reporters that forging the deal was "probably the hardest thing I've been involved in."

The White House reaped the first fruits of the deal within hours, when Richard Cordray's nomination to head the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau was approved 66-34. He was first nominated in July 2011 and has been in office by virtue of a recess appointment that bypassed the Senate.

In a written statement, Obama said he was pleased by the developments and that he hoped Congress would "build on this spirit of cooperation" to pass immigration legislation



Schumer

and rein in interest rates on student loans, among other measures.

As part of the Tuesday's agreement, both parties preserved their rights to resume combat over nominations in the future, Republicans by delaying votes and Democrats by threatening once again to change the rules governing such delays.

Still, officials in both parties said they hoped the deal would signal a new, less acrimonious time for the Senate, with critical decisions ahead on spending, the government's borrowing authority, student loan interest rates and more.

Under the agreement, several of seven stalled nominees would win confirmation later in the week, including Labor Secretary-designate Tom Perez; Gina McCarthy, named to lead the Environmental Protection Agency, and Fred Hochberg to head of the Export-Import Bank.

Even before the agreement was ratified by the rank and file, Cordray's long-stalled nomination to head the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau advanced toward approval on a test vote of 71-29, far more than the 60 required.

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## County Seeks Help To Look Into James River Situation

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The Yankton County Commission decided Tuesday that it must be a partner in determining what is going on at the mouth of the James River east of Yankton.

Commissioners Garry Moore and Allen Sinclair were among those who observed the area last week with the James River Water Development District (JRWDD). In the aftermath of the 2011 Missouri River flood, the mouth has become a series of sand dunes that some believe could hinder flows from the James River and cause upstream flooding.

"Like it or not, there is a big problem down there," Moore told the commission Tuesday. "The JRWDD has got money available to get some work done, but they need the push from another entity to bring it forward."

"The fact of the matter is, whether we want to admit it or not, the way that Jim River and Missouri River confluence is right now, there is going to be a point in time when the Jim River starts backing up. It's going to start flooding our lower Jim River valley farm ground to a point where it might not drain very well out of the Jim River at all," he continued. "It's just phenomenal what has taken place down there. You have 12-15-foot sand dunes down there with no access and slightly more than a trickle coming out of

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## Deal Sought For Tribal Boundary Signs

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WAGNER — When they meet Thursday in Wagner, various groups will seek agreement on highway signs recognizing the Yankton Sioux Tribe's presence in Charles Mix County.

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) installed the signs earlier this year in southern Charles Mix County. The signage bears the words "Entering Yankton Sioux Nation."

The DOT signs have raised concerns among Charles Mix County officials and some residents. They point to nearly two decades of court disputes between the county and tribe over reservation boundaries and jurisdiction.

The DOT signage isn't meant to carry a legal or political statement, said Transportation Secretary Darin Bergquist.



### Charles Mix County

"The signs do not (and aren't intended) to have any impact on existing jurisdiction or on law/traffic enforcement," he told the *Press & Dakotan* in an email.

The DOT signs are common for tribes across South Dakota, Bergquist noted.

"The sole purpose of the signs (in Charles Mix County) is to recognize the existence of the Yankton Sioux Tribe in South Dakota, consistent with long-standing DOT policy to recognize the existence of all tribes in South Dakota (when it) is so requested," he wrote.

As a result of local concerns, a meeting was held last month in

Pierre among state, county and tribal officials to discuss legal issues. The follow-up meeting in Wagner will focus on the signs' wording and location.

Both county and tribal officials tell the *Press & Dakotan* they support DOT signage recognizing and honoring the Yankton Sioux.

"Hopefully, that (Wagner) meeting will result in some resolution/compromise as to the actual signs themselves," Bergquist wrote in his email.

YST secretary Glenford "Sam" Sully said the tribe sought the signage. So far, signs have been placed at three sites, he said.

"We had a meeting with the state DOT officials about six months ago, and we requested that our signs be put back up in light of the (U.S.) Supreme Court refusing to hear the jurisdiction dispute for

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COURTESY PHOTO

This Department of Transportation (DOT) sign in Charles Mix County, recognizing the Yankton Sioux Tribe, has raised some concerns after 18 years of legal battles between the county and tribe over jurisdiction. This week's meeting is Wagner will hopefully result in consensus on the signs' wording and location.

## 'Special' Fire Truck Finds Home In Menno



EMILY NIEBRUGGE/P&D

Menno fire chief Scott Simonsen and his squad of 25 men are finally able to use their new rescue truck, which aided firefighters during the 9/11 terrorist attacks. After a year of jumping through loopholes to get the truck to South Dakota, the truck was presented to the community during the Fourth of July parade. The truck offers the squad more room and the ability to use more advanced equipment.

BY EMILY NIEBRUGGE

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MENNO — After a long and sometimes frustrating journey, a fire truck with a special history is finally in the possession of the Menno Fire Department.

The new truck is from Wallkill, N.Y., where it played a key role transporting firefighters to Ground Zero during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

But that history wasn't known when fire chief Scott Simonsen began looking for a new truck to replace the old one.

Simonsen said the station had been looking for a new truck to replace its old rescue truck for some time before the staff came across the Wallkill truck on the Internet.

"The old rescue truck was an old Air Force truck. It was a four-door pickup with a box on the back," Simonsen said. "We got to the point where we had so much equipment that we were grossly overloaded in the old truck. We made the decision that we needed to start looking for something a little better, a little bigger and (with) a little

**"It was something cool to demonstrate what firefighters go through and can go through, and the dangers of it."**

**MICKEY HARRIS**

more equipment."

The squad struggled to find trucks less than \$80,000, Simonsen said, but in June of 2012 he checked the websites and found the Wallkill truck listed for \$37,500.

After a few meetings to get more information about the truck, the Menno squad had a third party check it out for problems, and when they found nothing wrong, put in a bid for the full asking price.

"We had some guys who were hesitant about buying a truck that was 1,200 miles away, but after the third party checked it out, we thought it was great because we'd

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