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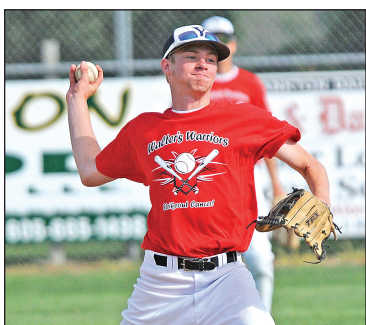
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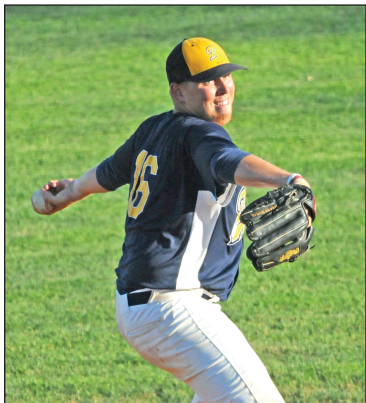


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Commission To Consider Water Rate Hike Monday

From P&D Staff Reports

Setting new water usage rates for the city will be one of the items on a busy agenda for the Yankton City Commission Monday night.

The rates are being raised as the city prepares to commence a \$28.7 million project to upgrade Yankton's water system.

Also Monday, a discussion will be held on the city's noise ordinance. Complaints have been received recently about the noise coming from at least one downtown drinking establishment which hosts live entertainment. Commissioners and city staff will examine the options.

The commission will also consider a memorandum supporting a resolution between the city and Greenbow Real Estate Partners, LLC, which developed the Menard's property, to offer retail incentives for the development of the out-properties surrounding the site.

The meeting convenes at 7 p.m. Monday at the Technical Education Center, 1200 W. 21st St.

Cedar County Breakaway



PHOTO: DOUG JORGENSEN

It's high-flying rodeo fun during Thursday night's activity at the Cedar County Fair in Hartington, Neb. This photo from the women's breakaway event showcases some of the action enjoyed by the attendees. The fair runs through the weekend, including a concert tonight (Saturday) with the award-winning country band Restless Heart and the demolition derby and fireworks Sunday. The fair, which has free gate admission, also offers a carnival midway and a wide variety of 4-H, FFA, open class and other exhibits.

Wedding Ring Found In Sewer Awaits Its Owner

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Have you ever dropped or flushed a wedding ring down a City of Yankton drain?

If so, the Yankton Police Department may have your missing band.

In June, an employee at the city's wastewater treatment plant found a female's wedding ring.

"We didn't know what to do with it," said Kyle Goodmanson, the director of environmental services for Yankton.

He said employees had unloaded the contents of a vacuum truck on a

ramp at the plant. While the liquids drain off from the sludge, the heavy materials remain.

"A lot of times, you'll find things laying in there," Goodmanson stated. "A year ago, we found a class ring. It had the year on it and the class initials. We went back to the school and figured out the possible owners and got it returned. This ring has no initials or anything on it, so we turned it over to the police department."

He said the ring could have been



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The Other Mayor



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Viborg, Denmark, mayor Soren Pape Poulsen (left) and his father, Svend, enjoy a few moments together after the younger Poulsen spoke during Friday's luncheon in Viborg, South Dakota. Poulsen will speak at 1 p.m. today (Saturday) at the school lunchroom, following the Taste of Denmark ethnic meal, as part of his visit during Danish Viking Days.

Danish Official Checks In On Viborg Festival

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VIBORG — Two Viborg mayors spoke at Friday's luncheon kicking off the Danish Viking Days celebration.

There was Kyle Christiansen, mayor of the Turner County community of 800 residents. And then there was Soren Pape Poulsen, mayor of the Danish city of 37,000 residents — 94,000 in the greater metro area — which is the namesake for its South Dakota counterpart.

Poulsen offered brief remarks at Friday's luncheon, thanking the local residents

for their warm welcome. He will give a presentation about his city at 1 p.m. today (Saturday) at the school lunchroom, following the Taste of Denmark ethnic meal.

"I look very much forward to the Taste of Denmark," he said playfully, as if not quite sure what to expect from the American culinary cuisine.

For the 41-year-old Poulsen, the Viborg visit is just the latest adventure that he and his 80-year-old father, Svend, have experienced on their journey.

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Gayville-Volin Running Track Shaping Up

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COURTESY PHOTO

Work began earlier this month on the new track and field facility at the Gayville-Volin school. Once these graders are finished preparing the slope for the track, asphalt will be poured, followed by the placement of a rubber track surface. The track is expected to be completed by the end of September.

GAYVILLE — Two years after embarking on their effort to raise funds for a new track and field for the Gayville-Volin school district, supporters of the project are beginning to see the fruits of their labor.

Work started earlier this month as asphalt pavers began grading the slope for the track and volunteers started working on the project's drainage system. Cement has also been poured for the new high-jump pad.

"It's fun to know we're right there," said Gayville-Volin track and field coach Larry Buffington.

He said the asphalt work should be completed within the next two weeks. Following that, workers must wait 30 days before adding the track's rubber surface. During that time, volunteers also will continue work on the drainage system, and

also will prepare the areas needed for the long jump, triple jump and pole vault.

"We're making good progress, and we hope to be done towards the end of September," said Kent Buckman, a member of the track committee.

When finished, the school, which currently does not have a track facility, will be the site of an all-weather, eight-lane, 400-meter track. The facility will allow the school to host meets, as well as provide a safe place for community members to walk and run.

"We're excited about all the things we'll be able to use it for," Buffington said. "It's something for the whole community."

With the track expected to be completed by next season, Buffington said his goal is to at least hold meets for fifth and sixth graders, as

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