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## State Teener Tourney Takes Over Riverside Field



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Teams from Watertown, left, and Brookings line up for the VFW baseball oath and the Pledge of Allegiance prior to their game in the South Dakota VFW Teener Baseball Class AA Varsity Minors Tournament on Friday at Yankton's Riverside Field. Eight teams, including the Yankton Black Sox, are in town for the three-day event, which runs through Sunday. For more on the tournament, see page 8A.

## Where Do We Go From Here?

Yankton Ponders The Future  
Of Its Economic Development

BY NATHAN JOHNSON

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What is the most efficient model of economic development for Yankton?

That is the central question members of the Yankton Economic Development Council (EDC) will be considering when they assemble for a meeting Monday to determine how to proceed following the resignation of Economic Development Director Mike Dellinger.



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The EDC is a committee consisting primarily of representatives from organizations that help support the activities of the economic development office.

After five years as the economic development director, Dellinger will leave Aug. 30 to become the vice president of economic development for the Council Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce.

EDC members contacted by the *Press & Dakotan* this week said the time is right to consider whether changes should be made to Yankton's economic development office — although they stressed that has nothing to do with Dellinger's job performance.

Members of the EDC are: chairman Randy Johnson, who fills an at-large seat but also happens to serve on the board of Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG); Pam Rezac, chairwoman

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### Midnight Madness



NATHAN JOHNSON/P&D

The Heartland Humane Society (HHS) held a meet and greet Friday evening as part of Moonlight Madness in downtown Yankton. Megan Delozier, 10, met Emmie, a mastiff rottweiler, while looking for a possible pet with her mother. Janette Kaddatz of HHS makes sure Emmie doesn't get too friendly during the meeting. The Moonlight Madness event featured downtown retail businesses staying open late, sidewalk vendors, charitable organization fundraising and a free outdoor movie.

## Raw Milk Supporters Oppose S.D. Rules On Sale

BY CHET BROKAW  
Associated Press

PIERRE — Raw milk producers and their customers asked South Dakota officials once again on Friday to scrap rules they argue would impose too many restrictions on the production and sale of unpasteurized milk.

At the South Dakota Agriculture Department's second hearing in two months, farmers who produce raw milk said the proposed rules on the production, testing and labeling of raw milk offered for sale are unnecessary, too stringent and too expensive for producers.

Lila Streff, owner of Black Hills Goat Dairy near Custer, said raw milk has been unfairly criticized as a health risk. The proposed label, which would warn consumers of potential health risks, is unnecessary, she said.

"Raw milk is incredibly safe," Streff said.

But Courtney De La Rosa, the Agriculture Department's lawyer and director of agriculture policy, said the proposed rules provide a reasonable framework for making sure raw milk sold in the state is safe. Raw milk for sale should comply with basic health and sanitary standards, she said.

"The rules do not take away a consumer's right to choose. The rules do not impose an undue financial burden on producers," De La Rosa said.

The Agriculture Department will accept written comments on the rules until Aug. 5. The department then will decide whether to approve the rules.

State Agriculture Secretary Lucas Lentsch, who listened to Friday's testimony, withdrew a previous version of the rules after a June 6 hearing in which opponents said the rules would apply even to milk consumed by a producer's family or given away free to others. The rules were revised to apply only to raw milk that is sold.

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### Neb. Approves New Mountain Lion Season

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska Game and Parks commissioners have approved the creation a mountain lion hunting season to begin in 2014.

Up to four mountain lions may be killed next year in the Pine Ridge area of the Nebraska Panhandle, the only area known to have a reproducing population of the big cats.

There will be two seasons in the area, with a limit of two mountain lions for each. The first season will be Jan. 1 to Feb. 14. One permit will be issued by auction and one will be issued by lottery to a state resident.

The second season will be Feb. 15 to March 31. There will be 100 lottery permits issued to residents.

## Area Garden Offers Site For Prayer

BY LINDA WUEBBEN  
P&D Correspondent

LINDY, Neb. — The congregation of the Good Shepherd Church in Lindy has been busy the past three to four years creating and building a prayer garden.

Just west of the small rural church is the Shepherd's Garden, a newly designated area just beginning to blossom with a serene vision for the future. The area was an alfalfa field when church member Sherri Ermels had an idea.

"It just seemed to be a perfect location to create a floral garden which would have quiet surroundings for prayer and reflection," said Ermels.

She thought it would be a beautiful site for small gatherings like weddings, services and family get-togethers.

The project started small with Ermels designing sketches and soon donations of perennials, annuals, black dirt, large rocks, gravel, granite and stained glass to make stepping stones along a winding path appeared at the site.

"Many of the perennials are available if I dig them," said Ermels. "Often I end up dropping everything when an opportunity to dig and plant comes along."

The Garden has been the recipient of many beautiful flowers she said. She doesn't always know what they are but she knows who donated them. Little by little she is learning all the names and is excited for the garden to be finished so more people can enjoy it.

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PHOTO: LINDA WUEBBEN

Colin Kemp and Sherri Ermels stand amid the prayer garden built near the Good Shepherd Church near Lindy, Neb. Congregation members came up with the idea of converting part of an alfalfa field into a place for a "floral garden which would have quiet surroundings for prayer and reflection," Ermels said.

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