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A New Justice

SD Begins Implementing Juvenile Justice Changes

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In recent years, South Dakota has incarcerated juveniles at the second-highest rate in the nation, often because the system lacks alternatives, according to state officials.

Seven of 10 juvenile incarcerations are the result of misdemeanor offenses, children in need of supervision (CHINS) violations and probation violations.

These commitments cost South Dakota as much as \$144,000 per youth per year. Currently, more than 40 percent of juveniles released from the Department of Corrections (DOC) return to state custody within three years.

However, the 2015 Legislature's passage of Senate Bill 73 – known as the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JJRI) – will give the courts new options. As a result, incarceration and detention would be used for serious offenders. Juveniles with minor offenses can be placed in community-based and diversion programs.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard called the bill “ground-breaking legislation.”

“Senate Bill 73 represents an important step forward for juvenile justice in South Dakota,” he said in a news release. “The passage of this bill will lead to less

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DAVE TUNGE/DAKOTA AERIALS



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Old Iron Tractor Ride Hits The Road

A convoy of tractors rolled through the Yankton countryside Friday as the annual Tri-State Old Iron Tractor Ride began its two-day tour of the area. Annually, nearly 200 tractors of all sizes, types and ages convene at Yankton for two days of rural journeys. ABOVE: Before the tractors hit the road, Dave Tunge of Dakota Aerials of Yankton took to the sky to capture this piece of well-orchestrated machine choreography. LEFT: A highlight of the tractor ride is the annual parade through downtown Yankton on Friday night. These spectators wave at some of the operators as they pass through Third and Walnut. The tractor ride continues today (Saturday).

Highway 52 Corridor Plan Set For Discussion

Public Open House Is
Scheduled For Monday

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Before the Gavins Point Dam was built, the land west of Yankton was rough goat and cattle country.

Today, the Highway 52 corridor between West City Limits Road and the Lewis & Clark Recreation Area is characterized by RV parks and a wide assortment of businesses.

On Monday, Yankton County officials are set to present a plan meant to keep this stretch of highway appealing and make it more accessible to tourists, residents and potential businesses alike. It will be discussed in an open house at 5:30 p.m. at the Yankton County Government Center in the commission chambers.

Yankton County zoning administrator Pat Garrity told the *Press & Dakotan* that these plans have been in the works for a long time.

“We began discussing it as a County Commission and planning department back in late 2010,” Garrity said. “We were talking about some of the development going on down there and how we were not necessarily addressing the types of businesses or types buildings we were putting down in there.”

In 2013, a nine-person committee consisting of people from along the corridor and one county commissioner was tasked with looking into what they wanted to see done along that stretch of highway along with conducting a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis.

Garrity said among the findings of the SWOT



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Hartington Amber Alert Canceled; Kids Are Found

From P&D Staff Reports

HARTINGTON, Neb. – An Amber Alert issued Friday by the Cedar County sheriff's office following the abduction of two girls at Hartington was cancelled when the girls were located in Omaha and the woman with them was arrested.

The alert had been issued at approximately 5:20 p.m. Friday for 9-year-old Lauren Howell and 11-month-old London Howell. The girls were believed to be in danger, according to authorities.

The girls were thought to be in the Omaha area en route to Florida, according to a news release from Cedar County Sheriff Larry Koranda. The Omaha Police Department received a tip that individuals matching the

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World Cup Win A Triumph For Yankton Soccer

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Last Sunday, the U.S. soccer team defeated defending champ Japan in a 5-2 victory in this year's Women's World Cup. This victory made USA the first team in history to win three women's World Cups.

A victory for USA also meant a victory for Yankton soccer. The Yankton Youth Soccer Association (YYSA) hosted a World Cup watch party fundraiser at Czeckers Bar & Grill for each of the seven American matches. Players, parents and community members gathered to watch the U.S. make history for a good cause.

“There were a lot of current soccer player and their families (there); from our younger teams to high school players,” said YYSA president Deb Lillie.

Czeckers agreed to donate \$1 for each order of three select menu items during the matches each night of the seven games, including chicken tenders, wings

and cheese balls. Soccer fans ordered just under 500 of those menu items.

“‘Dinner & World Cup’ is about coming together as a soccer community, having some fun, cheering on Team USA and raising a little money for sanctioning soccer along the way,” said YYSA Sponsorship Board member Sondra Jensen.

In addition to the money Czeckers donated, YYSA volunteers had donation buckets available where many fans left tips for YYSA.

At the end of the final game, the soccer team earned an estimated \$750, including food orders and individual donations. “It was really nice to see former players that are back in town,” Lillie said. “Some of them had big families that were down there several times.”

This money will go toward providing the funding necessary to keep soccer a sanctioned sport with the school board.

“All the fundraisers we hold, 100 percent of that money to-



COURTESY PHOTO

Soccer fans celebrated as the Women's USA team took the World Cup last Sunday night. Yankton soccer fans gathered for a World Cup watch party at Czeckers. (Left to Right) Brie, Matt, Thea and Regan Luken.

wards sanctioning soccer,” said YYSA Treasurer, Charlie Beckmann. “We make sure people are aware of that.”

In May 2014, the State Soccer Association stopped sponsoring a non-sanctioned soccer

tournament for high school players. The Yankton Youth Soccer Association (YYSA) offered a proposal, which was accepted

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YANKTON RECYCLING FOR NEXT WEEK

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