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## Signs Of The Times



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Roadway weight limit signs similar to this one posted on Cedar St. in Yankton are going to change across South Dakota. The state Department of Transportation is replacing the vehicle silhouettes with new signs (inset) that offer more succinct numerical explanations of the weight limits over certain bridges.

## New Load Limit Signs Coming

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A familiar sight on many bridges across the state is a load-limit sign denoting truck weight limits using silhouettes of different trucks.

But with high-tonnage and high-axle trucks taking the road in greater numbers, the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SD-DOT) is issuing new signage that does away with the silhouettes.

Doug Kinniburgh, local government engineer for SDDOT, told the *Press & Dakotan* that specialized trucks are one of the main reasons

for the change.

"The Federal Highway (Administration) has, through regulations for federal funding for the Department of Transportation, put some additional inspection requirements on our official size structures (anything over 20-foot in length) that we perform load-limit analysis on what we call special haul vehicles," he said. "It's a classification of vehicle such as refuse trucks or concrete trucks that might have additional axles put underneath them to haul heavier loads. They've seen a big increase in issues — particularly out in the eastern part of the

U.S. We do see some of those types of loads going over our bridges, so it was obviously something we needed to evaluate to see what impact those heavier loads have."

The new signs break restrictions into two units — single-unit and combination with whatever weight limits are imposed on that particular bridge for each.

Kinniburgh said the change is also meant to help clarify where certain trucks fit in on load limits.

"There have been several instances

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## Hudson Pleads Guilty To '14 Killing

Sentencing Slated July 30

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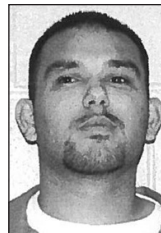
Joshua Hudson, a man accused of murdering his uncle in Yankton in 2014, has pleaded guilty to a single count of first-degree homicide as manslaughter.

Joshua Hudson was in court with attorneys Dan Fox and Luci Youngberg Tuesday afternoon where he accepted a plea deal put forward by the state.

In April, Hudson had entered a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity to charges of homicide in the second-degree, aggravated assault and grand theft.

Under the plea entered Monday, these charges were dropped in favor of a single charge of homicide as manslaughter and capping the state's sentencing recommendation at 40 years. The agreement allows the state and defense to call whoever they please to testify during an upcoming sentencing hearing. The state will remain silent on whether this sentence will run concurrently or consecutively to the one Hudson is serving at the South Dakota State Penitentiary.

On the morning of March 7, 2014, authorities received a request for a welfare check on 46-year-old Todd Hudson from his ex-wife. Soon after, Joshua Hudson, then 28, showed up at her residence and was quoted as saying "I axed my uncle."



COURTESY PHOTO  
Joshua Hudson pleaded guilty Tuesday to a charge of first-degree homicide as manslaughter in connection with the 2014 death of his uncle in Yankton.

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## A Big Thanks

Appreciation Event Held For Army Of Archery Tournament Volunteers

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The National Field Archery Association (NFAA) Easton Yankton Archery Complex cooked up another event Tuesday night, providing 2015 World Archery Youth Championship (WAYC) sponsors and volunteers with a picnic meal in recognition of their contributions and efforts during last month's event.

"I want to thank you all for the most incredible tournament I've ever experienced," NFAA president Bruce Cull said to the crowd of volunteers and sponsors. "I know that

the majority of you were probably never archers, may not have ever been good at archery, but I can tell you right now, all of this was not about archery, it's the camaraderie. You got to meet people from all over the world and, hopefully, it was a good cultural experience for you, too."

The 2015 WAYC tournament, held June 8-13, hosted 557 athletes and trainers from 51 countries, 48 World Archery representatives, all six continents represented and 807 local volunteers, according to Cull.

He shared with the evening's attendees

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Nancy Wenande, who served as tournament director for last month's World Archery Youth Championships (WAYC), smiles as she is presented a plaque of appreciation by National Field Archery Association president Bruce Cull during an appreciation picnic held for the WAYC volunteers and sponsors Tuesday night.

## YSD's New Evaluation System Unveiled

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A discussion at Monday night's Yankton School Board meeting unveiled a new teacher evaluation system for the district.

Dr. Jennifer Johnke, high school principal, and Todd Dvoracek, middle school principal, explained the system process and how it coordinates with South Dakota state law.

The new teacher evaluation system is an online document that allows administrators like Johnke and Tony Beste, high school assistant principal, to perform classroom observations more easily.

The evaluation committee consisted of 18 principals and teachers of Yankton, Beadle, Lincoln, Stewart and Webster schools who decided on the changes to the guidelines of teacher standards, and the frequency and details of evaluations.

"We looked at things we

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RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

The Cedar County Fair in Hartington, Nebraska, kicks off today (Wednesday) and runs through Sunday. This year's event features a full line-up including national country acts Parmalee and the Swon Brothers, a local talent show, rodeo, demolition derby, magician, carnival and 4-H/FFA events.

## Cedar Co. Fair Is Ready To Roll

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HARTINGTON, Neb. — The Cedar County Fair kicks off today (Wednesday), packed with two national country music acts, a rodeo, magician, demolition derby and carnival midway.

And that doesn't include the 4-H and open class competition, commercial exhibits and other attractions.

The fair runs through Sunday at the Hartington fairgrounds.

The major country acts hit the



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lists itself as a country band, opens for headliner Parmalee. On Sunday, Cedar County native Bridget Kruse, who lists herself as contemporary folk/pop, opens for the headliners, the Swon Brothers.

Fair board president Greg Heine said the big-name country shows

stage this weekend. On Saturday, the Jason Earl Band of Omaha, which

have been a year in the making.

"We'll actually start booking next year's talent for the fair in about a month," he said. "We need that amount of time just to get coordinated with (the artists') schedule and line-up. We never stop planning."

In putting together the schedule, Heine said the fair board tries to offer something for everybody at an affordable price. In particular, he noted the effort to make Sunday a family-oriented event.

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