



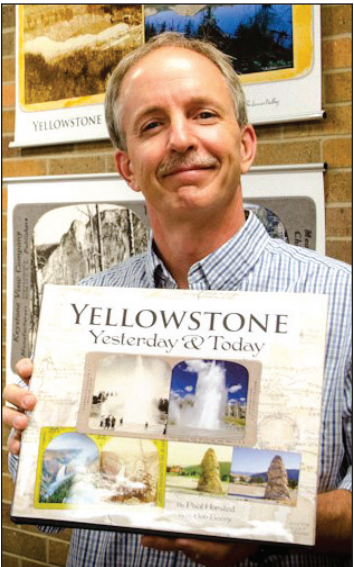
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YAPG Funds To Help Boost RTEC Services

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With assistance from Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG), the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC) will soon be expanding its training and education services.

The YAPG board voted earlier this month to increase its annual funding for RTEC from \$30,000 per year to \$50,000 per year for the next five years beginning in April. The decision followed YAPG's announcement that it had exceeded the \$2.2 million fundraising goal for its Yankton Economic Success! (YES!) campaign.

"We find it very important to continue to work with RTEC as an infrastructure that benefits the workforce and our employers," YAPG President Mike Dellinger said at the meeting.

RTEC General Manager Josh Svatos said he was excited to be on the receiving end of YAPG's generosity.

"I can't stress enough how thankful we are for these opportunities," he said. "This allows us to do even more than we've done in the past. Out here at RTEC, we have a mission to home-grow our own workforce, and it's grassroot efforts like this from YAPG that make that possible."

Svatos said that some of the additional funding will go toward expanding RTEC's workforce development programs, such as its manufacturing academy that offers high school students college credit through Black Hills State University and Mitchell Technical Institute.

"We want to make that program bigger and expose more kids to man-

Finding The Future Of 52

Officials Take Public Input For Highway 52 Growth

BY NATHAN JOHNSON
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During a public meeting Thursday about the future of the Highway 52 corridor west of Yankton, a consensus quickly emerged that the time is right for a comprehensive plan for development.

If anything, the approximately 30 people in attendance agreed such a process should have been done years ago.

Although ideas occasionally clashed, many of those who expressed opinions seemed to agree on a variety of core issues.

The corridor in question runs from Yankton's West City Limits Road to the Lewis and

Clark Recreation Area Gavins Point entrance.

Pat Garrity of the Yankton County Planning and Zoning Office, with assistance from Eric Ambrosion of Planning & Development District III, conducted the meeting to kick off what they see as an 18- to 24-month process of developing a comprehensive plan for the corridor.

The majority of the meeting involved audience members answering a series of questions aimed at spurring discussion about the current state of the corridor and how development should proceed.

When asked what things are currently like in the corridor, the audience responded that:

- the area is growing haphazardly and is in need of a plan;
 - there are concerns about the large borrow pit along Timberland Drive, ranging from safety to aesthetic issues; and
 - septic tanks are becoming a problem in some areas;
- When asked what would be the outcome if things in the area remained the same, the audience responded that the current development trajectory would be the worst thing that could happen.
- From that, discussion emerged about whether the City of Yankton would be inter-



KELLY HERTZ/P&D
Yankton County Planning and Zoning Administrator Pat Garrity answers a question from the audience Thursday night during an open house discussing the future development of the Highway 52 corridor west of Yankton.

RIVERSIDE DIVE



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A bystander uses his cellphone to take a photo of a pickup that plunged into the James River on SW Jim River Road west of Yankton at approximately 5:30 p.m. Thursday. According to the Yankton County Sheriff's Office, the truck reportedly waited at a railroad crossing while a train went past, then sped off too quickly, lost control and went down a steep embankment into the river, which is running shallow because of the ongoing drought. It was unknown at press time how many individuals were in the vehicle, but no injuries were reported. The Yankton County Sheriff's Department and the South Dakota Highway Patrol were on the scene.

Ag Panel Stresses Importance Of Planning During Uncertain Times

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With a historic drought showing no signs of relief, area producers are expressing anxiety about the upcoming year.

The anxiety was reflected in questions asked at Thursday's lunch and forum at First National Bank South Dakota (FNBSD) in Yankton. The audience focused on the drought, federal programs, grain and livestock markets, and protecting the farm now and for future generations.

The panel's advice: Planning is critical, even in the most uncertain times.

"Somebody or something else is going to make that decision if you don't," said Rich Schwartz, Yankton County executive director with the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Congress faces another budget deadline next week, Schwartz told the *Press & Dakotan*. Lawmakers will then take an extended recess, with no further action on farm programs during that time, he said.

The federal government has continued some farm programs, such as direct payments, and could enact retroactive legislation, he said. Provisions haven't been made for 2012 disasters, he added.

Schwartz acknowledged a great deal of apprehension about pasture conditions, feed supplies and cropland rental rates. However, a number of other factors are in play, he said.

"We have record land prices, low interest rates and crop insurance guarantees. The stock market is also rebounding," he told the *Press & Dakotan*.

In the end, farmers need to look forward, not back on last year's drought.

"You need to stay optimistic and think that things are



KELLY HERTZ/P&D
Yankton attorney Dave Hosmer fields questions about estate planning and asset protection during Thursday's lunch and agriculture forum at First National Bank of South Dakota in Yankton.

going to get better," he said. "It's easy to get down on yourself, but you've got to stay positive."

During Thursday's program, Yankton attorney Dave Hosmer fielded questions about estate planning.

Nebraska

Lawmaker Revives Prenatal Care Debate

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A long-shot attempt to repeal state-funded prenatal care services for illegal immigrants drew criticism Thursday from a variety of Nebraska groups.

Advocates for children, immigrants and medical clinics convened at the Capitol to oppose a bill by Sen. Charlie Janssen of Fremont. Several people said Janssen, a Republican candidate for governor, was exploiting the issue for political gain.

Janssen presented the repeal measure to the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee. Lawmakers restored coverage last year for the unborn children of the women, after a bitter fight in the Legislature and with Gov. Dave Heineman. Heineman opposes the services.

"I'm concerned that when we allow these state benefits at public expense, we reward illegal behavior and divert limited resources from necessary services for legal residents," Janssen said.

Janssen said he introduced the bill because the Legislature has new members who have not yet weighed in on the issue.

Shirley A. Mora James, president of the Nebraska Hispanic Bar Organization, said the measure would deny prenatal care to children who would be born in the United States. James said the lack of care could force expecting mothers to consider an abortion.

"You profess to be pro-life and have family values, then ... stop attacking the health and very lives of these innocent U.S. babies," she said to Janssen. "You need to start protecting and advocating for them, or else you're nothing but a hypocrite for political self-gain."

The bill is unlikely to advance. Four lawmakers on

Bankers Say Farm Income Helping Rural Economy

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Bankers in 10 Midwest and Plains states expect the rural economy to continue growing in the months ahead because of the strength of farm income.

The overall economic index on the March Rural Mainstreet survey remained at a healthy level of 56.9 even though it was down from February's 58.2.

Any score above 50 on the index, which ranges from 0 to 100, suggests growth in the months ahead. Scores below 50 suggest contraction.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss oversees the report. He says the survey suggests farmland values will continue to grow and home sales are beginning to grow.

The index is based on a survey of rural bankers in Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.