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The Northern Lights expansion at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton is ahead of schedule, due in part to weather conditions over the past few months. Once expected to be completed in January 2014, the project may now be finished as soon as November 2013.

Avera Sacred Heart Expansion Ahead Of Initial Schedule

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The Northern Lights addition at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital is ahead of schedule, due in part to weather conditions this winter and last summer.

The project was originally set to be completed by January 2014, but now could be done by this November.

"A lot can happen between now and this fall, but that's the timeline we're looking at as of now," said Doug Ekeren, vice president of planning and development at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. "We haven't lost many days for construction due to rain or snow over the past several months."

The hospital expansion will feature a new lab and some new amenities for physicians.

"Right now, we only have one conference room in the hospital," Ekeren said. "With this addition, there will be more conference space available, and there should be better communication among staff members."

He added that the new lab will make getting blood samples more efficient.

"Some of the other features of the expansion will be some more blood drawing rooms," Ekeren said. "There will also be a brand new cafeteria and kitchen."

The hospital currently has had the same cafeteria since around the 1980's, and staff members and patients have often said it's hard to find, Ekeren said.

"The new cafeteria will have meals available where people can find it," he said. "Staff members have often had to trek to another building for lunch and dinner, and that won't be the case anymore."

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Fourth St. Sinkhole In Yankton Repaired

From P&D Staff Reports

A large sinkhole near the intersection of Highway 50 and Mulberry Street in Yankton has been repaired, a city official said Friday.

City Manager Amy Nelson said a report was received late Thursday afternoon that two concrete pavement panels in the westbound lanes of Highway 50 had caved in and revealed a sinkhole.

"No vehicles had driven into the hole and no injuries were reported," she stated.

Law enforcement directed traffic around the sinkhole, and the area was barricaded.

"It was a broken storm sewer pipe that caused the sinkhole," Nelson said. "After inspection, the area was found to be dry. Crews have repaired the pipe and filled the sinkhole. We're expecting that traffic will be detoured over the weekend to give that concrete time to cure."

HAAS MADNESS



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Yankton's own basketball madness in March — the Roger Haas Memorial Basketball Tournament — commenced its second leg Friday as dozens of teams came to town for two days of competition. LEFT: Black Aschoff of Osmond, left, looks to pass the ball while being pressured by Mason Townsend of the Yankton Leader Construction Bucks in an Eighth Grade Boys Red Division game at the Summit Activities Center Friday night. ABOVE: These players from Harrisburg and Lennox battle for position on a free throw attempt during a Sixth Grade Girls Red Division game at the Yankton Middle School. Haas tourney action continues today (Saturday) at the Summit Center and at the middle school, as well as at Mount Marty College. To see more photos from Friday night, turn to pages 8-9. To see or purchase images from Friday's action, visit spotted.yankton.net.

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N.D. Lawmakers: Life Starts At Conception

State Aims To Enact Toughest Abortion Restrictions In Nation

BY JAMES MACPHERSON
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BISMARCK, N.D. — North Dakota didn't set out to become the abortion debate's new epicenter.

It happened by accident, after a legislative caucus that once vetted abortion bills languished, leaving lawmakers to propose a flurry of measures — some cribbed from Wikipedia — without roadblocks.

Long dismissed as cold and inconsequential, North Dakota is now trying to enact the toughest abortion restrictions in the nation. The newly

oil-rich red state may soon find itself in a costly battle over legislation foes describe as blatantly unconstitutional.

"It had to happen some place," said Sen. John Andrist, a Crosby Republican who has served in the Legislature for more than two decades.

"I'm from the group who hates voting on abortion issues and who don't like to play God," said Andrist, who describes himself as "moderately pro-life" and has voted for some but not all of the restrictions North Dakota has taken up this year. "But we have some strong-willed people in this state who do."

Lawmakers on Friday took a step toward out-

lawing abortion altogether in the state by passing a so-called personhood resolution that says a fertilized egg has the same right to life as a person. The House's approval sends the matter to voters, who will decide whether to add the wording to the state's constitution in November 2014.

It's one of several anti-abortion measures to pass the Legislature. Most are awaiting the signature of Republican Gov. Jack Dalrymple, who hasn't yet indicated whether he supports the laws. Even if he were to veto them, some could have the support for the Legislature to override him.

One bill would prohibit abortion if a fetal

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Mark Payne reads his story as one of four Yankton Federal Prison Camp (YFPC) inmates participating in this week's creative writing presentation at Mount Marty College. MMC English professor Jim Reese is one of five artists-in-residence throughout the country who are part of the program for federal prisons. He is serving his sixth year with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) project.

The Passages Of Life

YFPC Inmates Share Writing Through National Program

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Mount Marty College professor Jim Reese listened with pride this week as his creative writing students read their work on the MMC campus.

Then, when the program ended, he helped escort the four men back to the Yankton Federal Prison Camp.

Since 2008, Reese has been one of five artists in residence throughout the country selected for a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) program. The initiative works with the U.S. Department of Justice's Federal Bureau of Prisons, which includes the Yankton facility.

Through the writing process, inmates discover more about themselves, Reese said. In the process, they rebuild their lives and avoid a return to prison.

"You can teach a guy a trade while in prison, which is fine and good," he said. "But unless you teach somebody to come to terms with the emotional instability that brought them to prison in the first place, you're sending an angry person right back to prison."

Most YFPC inmates aren't violent offenders, but they may feel rage or broken relationships in their lives, Reese said. "The guys in my classes have made mistakes and some misdirected decisions," he said.

As a writer in residence, Reese established YFPC's first creative writing workshop and publishing course. He also edited an annual journal, "4 P.M. Count," which features creative writing and visual artwork by inmates. "4 P.M. Count" isn't for sale but is provided free to individuals for educational purposes.

The rage, hurt and unresolved issues were evident during Tuesday night's program on the MMC campus. The four inmates read their work from "4 p.m. Count," named after the daily inmate check at federal facilities.

• Mark Payne explained he was a product of his environment. He spoke of growing up in San Diego, getting shot three times at age 14 during a robbery gone wrong. He fathered a child, as he put it, "when still a child myself."

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