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Yankton's Own 'Madness' Hits 25



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The name may be slightly changed, but the mayhem and the madness remains the same. The Hansen-Haas Memorial Basketball Tournament — formerly the Roger Haas Memorial Tournament — tipped off Friday night in Yankton, with hordes of teams, players, coaches and fans invading town for the 25th annual basketball jamboree. ABOVE: Coaches give final instructions to their Vermillion team before their fifth grade girls' game with the Yankton Culver's Sparx at Yankton Middle School. RIGHT: A Yankton Timberwolves' player tries to knock the ball away from an Elk Point-Jefferson player during seventh grade action Friday at Cimpr Arena. Play continues today at the Summit Activities Center, Mount Marty College's Laddie E. Cimpr Arena and at the Yankton Middle School. For more details on Friday's action, see page 11. For more photos from Friday's opening round of play, see pages 14-15 or visit www.yankton.net/.



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Brad Wenande, area manager for NorthWestern Energy, points out some of the features at the new transmission station being built east of Yankton along Whiting Drive. It's part of a \$20 million project that will nearly double the area's electrical capacity.

New Yankton Transmission Project Nearing Completion

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A nearly \$20 million project by NorthWestern Energy in the Yankton area, set to nearly double the current electrical infrastructure of the community, is progressing toward completion.

Brad Wenande, area manager for NorthWestern Energy, spoke earlier this week at the weekly Yankton Kiwanis meeting and said the first part of the project, a new switchyard located near Napa Junction, is set to be completed in May. The other two components — a new transmission station located on Whiting Drive east of town and a transmission cable that runs between the two — are expected to be online by August.

"The city of Yankton is now served by a single transmission substation located about four miles west of Yankton," Wenande said. "Currently there are two 40 megawatt (MW) lines for a total of 80MW serving the city. In the past during peak usage times, we have seen peaks as high as the mid to upper 60s. The existing infrastructure is approaching capacity, which limits NorthWestern's ability to reliably support increased electrical load growth."

During a tour of the new transmission station

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Museum To Highlight YFD History

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Today, reminders of Yankton's fire-fighting history are scattered throughout the city. It's hoped by October, they'll all be gathered under one roof.

Deputy fire chief Larry Nickles said the idea for a fire museum stemmed from the Yankton Volunteer Fire Department's desire to find a suitable home for some of its historic equipment.

"Off and on throughout the years, we've been talking about a home for our two antique trucks," Nickles said. "Originally it started out for our one antique truck that we use, which is our 1937 Luverne. When we built the new station, a group of guys got together and decided to get the 1925 LaFrance out of the (Dakota) Territorial Museum. They needed the room and we kind of wanted to get the truck out of there and get it running — it had been in there for over 30 years. ... We needed a home for those trucks. We've got one in one station and one in another. One's actually sat outside with the tarp over it. It's nostalgia. It's a lot of history just to leave sitting around. Our idea for a long time has been to show the trucks and display them."

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Heavenly Travels

Nun Leads Final MMC European Tour After Nearly 50 Years

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When she traveled to Paris in 1961, Sister Cynthia Binder arrived in the city at the same time as President John Kennedy and First Lady Jackie Kennedy.

However, the journeys were vastly different, Sister Cynthia said.

"It was a fluke that we arrived in Paris at the same time as John and Jackie (Kennedy)," the Yankton nun said. "They flew on Air Force One. We took a ship and were assigned to steerage. It took us eight days to cross the Atlantic."

"Needless to say, we didn't get the same reception that the Kennedys did when we arrived in Paris," she added with a laugh.

Sister Cynthia's trip was far from her only overseas visit. For more than a half-century, she has led dozens of European tours for Mount Marty College students, alumni and others. She recently returned from her final tour, as she is retiring this spring after 57 years as a faculty member at the Catholic college.

During her travels, she has seen the most stunning sides of Europe. She has led tours of the Vatican, where they saw Pope John Paul II. She has visited Austria, including "Sound of Music" scenes such as the church where the Von Trapps were married. In addition, she has visited great cathedrals, museums and other landmarks.

But she has also led tours of sites marking Europe's darkest moments.

Her groups have visited the beaches of Normandy



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

Sister Cynthia Binder holds an image of Pope Francis, acquired during European travels.

where soldiers gave their lives. They have toured the Auschwitz concentration camp representing man's inhumanity to man. And she has traveled behind the Iron Curtain to witness the grim life of communism.

On the most recent trip, her group became caught in scenes of terrorism. The MMC group visited Paris just

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Student Wins SD State Spelling Bee

ABERDEEN (AP) — An 8th grader from North Sioux City has won the South Dakota National Geographic State Bee.

Dakota Valley Middle School student Damian Herrera beat more than 70 of his fellow South Dakota students Friday.

For winning, Herrera will receive \$100 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to represent South Dakota in the national championship at National Geographic Society headquarters in May.

The first place national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society and a trip to the Galapagos Islands.

National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo WILD will air the final round of the National Geographic Bee Championship at on May 15.

CORRECTION

Due to a publishing error, the *Press & Dakotan* mistakenly ran parts of a previous Daily Record in Friday's edition. Incidents from Wednesday/Thursday are included in today's Record. *The Press & Dakotan* apologizes for this error.