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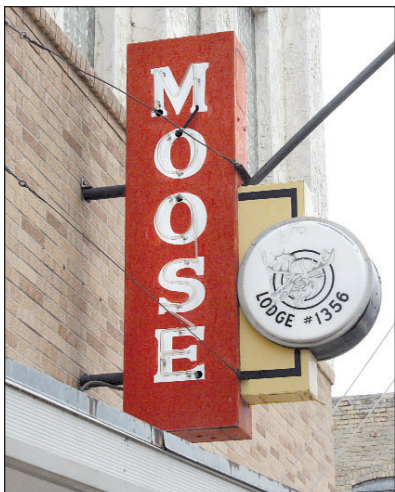
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The Yankton Moose Lodge at 310 Walnut St. closed for good after the Yankton chapter voted to suspend their charter due to financial difficulties.

It's The End Of An Era

Yankton's Moose Lodge Closes Doors

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The Yankton chapter of Moose International is no more after 85 years of operation.

Former lodge administrator Wesley Rye, who's been a member for 43 years, said a few factors led to the lodge's shuttering.

"There were a couple of reasons (for voting to remove the charter), the main one was because we couldn't get a board of officers," Rye said. "It was just something that was hard to keep going with the cash flow and hard to make ends meet."

At last count, there were 127 members of the Yankton lodge. The lodge had been in operation at its current location at 310 Walnut St. since 1959.

Rye said, at this point, the Loyal Order of Moose is in charge of selling the building and other assets associated with the lodge. The sales will be handled by Moose International regional manager Greg Hanson.

Hanson said there isn't a timeline for the liquidation of assets.

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Yankton Co. Burn Ban Still In Effect

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Although the area has received some moisture in recent days, Yankton County's burn ban remains in effect.

"After speaking with fire officials, this approximately 1 inch of rain we got is not enough to change our situation," Yankton County Emergency Manager Paul Scherschligt stated Wednesday. "According to the National Weather Service, we could be back in the high fire danger category of the grassland fire index by Monday or Tuesday. Even though it feels cool and wet outside, with high winds it will dry out fast."

The Yankton County Commission implemented a burn ban last week at the request of county fire officials.

According to the National Weather Service, 1.12 inches of rain was received just southeast of Yankton during the last three days. Tyndall had .77 inches, southeast of Olivet had .92 inches and north of Vermillion had .38 inches.

The burn ban prohibits any open burning within Yankton County.

"Open burning" is defined as any outdoor fire, including but not limited to, campfires, warming fires, charcoal grill fires, or the prescribed burning of fence

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Handling A Threat

Yankton School District Officials Assess Actions In Dealing With Bomb Threat

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The identity of an 18-year-old male who was arrested on suspicion of making a false bomb threat at the Yankton High School (YHS) emerged Wednesday, as well as other details about the Tuesday incident.

The Yankton County Sheriff's Office reported that Tanner Termansen, a YHS senior,

was arrested Tuesday for falsely reporting a bomb threat.

The charge is a Class 6 felony, which is punishable by up to two years in the state penitentiary and/or a \$4,000 fine.

Yankton School District Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle was in Chamberlain Tuesday for a meeting of superintendents to



Kindle

discuss legislative matters when the incident unfolded. He coordinated the response to the threat with YHS Principal Jennifer Johnke. He praised her leadership and the assistance of the Yankton Police Department with the matter.

The incident transpired when a message was found written on a table in the YHS library, according to Kindle.

"This was reported to the librarian, who then reported it to Dr. Johnke," he said. "She immediately called the police department."

The call to the police department was

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On The Grow



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

This weekend's Missouri River Stewardship Festival offers an expanded schedule with the introduction of an outdoors expo at Riverside Park in addition to the school festival, river clean-up and Clean Boat Event. The organizers include (from left) Ranger Dugan Smith with the National Park Service, Will Kennedy with the Boy Scouts of America and Mary Robb (holding a map of the expo stations) with the City of Yankton. Not pictured is Paul Lepisto with the Izaak Walton League of America.

River Events Expand This Year

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So, do you want to kiss a fish?

Each year, hundreds of students enjoy learning about the Missouri River at the school festival in Riverside Park. The event returns Friday, with the fish tank remaining arguably the most popular attraction.

"Our basic message is that the river is a natural resource, and we are working to maintain the river and habitat," said Ranger Dugan Smith of the National Park Service.

Now, hundreds — if not thousands — of adults can also learn more about the river and the great outdoors.

Because of popular demand, an outdoors expo has been added to the weekend known as the Missouri River Stewardship Festival. The annual river clean-up runs from 8-11:30 a.m. Saturday, dovetailing with the expo in Riverside Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition, the Clean Boat Event will run from May 3-10, educating the public on the need to fight invasive species such as the Asian carp and

zebra mussel.

Scoutmaster Kevin Kuhl approached the Missouri River events' planning committee about adding the

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expo. The idea quickly gained momentum, and Saturday's event will offer 33 stations for visitors.

The stations will offer a wide variety of Scouting demonstrations, said Will Kennedy with the Boy Scouts of America.

"We have Scouts coming from Mitchell, Vermillion and Sioux Falls," he said. "We have one Scout troop that was going to have their own expo, but when they heard about this (in Yankton), they decided to come here instead."

However, Kennedy emphasized the expo isn't just for Scouts and is geared toward the general public. The atmosphere is relaxed, with visitors able to roam throughout Riverside Park and stop at stations at their leisure.

"We'll have stations for hiking, backpacking,

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Kicks Off Fund Drive

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With a fundraising push coming to end, Yankton's Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC) on Wednesday celebrated the beginning of new opportunities.

The nonprofit corporation kicked off its three-year "workforce development fund drive" in February to help sustain and enhance its educational efforts, hoping to raise \$200,000 by the end of April. On Wednesday, RTEC announced it had received approximately \$210,000 in total contributions.

"The fund drive has been very successful," said Rick Duimstra, RTEC board chairman, at an open house held at the Technical Education Center to thank investors. "We are very appreciative of the support. This will help RTEC meet the technical needs of the Yankton community and region moving forward."

Duimstra said about \$160,000 in cash donations and pledges had been collected, as well as approximately \$50,000 worth of in-kind contributions. More donations could also be received shortly, he said.

"Things are going extremely well," added RTEC general manager Josh Svatos. "There's a lot of support and a lot of momentum, and we're excited about the possibilities that have been opened up as a result of this fund drive."

In its 10 years in Yankton, RTEC has been involved in the training of more than 2,600 students in the areas of welding, machining, truck driving and maintenance, among others. Numerous partner organizations also have used the facility for programs and courses.

Utilizing the funds secured this year, RTEC will now focus on expanding its involvement with high school students while

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Chase Results In Drug Arrest

From P&D Staff Reports

WAGNER — A high-speed chase in southern Charles Mix County has resulted in the arrest of a Wagner man on drug and eluding charges, according to Sheriff Randy Thaler.

Daryl Jandreau, 37, was traveling in Wagner at approximately 4:15 p.m. Tuesday when a Charles Mix County deputy sheriff attempted to stop a Hyundai vehicle because the registered owner currently has active warrants for arrest.

The vehicle failed to stop, and a chase ensued with the deputy sheriff and a Wagner police officer in pursuit.

The vehicle fled south of Wagner 1 mile, then east 1 mile, then north 3 miles, then west 1 mile, then south again before returning into the Wagner city limits. The pursuit reached speeds of 85 miles per hour.

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Firing Up Creativity

Wanda Clark, left, of Dakota Pottery Supply of Sioux Falls works with Yankton High School junior Mason Blaha in getting a piece of pottery moved quickly to a cover during a Raku kiln demonstration, held Wednesday at YHS. Clark and her husband, Tom, returned to the high school to show students how to create the oven-baked ceramic pottery, which can change color as it's exposed to air. Some of the creations of the students will be featured during this weekend's 19th annual All-School Visual Arts Exhibit at the Yankton Middle School Old Gym. For details, see page 3. (Kelly Hertz/P&D)