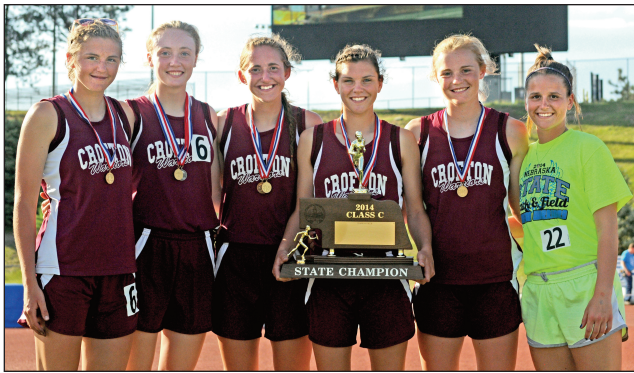




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Memorial Day: Yankton Honors Its Heroes



The color guard salutes the flag Monday during the Memorial Day ceremony in Memorial Park. The program featured patriotic messages and a time for remembering veterans, particularly fallen soldiers.

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Ravnsborg: Sacrifices Must Be Cherished

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Jason Ravnsborg's father didn't receive a hero's welcome upon returning from war. "My father told me how, after spending a year in Vietnam, he was fortunate to come home and soon thereafter was spit upon by a protester," the Yankton veteran told the Memorial Day audience in Memorial Park.

Ravnsborg, an attorney and U.S. Senate candidate, holds the rank of major in the Army Reserve. He has served tours of duty in Germany in 2003, Iraq in 2004-05 and Afghanistan in 2009-10.

The nation has rallied around its veterans in recent years, and Memorial Day provides the opportunity for a hero's welcome, Ravnsborg said.

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from those dark days (of Vietnam), but we must never forget and (must) continue to celebrate the sacrifices our veterans have endured," he said.

The remembrance must go beyond Memorial Day celebrations, Ravnsborg said. Today's military members carry scars long after they return from the battlefield, and the nation must provide them with assistance.

"We need to take care of our veterans when they come home," he said.

Ravnsborg described the stresses endured by military members even long after they return home. He told the story of one



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D
Yankton veteran Jason Ravnsborg provides the keynote address during the Memorial Day program. Ravnsborg, an attorney, is running as a Republican candidate for a U.S. Senate seat from South Dakota.

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Officer Forced To Shoot Attacking Dog

Police: Incident Occurred After Jogger Was Bitten By Pit Bull

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A Yankton police officer shot a pit bull early Monday morning after the dog bit a runner three times and then charged the officer, according to Police Chief Brian Paulsen.

The male runner was bit at 1202 East Eighth Street, with the call coming at 7:39 a.m., Paulsen said.

Two officers responded to the scene. One of the officers went to check the pit bull at 1212 East Eighth Street. The dog became aggressive and charged the officer, who shot the animal.

The dog will be sent today (Tuesday) at the state lab in Pierre for rabies testing, Paulsen said.

A second pit bull was also on the scene and ran for its home after the first dog was shot, the police chief said.

The runner was treated and released from Avera Sacred Heart Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

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S. Dakota's Role In Afghanistan Winding Down

By The Associated Press

RAPID CITY — The role of the South Dakota National Guard in the war in Afghanistan is winding down after nearly 13 years.

The Guard has announced that it has no further deployments scheduled to the region after the end of 2014, the *Rapid City Journal* reported. More than 1,300 guardsmen from the state have been deployed over the course of the war.

"This cycle that we have been in for over a decade, where units have been continually deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan, appears to be coming to a close," said Adjutant General Tim Reisch.

South Dakota currently has 160 Army guardsmen deployed in Afghanistan. The members of the 1742nd Transportation Company are due to return home in November. Thirty-five South Dakotans have died over

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Yankton Police Arrest Driver In Rollover Crash

By The Associated Press

Police in Yankton have arrested the driver in a rollover crash hours after he fled the scene near Worthington.

Sgt. Steve Swenson with the South Dakota Highway Patrol says the 29-year-old man is facing charges of leaving the scene of an accident and failure to report an accident. He has not been formally charged.

Emergency personnel responded to the accident around 11:50 p.m. Sunday. Authorities say the man lost control of the vehicle, went into the ditch, over-corrected and rolled the car.

Swenson says authorities first believed the man had been ejected from the vehicle.

Police say the man is also wanted in connection with another incident.

75 Years Later, YHS Grads Still Reunite



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D
Members of the Yankton High School Class of 1939 pose Monday for a class photo during their 75th anniversary reunion at Walnut Village. The class members in attendance are (left to right) Nathan Steinbach, Cliff "Shorty" Hicks, Inez L. Harris, Bill Cutts and Marian Koletzsky.

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Nathan Steinbach and his Yankton High School classmates couldn't study World War II in history class.

The war hadn't started yet. The YHS Class of 1939 was surviving the Depression, and World War II loomed on the horizon to change their lives forever.

On Monday, five members attended their 75th class reunion at Walnut Village. The classmates included Steinbach, Cliff "Shorty" Hicks, Marian (Thompson) Koletzsky and Inez (Larson) Harris of Yankton, and Bill Cutts of Mankato, Minn.

The five attending Monday's reunion could name others who were alive but unable to attend.

"We had a reunion for our 60th anniversary, and we said, if we can do 60, let's do 75. We didn't know if any of us would be here for our 75th."

NATHAN STEINBACH

"We had a reunion for our 60th anniversary, and we said, if we can do 60, let's do 75," Steinbach said jokingly. "We didn't know if any of us would be here for our 75th."

The class contained 129 graduates, and there's no way of fully knowing how many are still alive,

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