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TROUBLED BRIDGE OVER WATER



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Yankton County officials are worried about the effects scouring could have on this James River bridge along Old Highway 50. Last year's flood washed away much of the riprap protecting the river bank in the area, and plans are being made to replace the rock soon.

Cyber Monday Likely To Be Busiest Online Sales Day

BY MAE ANDERSON
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Bye-bye Black Friday. So long Small Business Saturday. Now, it's Cyber Monday's turn.

Cyber Monday, coined in 2005 by a shopping trade group that noticed online sales spiked on the Monday following Thanksgiving, is the next in a series of days that stores are counting on to jumpstart the holiday shopping season.

It's estimated that this year's Cyber Monday will be the biggest online shopping day of the year for the third year in a row: According to research firm comScore, Americans are expected to spend \$1.5 billion, up 20 percent from last year on Cyber Monday, as retailers have ramped up their deals to get shoppers to click on their websites.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Nov. 26
29 shopping days to Christmas

Officials Take Emergency Measures To Protect James River Bridge

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Although the flood waters of 2011 receded more than a year ago, Yankton County is still paying for the repercussions of that historic event.

At a recent meeting, county commissioners were told that they have an emergency situation at the James River bridge along Old Highway 50, or 309th Street.

"We found some serious scour during our inspection of the bridge on Oct. 19," said Pete Johnson of Johnson Engineering. "We recommend that you put in approximately 1,500 tons of Class C riprap. I think you need to do this on an emergency basis. I sure don't think you want to go into next flood season with a profile that looks like that."

The scour problem endangering the bridge is a long-term one that dates back approximately 20 years and includes erosion of the east river bank, as well as a deepening hole in the river bed just downstream. It was

first discovered in 1994, and riprap was placed in the location that year, as well as in 1996, 1998 and 2002.

"The elevation we placed it to in 2002 was still pretty much there in 2010," Johnson said. "It was the flood of 2011 that did this to us. We didn't inspect it last year. We couldn't have if we wanted to, because the water was so high."

In 2002, approximately 1,700 tons of riprap was laid out along the shore during a week-long effort.

"This is a very similar project," Johnson said. "They'll get a track-mounted excavator down in the channel perched up on the rock. They'll side-dump the rock over the north side and then push it into place with the excavator. That worked very well the last few times."

The issue arises at a time when the county has a consultant investigating long-term solutions to the situ-

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Farmland Sales Brisk Because Of Tax Law Changes

DENVER, Iowa (AP) — Farmers worried about tax increases that would take effect Jan. 1 if Congress can't compromise on the so-called fiscal cliff have helped lead to a frenzy of farmland sales this fall.

The worries about possible increases in capital gains and estate taxes are adding to the normally busy time for farmland sales after harvest in Iowa and Nebraska.

"If there is a chance that you may want to sell your farm, then you should think hard about getting it done before the end of 2012," Des Moines lawyer Bill Hannigan of the Davis Brown firm said to the *Des Moines Register*.

If Congress fails to resolve the "fiscal cliff" before the end of the year, a number of automatic tax increases and spending cuts will be triggered on Jan. 1. That includes capital gains taxes increasing from 15 percent to 23.8 percent, and the allowable de-

duction on estate taxes would drop from roughly \$5 million to \$1 million.

"The tax changes are on everybody's minds," regional sales manager Sam Kain of Farmers National Co. said. "I've been in this business for 30 years and I've never seen it this busy."

Jim Hain, vice president of agricultural sales for the Omaha-based Lund Co., agreed that the possible tax law changes have prompted some people to sell. He said the tax worries, combined with the current high prices, have helped double farmland sales at Lund in the past two years.

"We're the busiest we've ever been historically," Hain said.

At a recent Iowa farmland auction, the bidders didn't need much encouragement to go after the 169 acres of Bremer County farmland that carried a solid corn suitability rating of 87.

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FLOOR PLAN



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

The University of South Dakota's Trevor Gruis (in white) wins a scramble for a loose ball with Waldorf's Kwamaine Johnson (24) during college basketball action Saturday night at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. USD evened its season mark at 3-3 with an 84-59 victory. For more details, see page 7.

Pipeline Leaks Gas In Neb. Field

FAIRMONT, Neb. (AP) — A pipeline spill in southeast Nebraska last week leaked as much as 150 gallons of gasoline in a farm field.

Lincoln television station KOLN-TV reports that San Antonio-based Nu Star Energy confirmed the leak near Fairmont.

The leak in an 8-inch diameter pipeline was discovered Wednesday by the landowner whose field was affected. The landowner reported smelling gasoline fumes.

Nu Star Energy says it immediately shut down the pipeline, which carries gasoline from Geneva to Yankton, and that no water was contaminated. The company says the spill was cleaned up and the line has since been repaired.

The cause of the leak is under investigation.

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