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Monday Morning Mash-Up



Three people were injured in this accident that occurred at the intersection of 19th and Douglas in Yankton at 11:19 a.m. Monday. Two vehicles — a 2012 Buick Lacrosse and a 2002 Chrysler Concorde — collided at the intersection. The individuals were transported at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, according to the Yankton Police Department. Juveniles were involved in the accident, which is currently under investigation. Yankton County emergency responders were also on the scene.

KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Petitions On Minimum Wage Vote Submitted

A Public Vote Will Be Held In The 2014 Election

BY CARSON WALKER
Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — South Dakota Democrats and labor unions said they've gathered more than enough signatures to force a public vote on a minimum wage increase in the state.

Organizers of the petition drive said they're delivering 25,861 signatures to Pierre on Monday, the deadline to get the initiated measure on the November 2014 ballot.

Secretary of State Jason Gant said 15,855 signatures need to be valid, or 5 percent of the total votes cast in the last governor's race.

The measure has three components: raise the minimum wage from the current federally set \$7.25 to \$8.50 an hour; increase the \$2.13 hourly tip wage to half the minimum wage; and tie future increases to the cost of living "so we don't ever have to argue about it again," said Mark Anderson, president/financial secretary of SD-AFL-CIO.



Owen

"For far too long we've been worried about keeping the business climate friendly," he said. "I think it's time we keep South Dakota friendly for the workers."

The increase would represent about \$50 additional per week for a full-time worker, and about 62,000 South Dakotans would get a raise if the measure passes, organizers said.

David Owen, president of the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce & Industry, said the biggest concern for business is tying the minimum wage to the cost of living, since it locks in future cost increases for employers.

Most heads of household already make more than minimum wage, so the true impact on families would be minimal and would

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Area Braces For 1st Taste Of Winter

From P&D Staff Reports

The Yankton area may get its first taste of winter today (Tuesday).

The National Weather Service has issued a winter weather advisory for the area from 10 a.m. this morning until midnight tonight as a soggy storm system rolls in from the west.

At press time, the weather service was forecasting up to 3-5 inches of snow in the immediate area, mostly in the afternoon. While winds are not expected to be a major problem, the wet, slushy nature of the snow may make travel difficult at times, particularly during after-school commutes.

In northeast Nebraska, the advisory runs from 8 a.m. today through midnight. Snowfall of 2-5 inches is possible, with the heaviest snow expected near the South Dakota border.

Cold conditions are expected to continue through Wednesday, with gradual warming headed toward the weekend.

For weather details, see page 2.

Foreign-Investor Visa System Used By Rounds, Daugaard To Fund South Dakota Projects

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Use of the federal EB-5 visa program for attracting foreign investors to South Dakota was done by the current administration of Gov. Dennis Daugaard as well as the previous administration of Gov. Mike Rounds.

The Daugaard administration approved four projects in the past two years for a recruiter to seek foreign EB-5 investors. The approval letters were released Monday. The most recent was dated July 23.

That latest approval came just two months before the Daugaard administration severed its contract with the long-time recruiter, South Dakota Regional Center at Aberdeen. SDRC had been used for years by

the Rounds and Daugaard administration for all EB-5 administration and marketing on behalf of state government.

The EB-5 program allows foreign investors who pay \$500,000 apiece to receive permanent visas to live in the United States if federal qualifications are met. A regional center for EB-5 purposes must receive federal approval.

Examples of South Dakota projects funded at least partially through EB-5 investments in the past decade include numerous dairies; the Northern Beef Packers plant at Aberdeen; the Dakota Provisions turkey processing plant at Huron; the Deadwood Mountain

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ROB NIELSEN/P&D

Stewart Elementary physical education (PE) teacher Lisa Card helps a first grade student learn how to jump-rope. Card is the 2013 recipient of the South Dakota Association for Health, Physical Education Recreation and Dance's Elementary Teacher of the Year award.

Stewart Teacher Honored For Service

BY ROB NIELSEN
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Twenty-nine years ago, Stewart Elementary School physical education (PE) teacher Lisa Card's intent was to teach PE for a few years and eventually go back to school to become a guidance counselor.

But she ended up finding she loved teaching even more.

"When I was first out of college, I wanted to be a PE teacher but I didn't see myself doing this my whole life," Card said. "But I got in here and just got hooked."

Her years of dedication will be honored when she receives the

"I don't really see it as a job so much. The kids love to come to my class — they always have smiles on their faces and that makes it pretty easy for me to smile right back. Half the time I'm playing, too, so it doesn't seem like work to me."

LISA CARD

Elementary Teacher of the Year award from the South Dakota Association for Health, Physical Education Recreation and Dance at its annual state convention in Brookings on Thursday.

The Britton native said she wasn't expecting the award at all, but feels very honored to accept it.

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Remembrance

Fallen Heroes Banners On Display At YMS

BY NATHAN JOHNSON
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As Yankton Middle School (YMS) students walked through a memorial to fallen soldiers Monday afternoon, there was silence.

The school is hosting the South Dakota Fallen Heroes Banner Program this week. The banners have images of the 35 men and women who have given their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"It's amazing how respectful (the students) are when they see it," said

Stephanie Burgeson, a counselor and chairperson of the YMS Veterans Day Committee. "They get the sense that these are people who sacrificed their lives so they could have their freedoms."

Among the fallen heroes memorialized in the display are Charlie Battery soldiers Staff Sgt. Daniel Cuka, Sgt. Allen Kokesh Jr., Sgt. 1st Class Richard Schild and Staff Sgt. Gregory Wagner. National Guard Specialist Dennis Jensen, whose funeral was held in Yankton, is also included.

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A student takes in the South Dakota Fallen Heroes Banner Display at the Yankton Middle School Monday. The program is also open to the public this week.

YSD To Hold Second Strategic Planning Meeting

The second Strategic Planning Meeting for the Yankton School District will be held at the YHS Commons at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13.

A light meal will be served at 6 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more details contact the school administration office.

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TOMORROW: County Commission To Meet

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