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Defending Champion Bucks Earn Trip Back To Dome



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A trio of Yankton defenders pressure Harrisburg quarterback Hunter Headlee, 12, during the second half of their Class 11AA football semifinal game on Friday at Yankton's Crane-Youngworth Field. Yankton's Rayden Terca, not pictured, picked off the pass and returned it for a touchdown, tying the game and helping spark a 19-7 Yankton victory. The Bucks, the defending Class 11AA champions, make their 13th trip to the state finals and their first back-to-back trips since making three straight appearances from 1994-96. For details, see Page 1B.

Coping With Suicide

Community Gathered To
Share Feelings After Tragedy

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in an ongoing series of stories looking at the issue of suicide.

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Every day, approximately 105 Americans die by suicide. This is the second leading cause of death for 15 to 24 year olds throughout the country.

Research shows that there is a strong connection between suicide victims and depression, which is one of the most

difficult mental illnesses to diagnose, due to its many different forms and variety of occurrences. Symptoms may appear to be precipitated by life crises. At other times, they may seem to occur at random.

Suicide not only takes an entire community by surprise, it also brings about questions and concerns. Parents and kids often need a safe space with which to express these feelings.

Community members gathered at Yankton's St. Benedict's Catholic Church last Sunday for an open discussion on the recent youth suicide in the area.



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Obama: 'No' To Pipeline Project

After 7 Years, Keystone
XL Project Is Shot Down
By White House

BY JOSH LEDERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ending a seven-year political saga, President Barack Obama killed the proposed Keystone XL pipeline on Friday, declaring it would have undercut U.S. efforts to clinch a global climate change deal at the center of his environmental legacy.

Obama's decision marked an unambiguous victory for environmental activists who spent years denouncing the pipeline, lobbying the administration and even chaining themselves to tractors to make their point about the threat posed by dirty fossil fuels. It also places the president and fellow Democrats in direct confrontation with Republicans and energy advocates heading into the 2016 presidential election.

The president, announcing his decision at the White House, said he agreed with a State Department conclusion that Keystone wouldn't advance U.S. national interests. He lamented that both political parties had "overinflated" Keystone into a proxy battle for climate change but glossed over his own role in allowing the controversy to drag out over several national elections.

"This pipeline would neither be a silver bullet for the economy, as was promised by some, nor the express lane to climate disaster proclaimed by others," he said.

Although Obama in 2013 said his litmus test for Keystone would be whether it increased U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, his final decision appeared based on other factors. He

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Hartington Man Honored As A Champion For Change

BY LINDA WUEBBEN
P&D Correspondent

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Martin Kleinschmit received a very special invitation recently.

Kleinschmit spent last weekend walking in Michelle Obama's Rose Garden and participating in a round table panel discussion about climate change at the Eisenhower Building, an annex of the White House. He was invited to be part of a group of 12 people who were honored as Champions of Change for sustainable and climate-smart agriculture.

"I was selected as a farmer educator because of my work with a program at the Center for Rural Affairs which worked with beginning farmers and introduced farmers to sustainable farming practices," said Kleinschmit. Some of the panel members were selected for their leadership in the field of carbon sequestration and others were chosen for the educational practices.

Farming is in Kleinschmit's blood and he and wife Linda have lived and farmed the family homestead since 1971. His farmland has been certified organic since 1993

and he has also raised grass-fed beef. In recent years as he looked to retirement, he mentored a neighbor farmer, David Fischer, in the organic farming practices and now rents his farmland to Fischer to continue his legacy.

Over the years Kleinschmit has participated in several projects promoting sustainable agriculture. He was part of an Energy Project through the Center for Rural Affairs and dabbled in solar energy and alternative fuel sources back in the 1970s. He followed that by



PHOTO: LINDA WUEBBEN

Martin Kleinschmit was honored recently at the White House in Washington as a "Champion of Change" for sustainable and climate-smart agriculture. A strong advocate of solar energy, he is shown in front of a solar system he uses in his operation.

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