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new headquarters offers handicapped accessibility, he said, encouraging an open house so the public can tour the new facility.

"The tribal administration building may not be fancy, but it will do until we go to a new tribal hall," he said.

In addition to the chairman, other tribal council members took their oaths of office for two-year terms at Friday's ceremony in the Wagner Armory. The officials included Vice Chairwoman Ida Ashes, Treasurer Leo O'Conner, Secretary Glenford "Sam" Sully and council members Jason Cooke, Nick Cournoyer, Gail Hubbeling, Brenda Zepher and Jody Zepher.

In his prepared remarks, Thurman Cournoyer said he was ready for the challenges of tribal leadership.

"My life prior to deciding to run for chairman has been fairly low key and quiet," he said. "However, it now appears that those days are gone for the time being as I embark on a road I envision will bring policies that I truly hope will bring a better and more prosperous period for the Ihanktonwan Oyate and the tribe as a whole."

The new chairman promised to uphold the tribal constitution and bylaws. He pledged also to recognize legitimate petitions brought to his office requiring General Council (tribal members') attention.

"I will at all times recognize the General Council as the ultimate authority of the tribe in all areas of tribal policy," he said.

He also promised to bring all agreements, contracts, lawsuits and other legislation back to the General Council for its approval and ratification.

"Many tribal laws and policies appear to be legally questionable and will need to be reviewed and revised to protect the general welfare of the tribe and its membership," he said.

All new laws and revisions of current laws will be brought to the general membership for explanation and input, he said. He will also seek to hold at least one general council meeting every month for members to bring issues to the floor for discussion and action if needed.

"Finally, I promise to have a transparent financial administration and do my best to fight tribal corruption and assure



A drum group provides traditional music during Friday's inauguration ceremony for the Yankton Sioux Tribe.

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that the tribe's sovereignty, treaties and self-governing authority is protected and preserved," he said.

Cournoyer pledged always to promote tribal traditions, culture and language for the benefit of current members and future generations.

"I will do my best to remember that I am only a common man with a tremendous responsibility to my Oyate," he said.

In other remarks during Friday's program:

• Ashes, the new vice chairwoman, was overcome with emotion when addressing the audience. She thanked God for her new position and pledged to meet tribal needs.

"I look forward to working with you. My doors will always be open," she told tribal members.

• Robert Cournoyer, the outgoing chairman, said he believes that he has left behind a better reservation and place to live. He cited the casino expansion, completion of the juvenile detention center begun in the 1990s, the new doctors' quarters and the new tribal headquarters.

"We have a lot to be proud of. ... All of us combined have done great things," he said.

However, tribal members must continue the fight against substance abuse,

Cournoyer said.

"Drugs and alcohol are the downfall and have hurt many families," he said. "We need to work really hard to conquer those ills that drag us down. We can do that by working together. If we accomplish that, we are moving forward."

Cournoyer said he will use his time out of office to combat his health issues. However, he hasn't ruled out serving the tribe in some other capacity.

"I may not be chairman, but it doesn't stop me from being involved," he said. "If you are an elected person or a common person, you can make this a better place."

Cournoyer wished the incoming tribal officials good luck in addressing unresolved issues. As Native people, tribal members must show continued compassion in solving problems, he said.

Tribal members must also unite in seeking common ground and working for the common good, Cournoyer said.

"We are a great nation," he said. "As long as we keep that in mind, we will remain a great people."

• Karen Archambeau, the outgoing vice chairwoman, said her father was a tribal official, which prepared her well for her position. She said she gave of herself every day of her two-year term and holds no regrets.

"This is a good day. I'm not sad about leaving (office)," she said.

She advised tribal members to work together and "let rumors fly into the sky." "We need to get along and be united," she said. "We're not promised tomorrow."

• Rosebud Sioux tribal president Rodney Bordeaux, the ceremony's keynote speaker, advised tribal members "to embrace each other" and maintain their history and cultural identity.

He commended the Yankton Sioux for this summer's U.S. Supreme Court decision "which maintained your land and reservation." He urged tribal members to educate the younger generations — and other governments — about treaty rights.

State leaders have shown an interest in better relations, Bordeaux said. "Gov. Dennis Daugaard has put his hand out to tribal leaders — he wants to learn," the Rosebud Sioux leader said.

The Yankton Sioux tribal council has eight new members, ranging in age from the late 20s to the 70s, Bordeaux said. "You have a wide range of leadership," he said.

Education and economic development must remain priorities, Bordeaux said.

"With the budget cuts (by state and federal governments), economic develop-

ment becomes even more important," he said. "We need to have our own businesses and grow from within to provide our own jobs."

The Yankton Sioux hold a strong heritage, Bordeaux said. "Remember, you have a great nation. You are (known as) 'the land of the friendly people.'"

• Garret Drapeau, the Marty Indian School student council president, offered the perspective of the tribe's young generation.

"What is leadership? It's looking to the future and bringing out the best of everyone," he said. "That's all people, even children and the generations yet to come."

The tribe has come a long way on issues such as jurisdiction, water rights, gaming, substance abuse, violence, poverty, law enforcement and social services, Drapeau said.

That leadership must now be passed along to the next generation, he said. "Teach us. Make us strong, make us proud," he said.

• In her welcoming remarks, tribal member Thomasina Red Bird said the new leadership comes ready to serve.

"This administration begins with a strong energy and a willingness to serve the tiospaye," she said, adding that decision-making relies on the elders' teaching and way of life.

The newly-elected officials must be responsive to tribal needs, Red Bird said.

"We ask the leaders to focus on the issues most important to our members and reach out to us," she said. "All of the tribal members are capable of contributing to proper government."

• Butch Felix of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe served as master of ceremonies, providing lighter moments during the program.

Friday's ceremony showed the great responsibility entrusted to tribal leaders, Felix told the audience. "Our greatest resource is our people and those who serve the people," he said.

Felix offered humor throughout Friday's program, and during the lunch he played guitar with numbers ranging from "Elvira" to "How Great Thou Art."

He told the Press & Dakotan that he saw himself providing a valuable role in setting the tone for the inauguration and creating unity among tribal leaders and members.

"During the 1960s and 1970s, these events would get (antagonistic). Now, we are bringing humor to them," he said. "We need to approach this as a time to be happy and celebrate."

YANKTON COURTS

CASES DISPOSED SEPT. 16-22

Avraham M. Fayas, 1009 E. 12th St., Yankton; Disobey traffic signs-not stop, \$114

Tyler Richard Rice, 1207 Bel Air Rd., Yankton; Seat belt violation, \$25
Truette Coleen Huber, 1300 W. 8th St., #18, Yankton; Seat belt violation, \$25

Brandon L. Gray, Norfolk, Neb.; Speeding other roadways, \$116

Todd A. Deville, 104 Privet St., Yankton; Reregister every six months, recharged; Reregister every six months, \$604

Cody Matthew Rolston, Tyndall; Driving under influence-4th of, \$1104 plus 5 years in S.D. State Penitentiary suspended based on conditions of court

Kenneth Leroy Davis, Loretto, Minn.; Speeding other roadways, \$105
Stephan Joseph Eich, Freeman; Overweight on axle, \$177

Derek J. Nielsen, Niobrara, Neb.; Speeding other roadways, \$105

Beverly K. Collins, 1008 E. 8th St., Apt. 3, Yankton; Careless driving, \$125
Wanda L. Dolejsi, 512 South Deer Blvd., Yankton; No drivers license, \$125

Everett Eugene Craft, Gayville; Violations of safety requirements, \$170
Megan Bye, 301 Bunker Ln, #14, Yankton; Speeding other roadways, \$85

Alyssa Catherine Weiland, 904 E. 13th St., #9, Yankton; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, \$270

Laurel N. Hadley, Lincoln, Neb.; Open alcoholic bev container accessible in vehicle, \$120
Malek Kerbino Tap, Norfolk, Neb.; Impersonation to deceive law enforcement officer, \$384

Aaron Michael Holtz, Aberdeen; Obstruct police, jailer or firefighter, dismissal-reduction; Resisting arrest, dismissal-reduction by prosecutor; Disorderly conduct, \$200 plus 14 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court

Jeffrey Lee Gratzfeld, 415 W. 15th Street, #28, Yankton; Possession controlled substance, recharged; Poss two ounces of marijuana or less, recharged; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed-motion by prosecutor

paraphernalia, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Seat belt violation, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Possession controlled substance, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Poss two ounces of marijuana or less, \$455 plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court

Joshua Dean Lundgren, 306 1/2 E. 5th St., Yankton; Poss two ounces of marijuana or less, \$455

Matthew Dean Zepf, Springfield; Driving under influence-2nd of, \$643 plus 60 days in jail with 50 days suspended based on conditions of court

Thera Ann Sherman, 1021 Walnut St., #A7, Yankton; Petty Theft-1st degree-more \$400, \$166 plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court

Vincent Michael Pinkelman, Wynot, Neb.; Driving under influence-2nd of, \$643 plus 60 days in jail with 50 days suspended based on conditions of court

Joshua Dean Lundgren, 306 1/2 E. 5th St., Yankton; Possession controlled substance, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Poss two ounces of marijuana or less, \$455

Gunner Ray Hickey, Chamberlain; Poss two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed-reduction; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, \$500

Justin Dean Prairiechicken, 617 Broadway Ave., Yankton; Domestic violence simple assault, dismissed-reduction; Disorderly conduct, \$170 plus 14 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court

Jarred Thomas Hysell, 103 Mack St., Yankton; Poss two ounces of marijuana or less, \$455; Use or possession of drug Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed-motion by prosecutor

Thomas Arlen Crowe, 801 Mulberry St., Yankton; Driving under influence-2nd of, \$643 plus 75 days in jail with 50 days suspended based on conditions of court; No drivers license, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Flashing red/yellow light, dismissed-motion by prosecutor

Mason Scot Eide, 128 Homestead

Ln., Yankton; Driving under influence-2nd of, dismissed-reduction; Driving under influence-1st of, \$443

Megan Lee Buller, Brookings; Reckless driving, \$443

Emma Germaine Sittengrow, 1110 Ferdig Ave., #1, Yankton; Domestic violence simple assault, dismissed-reduction; Disorderly conduct, \$166 plus 14 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court

Kathleen June Crowe, Sioux Falls; Driving with revoked (not suspended) license, \$384

Timothy Joseph Pulice, 1118 W. 9th, Yankton; Grand theft, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Grand theft, dismissed-motion by prosecutor

Tyrinn Dale Andersen, Sioux Falls; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$120 plus 14 days in jail

Tyrinn Anderson, Sioux Falls; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$120 plus 14 days in jail

Tyrinn Anderson, Sioux Falls; Fleeing from officer on foot, \$60

Tyrinn Anderson, Sioux Falls; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$120 plus 14 days in jail

James Allen Davidson, 301 1/2 E. 13th St., Yankton; Fail to maintain financial responsibility, \$130; No drivers license, \$120

Brandon William Fritz Leslie, 2200 Douglas, #10, Yankton; Petty theft 2nd degree-\$400 or less, \$166 plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court

Katie Ann Baker, 1300 W. 8th St., Yankton; Failure to yield right of way, \$120

Richard Gartner, Mission Hill; Speeding other roadways, \$105; Seat belt violation, dismissed-motion by prosecutor

Chandler Ulysses Edwards, Scotland; Renewal registration during assigned month, dismissed-motion by prosecutor

P. Mattig A Marichu, Navarre, Fla.; Speeding other roadways, \$119

June Sherell Culp, Salem; Petty theft 2nd degree-\$400 or less, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Vandalism-\$400 less-3rd degree, \$66 plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court

Melvin Dean Birger, 31110 Walleys Dr., #116, Yankton; Municipal speeding, \$79

Deborah L. Grier, Bigbee, Ariz.; Failure to make proper stop at stop intersection, \$120

Jimmie Mayer, 415 W. 15th St., Yankton; Pet violations-vicious animal, \$110

Diane Marie Rolston, 204 Green St., Yankton; Speeding other roadways, \$119

Charlie Quarin Chen, 706 Douglas, Yankton; Disobey traffic signs-not stop, \$114

Brooks Clayton Ugofsky, 43394 310th St., Yankton; Seat belt violation, \$25

Timothy L. Kenney, 2606 Mulligan Dr., Yankton; Speeding other roadways, \$105

Timothy Roy Hora, Freeman; Speeding other roadways, \$119

Nathan Patrick Dimmer, 1702 Pearl St., Yankton; Speeding other roadways, \$119

Alec J. Sprakel, 3308 Mulligan Dr., Yankton; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$120

Ryan Seiler, 1114 W. 9th St., #11, Yankton; Exhibition driving, \$120

Olivia Hopewell, 1204 W. 11th St., Yankton; Pet violations-barking

dog, \$85

Duane Edmund Dohn, 2204 West-ern Ave., Yankton; Disobey traffic signs-not stop, \$114

Patrick Wesslen, Lincoln, Neb.; Open alcoholic bev container accessible in vehicle, \$120

Steven Weber, Plymouth, Minn.; Speeding on state highway, \$120

Jess Tramp, Mission Hill; Exhibition driving, \$114

Michael T. Elvasky, Rosemount, Minn.; No alternative permit before moving vehicle, \$170

Ashley Elizabeth Stahl, Bruce; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$114

Jimmie Lee Mayer, 415 W. 15th St., #24, Yankton; Pet violations-animal at large dog/cat, \$71

Judy Kay Sagmoe, 113 Case St., Yankton; Disobey traffic signs-not stop, \$114

Dale W. White, 618 E. 15th St., Yankton; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$120

Leona Marie Cammock, 2408 Burleigh St., Yankton; Speeding other

roadways, \$145

Lawrence D. Crane, Denison, Iowa; Expired annual inspection, \$170

Alegria Santos, Sioux City, Iowa; Open alcoholic bev container accessible in vehicle, \$120

Adam Louis Corbett, Gayville; Fail to maintain financial responsibility, \$130; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, \$270; Seat belt violation, dismissed-motion by prosecutor

Alan L. Larson, Fordyce, Neb.; Speeding other roadways, \$105

William Christopher Campbell, Hartford; Speeding on state highway, \$105

Abdul Sami Qazi, Miami, Fla.; Speeding on state highway, \$105

Lisa G. Olson, 1003 Memory Lane, Apt #2, Yankton; Parking/standing violation, \$102

Helena Faith Kasdorf, Volin; Speeding other roadways, \$145

Andrew Scott Klundt, Sioux Falls; Speeding on state highway, dismissed-not timely filed

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