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Pointers From A Picker



PHOTO: THE HISTORY CHANNEL/AMY RICHMOND Mike Wolfe, left, and Frank Fritz are the stars of The History Channel's hit series "American Pickers." Fritz will be in Yankton this week to speak at the "Wire Me Awake" conference. The event features speakers who have found success in the Upper Midwest and will share their stories with participants.

'American Pickers' Star Featured At 'Wire Me Awake'

BY NATHAN JOHNSON

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When Frank Fritz of The History Channel's hit series "American Pickers" visits Yankton this week, he won't have much time to look for antiques, but he does plan to network.

"Networking is the most important," he told the *Press & Dakotan* during a telephone interview last week during a break in shooting the fourth season of the show. "It's not what you know, it's who you know." It's fitting then that he will be the headlining

speaker at Thursday's "Wire Me Awake" conference.
The one-day event is being held at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Complex with the goal of highlighting people who are doing things in the Upper Midwest that many wouldn't think are possible — such as developing a popular cable television series.

Organizers Ben Hanten, Chad Ekroth, Thomas

Ritchie and Dan Specht have said another primary focus of "Wire Me Awake" is allowing participants to network with people who have talents that may complement their own.

Fritz said television has given his business wider exposure but hasn't necessarily changed the nature of what he did prior to the launch of "American Pickers"

"I get 600 emails a day from people wanting to sell us stuff, but 585 of those are just people who want to sell you a stove or something like that," he stated. "Most of them don't pan out."

To this day, Fritz depends upon hitting the pave-

"I've made a living off of going to coffee shops in little towns in Iowa, Wisconsin and elsewhere," he said. "You find a building, and you go to the coffee shop to

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KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Despite the drought stunting many crops and forcing some fields to be cut early, it's still harvest season throughout the region. This farmer wades his way through the dust to finish off this soybean field in northern Yankton County Saturday. Dry conditions are expected to prevail for the start of the week with seasonably warm temperatures. But a dramatic cool-down and maybe — MAYBE! — a chance of rain is expected Thursday. For more weather details, see page 2.

Career Fair Offers Hope For Area **Jobseekers**

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The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation's Yankton office is hoping to connect area jobseekers and employers this week as it presents the second annual Yankton Ca-

All jobseekers from Yankton and surrounding counties are encouraged to attend the free event, which will be held from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at the Technical Education Center at 1200 W. 21st. St.

"There will be employers present willing to hire and ready to hire, and we want jobseekers that are job-ready to be out there to meet that challenge," said Mike Murphy, the office's veterans' representative.

The fair will feature more than 40 local and regional employers from the area, including Yankton, Hutchinson, Bon Homme, Charles Mix and Clay counties. A wide range of employment sectors will be represented, including manufacturing, finance, medicine, service, corrections and retail. Businesses that have confirmed their attendance include Wildcat Manufacturing of Freeman, Fair Manufacturing of Menno, POET Research Center of Scotland and Polaris Industries of Vermillion.

Representatives from the employers will be present to provide information and discuss potential employment opportunities. Several employers will also be interviewing for specific job openings. Individuals attending the fair are asked to bring work histories and resumes and to be prepared to complete job applications and communicate employment goals.

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U.S. Military Deaths In Afghanistan Hit 2,000

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The killing of an American serviceman in an exchange of fire with allied Afghan soldiers pushed U.S. military deaths in the war to 2,000, a cold reminder of the perils that remain after an 11-year conflict that now garners little public interest at home.

The toll has climbed steadily in recent months with a spate of attacks by Afghan army and police — supposed allies — against American and NATO troops. That has raised troubling questions about whether countries in the U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan will achieve their aim of helping the government in Kabul and its forces stand on their own after most foreign troops depart in little more than two years.

The tally is modest by the standards of war historically, but every fatality is a tragedy and 11 years is too long," said Michael O'Hanlon, a fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington. "All that is internalized, however, in an American public that has been watching this campaign for a long time. More news-

worthy right now are the insider attacks and the sense of hopelessness they convey to many.

Attacks by Afghan soldiers or police — or insurgents disguised in their uniforms — have killed 52 American and other NATO troops so far this year.

We have to get on top of this. It is a very serious threat to the campaign," the U.S. military's top officer, Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, said about the insider

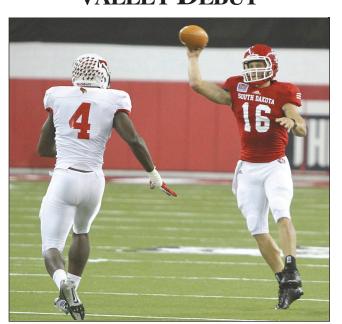
The top commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, Gen. John Allen, was blunter.

"I'm mad as hell about them, to be honest with you," Allen told CBS' "60 Minutes" in an interview to be broadcast on Sunday. "It reverberates everywhere across the United States. You know, we're willing to sacrifice a lot for this campaign, but we're not willing to be murdered for it."

The insider attacks are considered one of the most serious threats to the U.S. exit strategy from the country. In its latest incarnation, that strategy has focused on training Afghan forces to take over security nation-

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VALLEY DEBUT



DAVID LIAS/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK

University of South Dakota quarterback Josh Vander Maten (16) lofts a pass over Illinois State defensive end Nate Palmer Saturday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. USD made its official debut in the Missouri Valley Football Conference, dropping a 34-31 decision to the unbeaten and FCS 12th ranked Redbirds. For details on the game, see page 11.

Neb. Utility Expects To Rely On Coal, **Nuclear, Gas**

KEARNEY, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska utilities will likely continue to rely heavily on coal, natural gas and nuclear power to produce electricity until someone develops a cost-effective way to store

Industry experts discussed the state's energy outlook at a conference in Kearney last week. Nebraska Public Power District President and CEO Pat Pope says coal, natural gas and nuclear remain popular sources of electricity because they are reliable and economical.

Nebraska's biggest and mostefficient power plant is Gerald Gentleman near Sutherland. That plant burns low-sulfur coal from Wyoming, and Pope says even when natural gas was cheap, electricity from Gerald Gentleman was cheaper.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor Jerry Hudgins says the key to increasing the use of wind and solar power is to develop a good way to store electricity.

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