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VP Set For McGovern Service

Sioux Falls Braces For A Legion Of Current, Former Political Figures

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SIoux FALLS — Vice President Joe Biden is among a bevy of current and former politicians expected at services in South Dakota on Thursday and Friday to honor the life of former U.S. Sen. and one-time presidential hopeful George McGovern.

ern. McGovern, who rallied against the Vietnam War as a senator and later lost his 1972 presidential bid to Republican Richard M. Nixon, died Sunday at a Sioux Falls hospice. He was 90.

Officials and businesses in Sioux Falls are bracing for hundreds — if not thousands — of people to descend on South Dakota's largest city to pay their respects.

GEORGE
McGOVERN
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two served together in the Senate during the 1970s and early 1980s.

"I was honored to serve with him, to know him, and to call him a friend ... Above all, George McGovern was a generous, kind, honorable man," Biden said in an emailed statement Sunday.

The White House confirmed Wednesday that Biden would take part in a Thursday prayer service at the First United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls. The

Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., is scheduled to speak at the 6:30 p.m. service, preceded by a public viewing from 1 to 6 p.m.

Funeral services for McGovern are set for 1 p.m. Friday at the Mary Sommervold Hall of the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science in Sioux Falls, which seats 1,800 people. A private burial will take place at a later date at Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

McGovern family spokesman Steve Hildebrand said the family will not an-

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Corps Set To Discuss River Plan Next Week In S.C.

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Amidst one of the worst drought years in history, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host a series of meetings next week on its draft Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for the Missouri River basin.

The Sioux City meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center, 300 Third Street.

Other meetings next week include Fort Peck, Mont., on Monday; Pierre and Bismarck, No. Dak., on Tuesday; and St. Joseph, Mo., and Columbia, Mo., on Thursday.

The circumstances surrounding the upcoming public meetings represent a dramatic turnaround from last year, when record releases created historic Missouri River flooding.

For that reason, the public holds a special stake in attending the upcoming meetings, said Jody Farhat, chief of water management for the Missouri River Basin.

"With basin conditions remaining dry and a fall forecast of continuing warmer, drier conditions, we encourage stakeholders to attend these meetings," she said in a news release. "We can answer their questions about our planned operation scenarios and any potential conservation measures that may be necessary in 2013, as well as what those impacts might mean to them."

The public meeting will include a presentation from the Corps regarding 2012 operations. Corps officials will also outline plans for operating the reservoir system in 2013. The pre-

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A semi travels past a sign east of Gayville Wednesday warning that Highway 50 has been reduced to two-lane traffic for a 10 mile stretch. Officials believe work on the project should be finished by Thanksgiving.

Work On Highway 50 Construction Project Expected To Be Finished By Thanksgiving

BY NATHAN JOHNSON
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Highway 50 between Gayville and Vermillion will be back to four lanes by Thanksgiving, according to a South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) official.

"The pavers have got about 7 1/2 miles done out of 10. They're moving along pretty good," said Ron Peterson, the Yankton-area engineer for the SDDOT. "We're hearing the asphalt shoulder contractor will be moving in next week, so we could potentially have it open a little before Thanksgiving."

One way or another, the highway will be back to four lanes before the onset of winter, he stated. The eastbound lanes of Highway 50 have handled head-to-head traffic during the project.

"We do not allow them to run head-to-head traffic all winter," Peterson said. "It's impossible to move snow and maintain safe travel under those conditions."

PCIRoads, LLC, of St. Michael, Minn., was awarded a \$12.98 million bid to do the project earlier this year. The firm edged out five other contenders for the project whose bids ranged from \$13.21 million to \$13.69 million.

The original asphalt bed on the westbound lanes of Highway 50 dates back to the 1930s, according to Peterson. It has had some overlays in the meantime. Despite having good weather conditions this year, Peterson said PCIRoads is behind schedule to

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Woman Takes Aim At Bullying

Local Campaign Using Social Media To 'Reach Out' And Help Others

BY DEREK BARTOS
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During her days as a student in Yankton, Taylor Bowker always tried to reach out to those she thought she could help.

"Whenever there was a new kid, or if there was somebody alone, I would be the person to talk to them and make them feel comfortable," Bowker said. "And anybody who was going through a hard time, I would always be there to talk to them."

Now, she's looking for more people like her.

The 20-year-old Yankton resident earlier this month started an anti-bullying campaign, "Reach Out — It Only Takes One," with the hopes of bringing together people interested in fight-

ing all types of bullying.

"It's a campaign dedicated to those people who reach out," she said.

Bowker said her idea has been in the making for a few years, and with October being Anti-Bullying Month, she felt it was the perfect time to launch the campaign.

She said her first step was to create a Facebook page, with the goal of spreading her message and gathering written and visual support.

"Part of my campaign is pictures of people, without any Photoshop or makeup, holding up a 'Reach Out' sign, showing their support," she said.

Bowker also has several videos on YouTube about her



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Taylor Bowker of Yankton recently started "Reach Out — It Only Takes One," an anti-bullying campaign dedicated to individuals who reach out to people in need. Bowker said her ultimate goal is to create a volunteer outreach program where bullied students can get support from others close to their own age.

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Allen Wants To Represent Families As D18 State Senator

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part of our series of profiles on Yankton County candidates in the November election. Today, we present the first of our State Senate candidate profiles.

NAME: David L. Allen
FAMILY: Son David Jr. Daughter Emerson
EDUCATION/OCCUPATION: Owner Dave Emerson LLC, Allen Electric

1. Why do you want to be a state senator?

To give Yankton County families, and the future of South Dakota a voice in Pierre. Agriculture and Business have great representation, what is needed is more family representation that ensures the best interest of the child is TRULY protected. Both parents have the equal right and responsi-



Allen

bility to their children and making sure their future is one full of opportunity and prosperity. My want to be in state government is developed from the years of talking with people about their concerns. In many cases I managed to contact legislators and gained an answer and understanding that I delivered back to those to help them through their troubles. I enjoyed being involved and helping them bring their situations to light.

2. With an initiated measure on

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at the Riverfront Event Center, on Wednesday, October 31 from 3:00-5:00pm and have your picture taken for spotted.yankton.net It may also be the featured photo in Thursday's printed edition.

