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Area County Lifts Ban

Burning Again Permitted In Bon Homme Following Snowfall

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TYNDALL — Thanks to Thursday's snowfall, Bon Homme County has lifted its burn ban in place since mid-July.

"We lifted the ban, but we're asking people to burn with caution," said Emergency Manager Jon Vavruska. The area received its first significant snowfall early

Thursday. Amounts of 2 inches were recorded north-northeast of Tyndall, according to the National Weather Service.

In neighboring counties, Yankton recorded a half-inch to an inch of snowfall, while Tripp recorded 3 inches and Dante 2 1/2 inches.

All of southeast South Dakota, along with north-east Nebraska, has remained in exceptional drought — the worst category — for much of the year. Area

counties have also been covered by red-flag warnings for much of the summer and early fall because of the high fire dangers.

Prior to Thursday's snowfall, Yankton was running about 13 inches of precipitation below normal since April 1, according to the state crop report.

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AP PHOTO/NATI HARNIK

Vice President Joe Biden speaks at a prayer service for former Democratic U.S. senator and three-time presidential candidate George McGovern at the First United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls, S.D., Thursday, Oct. 25, 2012. McGovern died Sunday in his native South Dakota at age 90.

Biden:

McGovern 'Modern Democratic Party' Father

BY BRIAN BAKST AND KRISTI EATON
Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — In a stirring tribute Thursday to former Sen. George McGovern, Vice President Joe Biden hailed the one-time presidential nominee as the "father of the modern Democratic Party" for his forceful stand against the Vietnam War and for helping open the party to more women, young people and minorities.

Biden's 25-minute reflection capped a day of remembrance to the South Dakota icon, who carried his anti-war sentiment to his party's nomination in a 1972 race he would lose in a historic landslide to Republican President Richard Nixon.

Despite the loss, Biden said McGovern summoned public restlessness with the war and helped bring about its end before "so much more blood and so much more treasure would have been wasted."

"The war would never have ended when it did. It would never have ended how it did," Biden said, his voice rising as he turned his body toward McGovern's daughters. "Your father gave courage to people who didn't have the courage to speak up to finally stand up. Your father stood there and

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A WINTRY WELCOME



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

These Wausa fans bundled up as the arrival of the Nebraska football playoffs was greeted with wintry conditions Thursday. Approximately 3 inches of snow fell in Wausa, forcing crews to clear the field of snow before the hometown Vikings could host Bancroft-Rosalie in the first round of the Class D2 playoffs. For results from Thursday's games, see page 7A.

Commission Tables Off-Road Vehicle Ban

BY NATHAN JOHNSON
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The South Dakota Transportation Commission decided Thursday to table a proposed closure of several ditches in Yankton County to off-road vehicles.

South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) officials brought forward the proposed ban due to damage to the right-of-ways and safety concerns.

"The commission indicated Thursday they wanted the (SDDOT) and a local riders group to work on possible solutions," said Kristi Sandal, a

spokesperson for the SDDOT.

The areas that were proposed for closure were:

- Highway 50 from Ferdig Avenue to Belair Road, from near mile marker 385 to near mile marker 388 in the north ditch; and
- Highway 52 from Highway 50 to West City Limits Road, from near mile marker 332 to near mile marker 342 in both the north and south ditches.

According to the SDDOT, off-road vehicles have damaged vegetation and caused ditch erosion in the aforementioned stretches.

Ditch closures do not apply to snowmobiles, off-road vehicles used

in normal agricultural operations and service vehicles in the line of duty for utility companies.

State law gives the Transportation Commission or a board of county commissioners the authority to prohibit the operation of off-road vehicles in a highway ditch along any section of highway under its jurisdiction.

The Yankton County Commission is currently working toward banning off-road vehicles along Deer Boulevard south of Highway 52.

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage

On The Job

Honored GF&P Employee Sees Both Sides Of Department

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part of the Press & Dakotan's monthly series spotlighting occupations, tasks and duties in our coverage area.

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The 2012 South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GF&P) Seasonal Employee of the Year award was recently given to a local worker.

Brian Odens has spent the last two summers working at the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area near Yankton. He has been involved both in management and maintenance in his two seasons working at Lewis and Clark.

"The State of South Dakota has a seasonal employee award they give out each year," Odens said. "Last year I worked on the maintenance side of the internship. I worked with the custodial guys and maintenance crews to fix anything that needed to be fixed and tending to those issues on the grounds that needed work."

This past summer, Odens saw a different side to working at Lewis and Clark when he worked as the park manager intern.

"I dealt more with management issues like dealing with the public and helping to delegate jobs to park rangers and other staff members," he said. "One of the favorite parts of the job that I like most is working outdoors and work-



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Hunhoff Seeks To Keep S.D. Moving In The Right Direction

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

NAME: Jean Hunhoff
FAMILY: Husband Dan, children Matt, Nick, Abbey and Paul and grandchildren Kellan and Sievelan
EDUCATION/OCCUPATION: Registered Nurse - Corporate Compliance Officer Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Served in the Legislature for 12 years, six years in the House and six years in the Senate

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



Hunhoff

I have a passion and commitment to public service. Serving in the Legislature provides the opportunity to represent the voice of District 18 in the decision making that impacts the State of South Dakota. As a legislator, I am actively engaged in moving South Dakota in the direction that will continue to meet the needs of its citizens.

2. With an initiated measure on the 2012 general election bal-

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Imming Feted As 'Voice Of The Jacks'



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

WNAX sportscaster Steve Imming covered hundreds of South Dakota State University games, and he will be recognized this weekend in the non-alumnus category of its Distinguished Alumni program.

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BROOKINGS — Steve Imming played a major role at South Dakota State University sports events, but many people had no idea what he looked like.

Oh, but they knew his voice.

The sportscaster for Yankton radio station WNAX covered Jackrabbit football and men's basketball games for two decades before stepping down from the post last year. His voice became intimately linked with the Jacks' fortunes throughout the Midwest thanks to WNAX's powerful five-state signal. And with the advent of the Internet, his voice went global.

Imming never attended SDSU, but this weekend he will be recognized with the Distinguished Alumni. He will receive the non-alumnus award for service to South Dakota during Hobo Days homecoming activities.

"During past Hobo Days, I was usually pre-occupied with preparing to broadcast the game. I didn't see anything on Saturday morning," he said. "Now, I'll be there on Friday and see the parade on Saturday. Actually, I'll be in the parade!"

Imming, a St. Louis native and Creighton University graduate, ar-

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from **3:15-5:00pm** and **have your picture taken for**
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