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The spillway at Gavins Point Dam wasn't open Thursday, but that didn't stop water from making its way through. High winds caused waters from Lewis and Clark Lake to splash over the spillway gates, but it didn't seem to bother the fishermen who took their boats to the shadows of the gates. Thursday's chilly northwest winds gusted up to 33 miles per hour at times at the Yankton Airport. It will still be breezy and chilly today (Friday), with a chance of light showers and perhaps even a few snowflakes. For weather details, see page 2A.

Shutdown Fallout Is Assessed

Area Officials Look To Make Up For Lost Time

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Steve Thede and other federal employees may get back pay for the shutdown that ended Wednesday night. But there's one thing they can't recover — lost time resulting in a pile-up of work.

Thede serves as the National Park Service's (NPS) interim superintendent for the Missouri National Recreational River (MNRR), headquartered in Yankton. The seven MNRR employees were furloughed, shutting down not only the office but all facets of the operation.

"This cost us in terms of lost production," he said. "Fortunately, we are getting paid for that time, but the public didn't get two weeks of work from us."

Other federal agencies are also gearing up for post-shutdown life.

The Lake Andes game refuge, part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has re-opened to the public, said staff member Jared Newton. During the shutdown, the office, refuge and waterfowl production areas were closed. Now, everything is up and running.

Not all federal agencies were closed this month.

Because of its essential nature, Gavins Point Dam near Yankton continued its operations, said operations project

U.S. Senate Candidates Differ Sharply On Shutdown

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The U.S. Senate candidates from South Dakota sharply disagree on the recent government shutdown and how to tackle the nation's budget woes.

The lone Democrat in the race, Rick Weiland of Sioux Falls, blamed the Republicans for the shutdown, calling it and the default threat harmful to the nation.

"Even before the shutdown, I was opposed to it," he said. "I thought it was a reckless and irresponsible move."

Weiland calling the GOP beholden to the "blackmail wing" of its party.

"South Dakotans are fed up with political games. Holding your own government hostage to get your way is the ultimate political game," he said. "I pledged never to play that game, and to fight the big money special interests who are electing these extremists."

Weiland pledged not to close the federal government, adding that the GOP candidates have declined to do so.

"I think every candidate in the country ... should take a pledge never to use the threat of a government shutdown or the threat of defaulting on our good faith and credit to get

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New Info. Out On 1971 Cold Case

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A mechanical test points away from foul play being a factor in the 1971 disappearance of two girls whose car was found last month, but investigators will weigh other evidence before drawing a conclusion, South Dakota's attorney general said Thursday.

The 1960 Studebaker was in third gear, the highest, Marty Jackley said.

"That evidence, standing alone, would not be consistent with foul play," he said. "Being in neutral would be consistent with foul play."

"I think we need to be cautious and look at the entire file and all the evidence that's been discovered."

Jackley also said a forensic pathologist in Sioux Falls confirmed that skeletal remains found inside the car after its discovery in September are

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Program Offers Help For Insurance Marketplace

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South Dakotans with questions about the Affordable Care Act have new allies. According to Kim Jones, statewide coordinator for the South Dakota Navigator Coalition, a navigator program has been set up to assist others.

"The navigator program was initiated through a grant provided by the Department of Health and Human Services to train and fund people to help people through the process of enrolling (in the healthcare marketplace)," Jones said. "We do a lot of education and outreach so that people understand what the program entails. And if they do need some assistance with the enrollment process, we're also there to help them with that."

Jones said the state currently has 14 certified ACA outreach and enrollment



Bolander

held at the Yankton Community Library on Tuesday Oct. 22, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lizzy Bolander, navigator through the Rural Office of Community Services (ROCS), said their job is simply to give people the facts of the law and help them find the most affordable plans.

"We're unbiased and all we do is give information about the marketplace and

specialists, or navigators, with dozens more in training. Among the duties of the navigator program is to hold enrollment events, where navigators will help people enroll at various locations across the state. One such outreach event will be

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Yankton Area Transportation Concerns Aired For Study

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Are there ways to improve transportation options for Yankton-area residents?

That subject was explored Thursday during several meetings with area citizens held at the National Field Archery Association.

Although the sessions were arranged by Yankton Transit as part of its requirements to attain federal money, the scope of the discussions were not limited to the publicly-funded entity.

"This Coordinated Public

Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan is an effort to look at various transportation providers and human services agencies in the community to see how they can work together to improve transportation services for their clients and the general public by identifying transit options, as well as other funding sources to provide increased services," said Kelly Shawn of RLS & Associates, which was hired by Yankton Transit to assemble the plan.

According to Laura Brown, also of RLS, the planning process is just as important as

the document that will result from it.

"It's important to have a solid, structured plan," she said.

RLS expects to issue its final report to Yankton Transit in mid-December. It will provide a comprehensive picture of the transportation services and needs in the area and offer recommendations for improvement.

Approximately a dozen people attended an early afternoon session Wednesday and relayed their transportation concerns.

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Kelly Shawn of RLS & Associates moderated a public meeting Thursday to gauge existing transportation services in Yankton and the need for additional services.

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