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Deisha Medicine Horn, an eighth-grade student from Wagner, listens to the heartbeat of Jane the parrot during one of the breakout sessions at Mount Marty College's "Women in Science" event in Yankton Tuesday. During this session led by veterinarian and MMC professor Dr. Nancy Saunders (who is holding Jane), students also listened to human and canine heartbeats. (This parrot had a rapid heartbeat, which students said sounded like distant thunder through the stethoscope.) The event, which introduced girls to possible careers in science, brought in students from more than a dozen area schools.

Community Comes Together To Help Wakonda Man Bring In Harvest

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WAKONDA — "Kindness, just kindness — I know if you reversed the roles, Doug would do the same thing for me."

Stated by friend and neighbor Donnie Peterson, this comment summed up the feelings of more than 30 friends, neighbors and family members who turned up Tuesday to harvest more than 400 acres of corn and beans for Doug Ganschow and his wife, Pam.

Ganschow was diagnosed with incurable Stage 4 Sarcomatoid Renal Cell Carcinoma (cancer of the kidney) in July. The cancer has now spread to other parts of his body. While he is resting comfortably at home, it left the issue of how to get his crops out of the field.

The answer: call on your neighbors — it is what



SHAUNA MARLETTE/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK
Friends and neighbors came together on Tuesday to help Doug and Pam Ganschow harvest their crops. In all, more than 30 people turned up to help on Tuesday, with countless other hours going into preparing for a benefit planned for this Saturday.

people in the community of Wakonda and the region do for each other.

"I don't think I can even think about what it means for all of these people to just drop everything and come and help, let alone put it into words," said friend Joan

Huot. "Pam and Doug's son and my husband got together last week and talking about what they should do about the crops. They had planned on having the combining done (Wednesday), but they heard it was going to rain so they changed it to today."

It was a full day in the fields given freely to honor and help a friend, said many.

"To give up a day where it is not raining and you could be in your own fields — I feel like it is amazing, but dad would have done the same," said Ganschow's daughter, Staci Larson. "It is very humbling. You realize how important your neighbors are. I know that even this morning, they were turning down combines because Robert (Ganschow's son) said they don't need anymore."

Peterson said, in his mind, this day was for Doug and Pam.

"It is something that small town communities have done for years," he said. "There is always another day to get in the field. Doug's days are numbered, mine are still to come, I feel. We will get him done first."

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County Settles On Road Funding

Other Funds To Be Tapped To Make Short-Term Repairs

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The Yankton County Commission has an idea of how the road budget will play out in 2016, but the board is still searching for a long-term solution.

On the heels of a referendum defeat last week of a levy for road and bridge repairs, commissioners voted 3-2 Tuesday to take the necessary \$1.5 million from the savings reserve fund to cover the road budget, along with applying \$1.1 million set aside by the last commission specifically for bridges. Commissioners Debra Bodenstedt and Don Kettering voted against the measure due to concerns over taking money from the general fund.

Commissioner Donna Freng pointed out this was separate of the \$1.5 million the proposed levy would've raised.

"This is not the \$1.5 million that we hoped to get from the levy," Freng said. "This is where we would've been had we not even talked about the levy."

Yankton County Auditor Patty Hojem said, after consulting with the state, that the county is able to tap into the bridge fund, which was originally proposed as a stepping stone to the replacement of the Old Highway 50 Bridge.

"There is the \$1.1 million the previous board designated for bridges," Hojem said. "I talked to the state auditor who said



Woods

(we) as a board could re-designate that for county roads."

Commission chairman Todd Woods said

access to the fund has at least saved three smaller bridge projects that were slated for 2016.

"Personally, before today, I was thinking we needed to remove two of those three bridges from the budget, but after hearing there's money specifically for the bridges, (that's) the reason I voted for it," Woods said.

It was not specified during the meeting which bridges would be fixed.

However, Woods said this is only a temporary fix.

"It's a continuous problem we have," he said. "There's not enough money to take care of all the roads and bridges, and eventually, the little money we have left in what we call a savings account is going to be gone. ... The roads haven't had a lot of money put towards them for the last several decades. It's not compounding and it's not going to get cheaper every year we wait."

Woods said the \$1.5 million will allow for some short-term repairs.

"It's going to allow us to do chip sealing," he

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Wind Farm Proposal Aired At Avon Meeting

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AVON — Even before their first public investor meeting, Prevailing Winds officials had raised more than \$1 million for a proposed wind farm in Bon Homme and Charles Mix counties.

Prevailing Winds vice president Nick Sershen of Sioux Falls said Tuesday the organization had already surpassed its minimum investment level for launching the project. He made the announcement during an investor meeting in Avon, the first of a dozen meetings in southeast and south-central South Dakota.

"We need to raise \$700,000 to \$2.5 million, and we've raised over \$1 million so far," he said. "We've gotten a lot of good feedback, and people are willing to invest. It's a saleable project."

The initial \$1 million was raised during private meetings with potential investors, according to Prevailing Winds manager Steve Sershen of Sioux Falls. The project was now moving to the public investor



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

Prevailing Winds LLC President Ronnie Hornstra of Avon addresses the audience during Tuesday's public investor meeting in Avon. The proposed wind farm has surpassed \$1 million in investments.

meetings, he said.

The Avon meeting drew only four persons besides company officials and the

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