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Times Ten: Crofton Girls Triumph Again



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The Crofton girls' cross country team holds up 10 fingers to celebrate the team winning a Nebraska state record 10th consecutive Class D cross country title. The Warriors tied Lincoln Southeast (1989-1997) with their ninth title last season. For more on the meet, see today's Sports Section, Page 1B.

Preparing For Another 'Harvest'



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Harvest Halloween organizers Cathy Clatworthy (left) and Tara Gill (right) hope to make this Saturday's events continue as a new tradition for Yankton. All events are open and free to the public going on from 8 a.m. to midnight between Second and Third Street on Walnut.

Sides Reach Settlement On NorthWestern Rate Hike

BY BOB MERCER
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PIERRE — NorthWestern Energy wants its South Dakota electricity customers to buy a wind farm for the company as part of its plan to charge more for its power.

The move reportedly would save ratepayers \$44 million over the next 20 years.

Federal tax credits would generate much of that savings.

The plan goes before the state Public Utilities Commission for possible approval Thursday.

The company's 61,200 customers in South Dakota would pay 15.4 percent more overall, according to PUC analysts and lawyers who worked on the settlement.

The \$21 million of increases would vary by classes of customers to partially correct imbalances in the existing rates structure.

Electricity for lighting would go up 19.19 percent, followed by municipal 17.13 percent, commercial 16.91 percent, residential 16.42 percent, irrigation 15.37 percent and commercial-industrial 14.12 percent.

They would be the first permanent increases since 1981 for NorthWestern electricity in South Dakota.

NorthWestern originally sought an overall revenue increase of 20.2 percent. That was before the purchase of the wind farm.

The company imposed temporary increases July 1 that were higher than those in the settlement. Customers will receive refunds under the deal.

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Plans For Yankton's Second Halloween Harvest Festival Being Finalized

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Yankton's newest tradition is back to provide cackling curiosity for area residents.

Downtown Yankton will host its second annual Harvest Halloween Festival Saturday, Oct. 31. After last year's successful launch, event coordinators hope to make this year's celebration bigger and better.

"We know that festivals like this can take four or five years to be established," said Cathy Clatworthy, one of the organizers for the event. "But we don't want to wait four or five years. From the visual aspect of the creation of the festival, though, we started small. We want to grow into something more each year."

This year's Halloween falls on a Saturday, which is where the festival plans to stay in the future.

With more than 175 volunteers from different entities and agencies, Clatworthy hopes to make it a tradition for the community.

"It is something fun for Yankton to do," Clatworthy said. "It shines a spotlight and showcases our architecture, history and connection with the river."

This event will not only add to Yankton's culture, but also serve as a tourism opportunity in the off-season.

"You see on the Travel Channel all these huge festivals activities and Halloween activities that these small, little towns — towns that are



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Yankton's Discovery Church Undergoes Renovation

BY REILLY BIEL
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One church in Yankton isn't afraid of adding some modern touches.

Discovery Church, a non-denominational church that has been active since March 2014, has been undergoing renovations since moving to its current location at 205 West 3rd St. last Nov. Services had previously been held at Wintz & Ray funeral home in Yankton.

The main remodeling currently taking place is the front of the church.

According to Pastor Jon Cooke, the renovations were much needed.

"The previous glass on the front was dangerous because it wasn't tempered," he explained. "It was already cracked when we moved in, and with the northwest winds in the winter, the front would get very cold and the windows would fog up."

The glass has since been replaced, with a heat duct directly above the door to capture the cold air when it is opened.

The outside front entrance has open-joint siding, a feature that is not common in most buildings in the area. The design, made up of plain cedar planks at the church, is done primarily in the Pacific Northwest region and is used to prevent the planks from rotting away.



COURTESY PHOTO

Discovery Church in Yankton is currently undergoing renovations to modernize its headquarters.

While the new design has an interesting look, it was chosen for functional purposes.

"It will help with the heating bill in the winter and the cooling bill in the summer," Cooke said.

In addition to the exterior, the

church remodeling has included taking out the formerly suspended ceiling, exposing bricks, using barn wood for the coffee area and purchasing used chairs from St.

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DakotaCare CEO Leaves To Be President Of Sanford Health Plan

PIERRE (AP) — The former chief executive of DakotaCare has resigned and is becoming president of Sanford Health Plan.

DakotaCare interim Chief Executive Officer Paul Amundson says that Kirk Zimmer resigned as CEO on Friday. Sanford says Zimmer will take over as president beginning Dec. 1.

Zimmer says he's excited to tackle a complicated and challenging industry at Sanford Health Plan, where he will oversee all of its products and services. The non-profit organization has a network of 18,000 providers and offers coverage across several states.

Zimmer had been chief executive of DakotaCare since 2005 and had previously held several positions at the company. Jeff Sandene is currently serving as interim president of Sanford Health Plan.

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