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We Say

The Results Are In



THUMBS UP to the results of this year's city survey. Overall, the survey showed many City of Yankton services receiving positive feedback across the board from residents. From police and fire to parks, many residents were happy about how the city conducts those services. Most of the concern dealt with a desire for a new pool — which is on the city's long-term radar — and a replacement facility for the Yankton Community Library.

No-Shows



THUMBS DOWN to the sparse crowd that turned out Wednesday for the National Park Service's open house in Yankton concerning proposed changes to the management plans of three of its properties along the Missouri National Recreation River (MNR). The proposed changes to Green Island (the sand bar-ish slip of land located just west of the southern foot of Discover Bridge), the Bow Creek Recreation Area and Mulberry Bend near Vermillion won't be earthshaking, but they would be some nice upgrades in how those areas are managed and what they offer. However, there were literally as many media people (three) in attendance as there were public members at the Yankton event, and NPS officials said they saw the same kind of turnout in Wynot for the Bow Creek meeting. (There was no word at press time about the turnout for Thursday's meeting in Vermillion.) There is still time to weigh in on these projects before the Nov. 18 deadline. To comment online, go to <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/mnrpropertyplan/>; or stop by the NPS office at 508 East Second Street, Yankton.

Holiday Fare



THUMBS UP to this weekend's second annual Harvest Halloween Festival in Yankton. Last year's inaugural two-day event has been pared down to one day, and it will feature a variety of events, including a battle of the bands, featuring The Lugnuts and The Rude Band, at the Old Brewery on lower Walnut. Festivities unofficially begin late tonight (Friday) with a midnight showing of the cult classic "Rocky Horror Picture Show" at the Dakota Theatre. There will also be a free screening of "Night of the Living Dead" late Saturday afternoon ahead of the new Zombie Pub Crawl. Here's hoping everyone has a happy and safe Halloween.

It's That Time



THUMBS DOWN to the annual time change, which occurs at 2 a.m. Sunday when people across most of the country will be turning their blocks BACK one hour to Standard Time. Yes, it's always a pain — although we have to admit we like the springtime leap forward, which ushers in more sunlight later in the day. The "Fall Back," as it's called, gives you an extra hour of sleep but it comes at a steep price: It reminds us winter is coming as a chilly darkness encroaches on the late afternoon. Also, Thumbs Down to those who forget to inspect their smoke alarms and other warning devices to make sure the batteries are in good shape. This is a great time to do it, and it could perhaps save a life.

OUR LETTER POLICY

The **PRESS & DAKOTAN** invites its readers to write letters to the editor. We ask that a few simple guidelines be followed:

- Please limit letters to 300 words or less. Letters should deal with a single subject, be of general interest and state a specific point of view. Letters are edited with brevity, clarity and newspaper style in mind.
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IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press
Today is Friday, Oct. 30, the 303rd day of 2015. There are 62 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 30, 1965, the miniskirt had its "coming out," of sorts. British model Jean Shrimpton scandalized onlookers by showing up for Victoria Derby Day at Flemington Racecourse in Melbourne, Australia, in a white, sleeveless shift dress that had a hem four inches above her knees. (Shrimpton was also criticized for not wearing a hat, gloves or stockings to such a formal occasion.)

On this date: In 1735, the second president of the United States, John Adams, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts.

In 1864, Helena, Montana, was founded.

In 1921, the silent film classic "The Sheik," starring Rudolph Valentino, premiered in Los Angeles.

In 1938, the radio play "The War of the Worlds," starring Orson Welles, aired on CBS.

In 1945, the U.S. government announced the end of shoe rationing, effective at midnight.

In 1953, Gen. George C. Marshall was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr. Albert Schweitzer received the Peace Prize for 1952.

In 1961, the Soviet Union tested a hydrogen bomb, the "Tsar Bomba," with a force estimated at about 50 megatons. The Soviet Party Congress unanimously approved a resolution ordering the removal of Josef Stalin's body from Lenin's tomb.

In 1974, Muhammad Ali knocked out George Foreman in the eighth round of a 15-round bout in Kinshasa, Zaire, known as the "Rumble in the Jungle," to regain his world heavyweight title.

In 1975, the New York Daily News ran the headline "Ford to City: Drop Dead" a day after President Gerald R. Ford said he would veto any proposed federal bailout of New York City.

In 1985, schoolteacher-astronaut Christa McAuliffe witnessed the launch of the space shuttle Challenger, the same craft that carried her and six other crew members to their deaths in January 1986.

In 1997, a jury in Cambridge, Massachusetts, convicted British au pair Louise Woodward of second-degree murder in the death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen. (The judge, Hiller B. Zobel, later reduced the verdict to manslaughter and set Woodward free.)

In 2000, comedian, television host, author and composer Steve Allen died in Encino, California, at age 78.

Ten years ago: The body of Rosa Parks arrived at the U.S. Capitol, where the civil rights icon became the first woman to lie in honor in the Rotunda; President George W. Bush and congressional leaders paused to lay wreaths by her casket. Baseball Hall of Fame catcher and manager Al Lopez died in Tampa, Florida, at age 97.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama implored voters to resist a Republican tide, warning that if the GOP prevailed in midterm elections, all the progress of his first two years in office could be "rolled back." Comedians Stephen Colbert and Jon Stewart headlined a "Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear" in Washington attended by tens of thousands. The Texas Rangers beat San Francisco 4-2, cutting the Giants' World Series edge to 2-1.

One year ago: Israel closed all access to Jerusalem's most sensitive religious site, revered by Jews as the Temple Mount and Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary, in a rare move that ratcheted up tensions after the attempted assassination of a Jewish religious activist and the killing of a Palestinian suspect in the case by security forces. Thomas Menino, Boston's longest-serving mayor, died at age 71.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Dick Gautier is 84. Movie director Claude Lelouch is 78. Rock singer Grace Slick is 76. Songwriter Eddie Holland is 76. Rhythm-and-blues singer Otis Williams (The Temptations) is 74. Actress Joanna Shimkus is 72. Actor Henry Winkler is 70. Broadcast journalist Andrea Mitchell is 69. Rock musician Chris Slade (Asia) is 69. Country/rock musician Timothy B. Schmit (The Eagles) is 68. Actor Leon Rippy is 66. Actor Harry Hamlin is 64. Actor Charles Martin Smith is 62. Country singer T. Graham Brown is 61. Actor Kevin Pollak is 58. Actor Michael Beach is 52. Rock singer-musician Gavin Rossdale (Bush) is 50. Actor Jack Plotnick is 47. Comedian Ben Bailey is 45. Actress Nia Long is 45. Country singer Cassidy Osborn (SheDAISY) is 39. Actor Gael Garcia Bernal is 37. Actor Matthew Morrison is 37. Actor Shaun Sipos is 34. Ivanka Trump is 34. Actress Janel Parrish is 27. Actor Tequan Richmond is 23.

Thought for Today: "There are things that are known and things that are unknown; in between are doors." — William Blake, English poet (1757-1827).

FROM THE BIBLE

And I tell you, ask and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Luke 11:9. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.



The Unlikely Ghosts Of Football Playoffs Past

BY KELLY HERTZ
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I had a lot of time to think Tuesday night as I traveled from Alcester back to Yankton during a football assignment for which I'd been recruited. As I zipped through the darkness, an anniversary suddenly occurred to me.

Twenty years ago this fall, I was coping with the last round of football playoffs I ever faced as this newspaper's sports editor. Three months later, I shifted over to the news side and, shortly thereafter, was promoted to editor. But I didn't go directly from sports editor to managing editor, which I will discuss later.

Although I made that move two decades ago, Tuesday's road trip indicates I never left it completely. The high school football playoffs are a special kind of chaos for the sports department and every warm body is on call when the postseason arrives. Most every autumn since my move to news, I've been recruited to shoot photos of at least one playoff game, sometimes more than that.

Tuesday's assignment took me to Alcester-Hudson's Class 9B opening round game against Wall. This was a nice setting. The field was tucked into a rolling plain situated next to a golf course. The trees that surrounded much of this place were splashed with the orange and yellow hues of the season, creating a perfect autumnal snapshot.

I'll probably remember that more than the game itself. That's not a knock on the game. Rather, I often come away from such assignments with more vivid memories of things like that than the action I was sent there to witness.

In fact, as I headed home Tuesday and dwelled on how I once dealt with football playoffs, I discovered I had very little recollection of those games. A few do still stand out, like Yankton's 1991 game against Brandon Valley during a Halloween blizzard, a playoff game Bon Homme played up in Fort Pierre, Max Hawk's last game playing for a state title in the DakotaDome and a six-man playoff game current sports editor James D. Cimburek and I covered in Santee. But the rest is a blur.

(Later Tuesday night, I looked up the 1995 football playoffs to jog my memory. That was the year when four of the five state champions came from the Highway 50 corridor: Yankton,



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Vermillion, Bon Homme and Wakonda/Gayville-Volin. That was a great storyline then — again, more memorable to me than the actual contests.)

What I remembered more are the people and the places associated with those assignments.

Nothing personal, Yankton, but I always loved going to sporting events in other area towns. Being from a small town myself, I felt at home in the atmosphere and energy of such venues. Yankton certainly has atmosphere and energy for its games, but in small towns, these events seem to consume the whole community.

When I was sports editor, I always seemed to know someone at these places — they were familiar to me, and/or I was familiar to them. I had some *deja vu* on this Tuesday in Alcester when I discovered one of the guys on the chain gang was a relative.

That was some nice nostalgia, and maybe it's what got my memory going during the trip home.

Some of those old venues were great. For instance, I always loved football games in Coleridge, with its intimate 80-yard field and embracing trees (or so it always seemed on game night). I also liked Bon Homme's old field north of the high school. These places, and several others, had a cozy character about them.

So, to recap, I don't have much memory of most of the football playoff games (or other sporting events) that I covered, but I do fondly recall the people and places.

Maybe that says something about why I moved from sports to news in the winter of 1996. I didn't make the switch in order to become managing editor. Instead, I made the move because I just couldn't do sports anymore. Make no mistake, it's a great field of journalism and awfully fun to cover, but at that moment, I really needed something else.

Twenty autumns later, I can't say my decision was a mistake. But every once in a while, I do miss the old days, and the faces and places that were part of chasing the games.

Tuesday reminded me of that. It was like old ghosts visiting me for Halloween, but it was an enjoyable haunting.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Scary Stuff'

York Dahlstrom, Yankton
I was never scared of all the witches, zombies, and assorted goblins wandering around on Halloween night.

What really used to scare me was the meat industry.

This is the industry that mutilates, cages and butchers billions of cows, pigs and other feeling animals, that exposes thousands of undocumented workers to crippling workplace injuries at slave wages, that exploits farmers and ranchers by dictating wholesale prices, then jails those who document its abuses through unconstitutional "ag-gag" laws.

It's the industry that generates more water pollution than any other human activity and more greenhouse gases than transportation, then promotes world hunger by feeding nutritious corn and soybeans to animals.

It's the industry that threatens our public health with increased risk of killer diseases, that creates antibiotic-resistant pathogens by feeding antibiotics to animals, then bullies health authorities to remove anti-meat warnings from their public messages.

Now, that's really scary stuff.

Poll Results

The results of the most recent Internet poll on the Press & Dakotan's Web site are as follows:

LATEST RESULTS:

Do you think ousting Saddam Hussein as the Iraqi leader in 2003 was a mistake?
Yes.....58%
No.....35%
Not sure.....7%
TOTAL VOTES CAST268

The Press & Dakotan Internet poll is not a scientific survey and reflects the opinions only of those who choose to participate. The results should not be construed as an accurate representation or scientific measurement of public opinion.

CURRENT QUESTION:

Do you support the development of a rail park at Napa Junction?
To cast your vote in the **PRESS & DAKOTAN'S** Internet poll, log on to our website at www.yankton.net.

But, instead of being scared, I decided to fight back by dropping animal products from my menu. I am no longer scared of the meat industry, and I invite everyone to join me.

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