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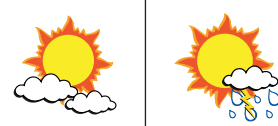
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CLARIFICATION

In Tuesday's story "Wagner: Three Hurt In Parade Accident," it was noted that Dale Weber lived in Wagner. Weber lives in Salem and was visiting his mother-in-law Ellen Holzbauer. The Press & Dakotan apologizes for this error.

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River City Recycling This Week NORTH of 15th St.



TOMORROW

NIKKI'S FUND: Suicide Prevention Walk This Saturday

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JUSTIN RUST/P&D

Different emergency crews help load a patient in the ambulance during Wagner's parade on Monday. Three people were injured after two mules hauling a wagon lost control and ran into the crowd. Because of the incident, Sen. Frank Kloucek of Scotland plans to introduce legislation to help control animals in a parade.

Wagner's Parade Accident Sparks Senator Into Action

BY JUSTIN RUST justin.rust@yankton.net

WAGNER — Two of the three people injured during Monday's parade in Wagner have been released from the hospital, but one still remains hospitalized.

The three people were hurt when two mules hauling a wagon in the Labor Day parade were spooked and veered into the crowd.

According to Wagner Community Hospital CEO Bryan Slaba, two people were released from his facility shortly after being admitted Monday.

"One of them is in stable condition and being observed," said Wagner Community

Hospital CEO Bryan Slaba. "The other two patients were treated and released. One was released immediately, and the other one was released when the results came back from a test."

Slaba couldn't divulge the patients' names or the extent of any of the injuries.

Even though the injuries to the three patients appear to be non-life threatening, the incident did draw the attention of one area lawmaker.

A few hours after Monday's incident, Sen. Frank Kloucek of Scotland sent out a press release announcing that he plans to introduce legislation this winter to require

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Program Seeks, Disperses Assistive Devices

BY NATHAN JOHNSON nathan.johnson@yankton.net

Yankton-area residents looking to get rid of assistive or adaptive devices — or who may need to obtain one — have a place to do so.

Wheelchairs, walkers and canes are among the items people commonly seek out at the Independent Living Choices facility located at 413 W. 15th Street, according to Independent Living Specialist Krista Roth.

"We'll get reachers, walkers, wheelchairs, bed rails, shower benches, shower chairs, grab bars — really, any kind of assistive device you can think of that someone is not using can be brought here," she said. "Right now, I have more requests than I have donated items. We've had a lot of requests for wheelchairs. I just don't have any. We get a lot of requests for reachers, which I also don't have."

According to United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton executive director Pam

Kettering, the local Easter Seals used to coordinate a program in which used assistive or adaptive devices could be donated or obtained. However, the organization could no longer do it, and the program was discontinued a year or so ago.

Since then, the United Way has directed people to Independent Living Choices. Kettering said the local VFW also has some equipment that it will lend out to non-veterans if the equipment is available.

"The program is really needed because medical equipment can be expensive," she said. "Sometimes people maybe need a crutch for a week or two, and if they go buy it, they've got it hanging around the house. I really applaud the Independent Living center for helping out the community with this issue."

Independent Living Choices typically assists people with disabilities who want to live independently. If an individual qualifies, funding can

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Independent Living Specialist Krista Roth is seen here with some of the assistive or adaptive devices that have been donated to the Independent Living Choices facility located at 413 W. 15th Street.

Sioux Falls Couple Involved In Monday Crash

From P&D Staff Reports

The Yankton County Sheriff's Office has released the names of a Sioux Falls couple involved in a crash along Highway 81 Monday afternoon.

Richard Graff, 71, was driving a 2000 Ford F250 pulling a camper approximately four miles north of Yankton at 2:50 p.m. Monday when windy conditions caused him to lose control of the vehicle. The vehicle struck the northwest guard rail of

the bridge at Poverty Valley and the camper disconnected. The pickup went into the creek bed, and the camper came apart on the bridge, obstructing the entire roadway.

Graff and his wife, Barbara, were both injured and had to be transported to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital by the Yankton County EMS. They were later transferred to a Sioux Falls hospital.

A black Labrador in the box of the pickup also survived the incident and

was found at a nearby residence.

Highway 81 was closed to traffic for approximately 3 1/2 hours as the camper was cleared away and the accident was investigated.

In addition to the sheriff's office and the Yankton County EMS, the South Dakota Highway Patrol, Yankton Fire and Rescue, and Yankton County Emergency Management were on the scene.

Neb. Group To Take Up Fremont's Immigration Law

BY TIMBERLY ROSS Associated Press Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — The city of Fremont's ban on hiring and renting property to illegal immigrants has raised concerns among members of a Nebraska committee that reports to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Jose Soto, a member of the Nebraska Advisory Committee, said the voter-approved ordinance could infringe on people's civil rights. That, along with the potential for other immigration-related legislation at local and state levels, prompted the committee to allow testimony on Fremont's ordinance at its Wednesday meeting in Lincoln, he said.

"Part of that concern was the potential for Arizona-like legislation being introduced into Nebraska," Soto said.

Sen. Charlie Janssen, R-Fremont, has said he plans to introduce a bill in the Nebraska Legislature next year similar to Arizona's divisive immigration law. The law, most of which has been put on hold amid a court fight, requires that police conducting traffic stops or questioning people about possible legal violations ask them about their immigration status if there is "reasonable suspicion" that they're in the country illegally.

The Fremont ordinance, which also has been put on hold amid a legal fight, would require employers to use a federal online system that checks whether a person is permitted to work in the U.S.

It also would require people seeking to rent property to apply for a \$5 permit at city hall. All applicants would receive permits, but people who indicated they

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JOSE SOTO

weren't U.S. citizens would have their immigration status checked. If they're found to be in the country illegally and were unable to resolve their status, they would be forced to leave the rental property.

The city faces federal lawsuits from the American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska and the Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund, also known as MALDEF. Both groups say the ordinance is discriminatory, and the Fremont City Council has suspended its implementation until the lawsuits are resolved.

Soto said the Nebraska Advisory Committee plans to study immigration issues in Nebraska, and will likely write a policy brief based on its findings.

"That would go to the commission in D.C. How they would use that information is up to them," Soto said.

Nebraska's and other states' advisory committees collect information and suggestions from residents on issues related to civil rights. The committees then forward their observations, studies and recommendations to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, which monitors federal civil rights enforcement nationwide.

The commission can hold hearings and issue subpoenas, though it

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U.S. Officials: Quran Burning Imperils Troops

BY MATTHEW LEE Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration on Tuesday weighed in against a Florida church's threat to burn copies of the Muslim holy book, with the State Department calling the plan "un-American" and officials saying it could threaten U.S. troops, diplomats and travelers overseas.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said the administration hoped Americans would stand up and condemn the church's plan to burn copies of the Quran on Saturday to mark the ninth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"We think that these are provocative acts," Crowley said. "We would like to see more Americans stand up and say that this is inconsistent with our American values; in fact, these actions themselves are un-American."

"We hope that between now and Saturday there will be a range of voices across America that make clear to this community that this is not the way for us to commemorate 9/11," he said. "In fact, it is consistent with the radicals and religious bigots who attacked us on 9/11."

Crowley defended his choice of the term "un-American" to describe the planned Quran burning, saying it was "a divisive potential act of disrespect to one of the world's great religions."

"While we support (and) defend our freedoms, including freedom of expression, this is an action that has potential serious ramifications," he said.

He said U.S. diplomats had already reported small-scale demonstrations against the Quran burning in several countries "where

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