

Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.



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A photo circulated on Twitter, Facebook and message boards Monday afternoon that has people in the state conflicted.

Someone took a photo of a new billboard that was recently put up on Interstate 29 near Brookings. The billboard depicts a coyote chasing a jackrabbit, with

Can 'Vote Fans Wait 14 Months To 'Have An Old Friend For Dinner?'

the phrase "Have An Old Friend For Dinner" plastered across the top, along with the date "11.17.2012."

Can you guess what it refers to? The billboard, created by the University of South Dakota, plays on the soon-to-be-renewed rivalry between USD and South Dakota State. The date refers to the 2012 football game between the Coyotes and Jackrabbits in Brookings, which will mark their first meeting since 2003.

Say what you will about the boldness and the location (deep in the heart of SDSU country), it shows how aggressive USD is in marketing itself across the state.

Nobody needs reminding how important the rivalry is for South Dakota, and for college athletics in the Upper Midwest, but the sight of a coyote chasing a jackrabbit brings back memories of those old clashes.

Can you wait 14 months?

YANKTON EVENTS

BUCKS FOOTBALL, BUCKS BOYS' GOLF, GAZELLES GIRLS' TENNIS, GAZELLES VOLLEYBALL. Schedule for Friday, Sept. 23 and Sept. 30.

COLLEGE EVENTS

COYOTES FOOTBALL / Tickets 605-677-5959, COYOTES VOLLEYBALL / Tickets 605-677-5959, LANCERS VOLLEYBALL, LANCERS SOCCER. Schedule for Saturday, Sept. 24 and Oct. 1.

RADIO & TELEVISION

Friday, Saturday, Sunday. HS Football: YHS at Aberdeen, KYN-AM, KVHT-FM. Soccer, Women's MMC at Sioux Falls.

Watch Friday's Bucks Game Online

The Yankton Press & Dakotan will be working with the Aberdeen American News to get their feed from Friday's Yankton at Aberdeen Central football game.

DWU's Pole At QB Club

The Yankton Quarterback Club will meet Wednesday at noon at the Elks Lodge, 504 West 27th Street, Yankton. This week's speaker is Dakota Wesleyan football coach Brad Pole.

OTHER EVENTS

Cheer & Dance, Soccer, Cross Country, Softball, Tennis. Various events for South Dakota Women's teams.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL SDSWA POLL. Class 11AA, 11A, 11B, 9AA, 9A, 9B, 8A, 8B, 7A, 7B, 6A, 6B, 5A, 5B, 4A, 4B, 3A, 3B, 2A, 2B, 1A, 1B. Results for various classes.

AREA CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 13. CROSS COUNTRY, PREP, GOLF, MEN'S Great Plains Athletic Conference, GOLF BOYS' Lennox at YHS, TENNIS, GIRLS' Mitchell/S.F. Lincoln, VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Briar Cliff, VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S JV MMC at Briar Cliff, VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' Baltic at Centerline, GOLF, GIRLS' YHS at Vermilion, VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S USD at Oral Roberts, VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' S.F. Lincoln at YHS, Wednesday, September 14, Thursday, September 15, Friday, September 16, Saturday, September 17, Sunday, September 18.

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points in the second half. However, the kicker needed a fire lit under him midway through Saturday's game, Meierkord said. "I had to take him behind the woodshed, because he was awful in the first half," he said. "He got us into some trouble with his kicks off, so I told him he needed to relax, and we went back to square one with him. He had a fantastic second half. "I'm very excited about how maturely he handled the lack of success early on and then rallied later on."

Coach: Saturday Not A Trap

In discussing this Saturday's upcoming home game with Northwestern Oklahoma State, Meierkord was quick to point out that his team will need to stay focused. Specifically, not to look ahead to the Sept. 24 game at Wisconsin. "We have to get ready for this game, because we could prepare two months for Wisconsin, it wouldn't make a difference," Meierkord said. "We played a great game Saturday, so there's no sense going out and taking this half rear-ended. We'll play hard for 60 minutes, get our second win and move on. "That's the mindset we have to have." Northwestern Oklahoma State, an NAIA school, is 0-2 on the season despite being the pre-season favorites to win the Central States Football League. The Rangers, who also played in Vermilion last fall, were picked No. 13 in the pre-season NAIA poll. "I came from that level. I know how important these games are for those teams, and how hard their kids play," Meierkord said. "We will never get ourselves where we're trapped. If we lose, it's because they beat us fair and square."

VOLLEYBALL

SOUTH DAKOTA SCORES. Lake Preston def. Iroquois, 25-12, 25-11, 25-9. Marion def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-12, 25-9, 25-19. McBride-Pollack def. Herried/Selby Area, 22-25, 25-13, 26-24, 20-25, 15-8. Warner def. Hitchcock-Tulare, 25-10, 25-6, 32-30. Webster def. Wilmot, 25-15, 25-12, 25-22.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE. East Division: New York 88 57 .607, Boston 85 61 .582, Tampa Bay 82 64 .552, Toronto 74 73 .503, Baltimore 58 88 .397. Central Division: Detroit 86 62 .575, Chicago 73 72 .503, Cleveland 72 72 .500, Kansas City 82 68 .419, Minnesota 59 87 .404.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division: Philadelphia 94 50 .653, Atlanta 84 63 .571, New York 71 76 .463, Washington 68 77 .469, Florida 66 79 .455. Central Division: Milwaukee 86 62 .581, St. Louis 79 68 .537, Cincinnati 71 76 .463, Pittsburgh 67 80 .456, Chicago 65 82 .442.

Meet Dr. Nielsen, Nephrologist. YANKTON MEDICAL CLINIC, P.C. is pleased to announce the association of Byron S. Nielsen, M.D., Board Eligible Nephrologist. Dr. Nielsen is a graduate of the University of South Dakota School of Medicine. He completed his Internal Medicine residency training and his nephrology training at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa. Dr. Nielsen will provide the diagnosis and treatment of adult kidney diseases including but not limited to those associated with underlying medical ailments, genetic disorders, autoimmune diseases and vasculitis. He also specializes in the treatment of hypertension, electrolyte disturbances, the medical management of kidney diseases, and provides both inpatient and outpatient dialysis. The Clinic is pleased to bring a Nephrologist to our medical community as well as to the many patients he will serve. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Nielsen and his wife, Stacey, and their two sons, Bailey and Cade, to Yankton. Dr. Nielsen began seeing patients at the Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. on August 1, 2011. Appointments can be made by calling 605-665-1082.

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011. LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY. FREE KIDS' AREA. RIB VENDORS. AMATEUR RIB CONTEST & MORE! No Gate Fee! Bring Your Lawn Chair! Free Classic Rock Concert featuring: 11:30 am - 1pm Rust, 1:15 - 2:45 pm The Mitigators, 3:00 - 4:45 pm Mrs. Begley and the Boys, 5:00 - 6:45 pm Jade Monkey, 7:45 - 8:45 pm The Austin Buescher Band, 9:00 - 11:00 pm Go Figure. Sponsored by: FIRST DAKOTA NATIONAL BANK, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, LEWIS & CLARK Specialty Hospital, Heartland Internet Solutions, FORT RANDALL CASINO & HOTEL, Ford.