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## We Say

### For Art's Sake



**THUMBS UP** to First Dakota National Bank for allowing the Yankton RiverWalk Committee and Yankton Area Arts to develop an aquarium art project from the old law office on Third Street. The event, called "Fish Night," took place Wednesday in downtown Yankton, and a horde of young (and not so young) artists applied their touches to the walls, aided by fish outlines created by artist Mickey Harris of Menno. Kids needed a creative outlet as the end of summer closes in. Now there is another art piece to add to the city's mighty collection.

### Tooting A Horn



**THUMBS UP** to some exposure for the University of South Dakota's National Music Museum, courtesy of an article published Thursday in the *New York Times*. The article, titled "The National Music Museum, an Unlikely Eden in South Dakota," details the history of the musical shrine and notes that the museum has "one of the largest and most important collections of historical instruments in the world." The *Times* article also discusses renovation and expansion plans for the prestigious Vermillion museum. It was a welcome spotlight on one of the state's true treasures.

### Turning Out



While on the topic of meetings, **THUMBS UP** to great turnouts this week for some meetings that took place in and around Yankton. On Monday night, a crowd of more than 200 people showed up at Discovery Church to hear the finalists for Onward Yankton's "Next Big Idea" campaign, and on Tuesday night, a large crowd showed up at the Technical Education Center for the Chamber-sponsored forum concerning the county's proposed road and bridge levy, which has been referred to a vote. A good crowd also showed up Wednesday at the Mayfield store for the county town hall mentioned above. It's a good show of interest, which is always the best guiding hand the government officials, civic groups and others can hope to have.

### A Molehill



**THUMBS DOWN** to the hubbub over President Barack Obama this week announcing that Mount McKinley in Alaska is being renamed Denali, a native word that means "the tall one." This set off a predictable political firestorm over Obama overreaching his authority and dishonoring the memory of a U.S. president by stripping his name off a landmark. However, the Alaskans have been wanting to do this for years — William McKinley had nothing to do with their state; indeed, his name was attached to it before he was even president — and many residents of that state call it Denali anyway. (The Alaska Legislature actually first requested Washington to change the name back in 1975.) This week's declaration simply made those wishes and traditions official. But, it's always political season and the sharp knives were out for an issue that isn't much of an issue at all but instead an acknowledgment of a state's own heritage and popular will.

## ONLINE OPINION

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

### LATEST RESULTS:

Do you object to Mount McKinley in Alaska being renamed Denali?	
No.....	47%
Yes.....	44%
Not sure/don't care.....	9%
<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST</b> .....	<b>359</b>

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:

**Which political party do you think can better handle immigration issues?**  
To cast your vote in the PRESS & DAKOTAN'S Internet poll, log on to our website at www.yankton.net.

## IN HISTORY

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Friday, September 4, the 247th day of 2015. There are 118 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On September 4, 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers under the leadership of Governor Felipe de Neve.

**On this date:** In 1886, a group of Apache Indians led by Geronimo (also known as Goyathlay, "One Who Yawns") surrendered to Gen. Nelson Miles at Skelton Canyon in Arizona.

In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film box camera, and registered his trademark: "Kodak."

In 1917, the American Expeditionary Forces in France suffered their first fatalities during World War I when a German plane attacked a British-run base hospital.

In 1948, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands abdicated after nearly six decades of rule for health reasons.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman addressed the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco in the first live, coast-to-coast television broadcast.

In 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus used Arkansas National Guardsmen to prevent nine black students from entering all-white Central High School in Little Rock. Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated Edsel.

In 1963, a Swissair Caravelle III carrying 80 people crashed shortly after takeoff from Zurich, killing all on board.

In 1971, an Alaska Airlines jet crashed near Juneau, killing all 111 people on board.

In 1972, U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz won a seventh gold medal at the Munich Olympics, in the 400-meter medley relay.

In 1974, the United States established diplomatic relations with East Germany.

In 1984, Canada's Progressive Conservatives, led by Brian Mulroney, won a landslide victory in general elections over the Liberal Party of Prime Minister John N. Turner and the New Democrats headed by Ed Broadbent.

In 1995, attorney William Kunstler, who spoke out for the politically unpopular in a controversial career, died in New York at age 76.

**Ten years ago:** Six days after Hurricane Katrina left a devastated New Orleans in chaos, police stormed the Danziger Bridge, shooting and killing two unarmed people and wounding four others. (Five New Orleans police officers were found guilty of civil rights violations in connection with the shootings; however, a federal judge threw out those con-

victions in September 2013 and ordered a new trial, concluding the case had been tainted by "grotesque prosecutorial misconduct.")

**Five years ago:** Protesters hurled shoes and eggs at Tony Blair in Dublin, Ireland, as he held the first public signing of his memoir as British prime minister amid high security. Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Paul Conrad, 86, died in Rancho Palos Verdes.

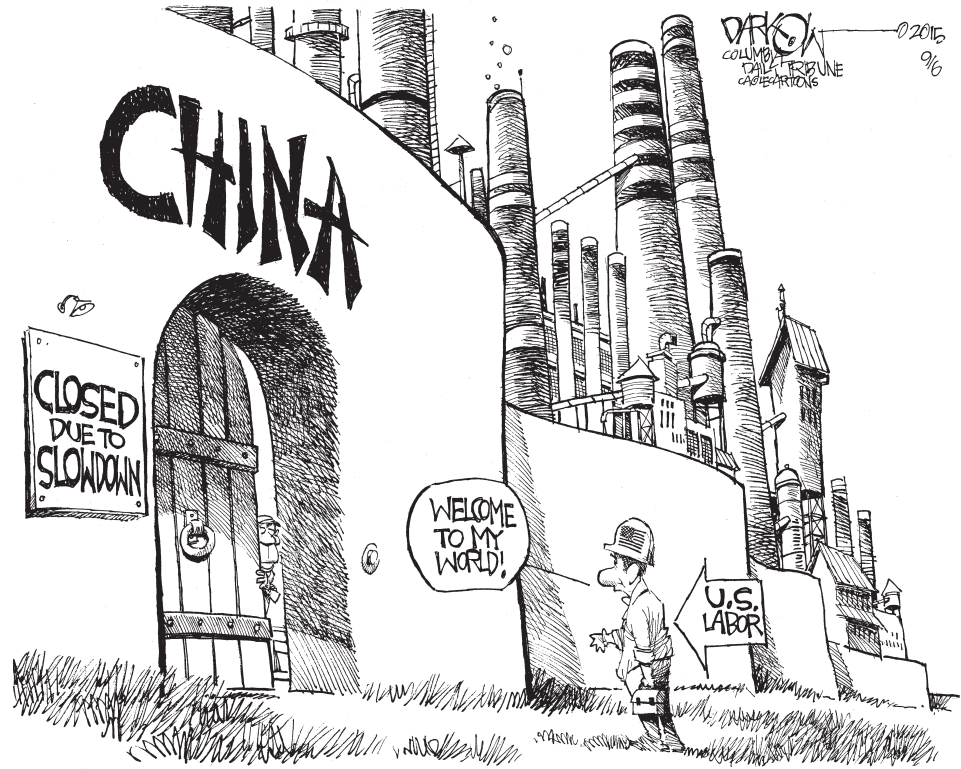
**One year ago:** Joan Rivers, the raucous, acid-tongued comedian who crashed the male-dominated realm of late-night talk shows, died at a New York hospital at age 81, a week after going into cardiac arrest in a doctor's office following a routine medical procedure. President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron pressed fellow NATO allies at the scene of a summit in Wales to confront the "brutal and poisonous" Islamic State militant group wreaking havoc in Iraq and Syria. Former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell and his wife, Maureen, were convicted of taking bribes to promote a dietary supplement in a corruption case that derailed the career of the onetime rising Republican star.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Mitzi Gaynor is 84. Actor Kenneth Kimmins is 74. Singer Merald "Bubba" Knight (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 73. World Golf Hall of Famer Raymond Floyd is 73. Actress Jennifer Salt is 71. World Golf Hall of Famer Tom Watson is 66. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald LaPreard is 65. Actress Judith Ivey is 64. Rock musician Martin Chambers (The Pretenders) is 64. Actress Khandi Alexander is 58. Actor-comedian Damon Wayans is 55. Rock musician Kim Thayil is 55. Actor Richard Speight Jr. is 46. Actor Noah Taylor is 46. Actress Ione Skye is 45. Actor-singer James Monroe Iglehart is 41. Pop-rock singer-DJ-musician-producer Mark Ronson is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Richard Wingo (Jagged Edge) is 40. Rock musician Ian Grushka (New Found Glory) is 38. Actor Wes Bentley is 37. Actor Max Greenfield is 36. Singer Dan Miller (O Town) is 35. Singer Beyonce Knowles is 34. Country singer-musician Tom Gossin (Gloriana) is 34. Actress-comedian Whitney Cummings is 33. Actor-comedian Kyle Mooney (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 31. Folk-rock musician Neyla Pekarek (The Lumineers) is 29. Actor Carter Jenkins is 24. Actor Trevor Gagnon is 20.

**Thought for Today:** "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is God's gift, that's why we call it the present." — Joan Rivers (1933-2014).

## FROM THE BIBLE

And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?" Mark 4:41.  
Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.



# Summer Lessons

BY KELLY HERTZ  
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It's Labor Day weekend, which marks the mental end of summer as we know and enjoy it. In hindsight, here's what I learned this summer:

- Never, ever take anything for granted, especially when it comes to taxpayers.

This presented itself in July when the Yankton County Commission passed a new levy geared and raising funds to repair roads and bridges. This is an epidemic issue across the country, and this mechanism, created by the state Legislature last winter, seemed like a way for local governing entities to finally address the backlog of headaches they face.

So, the County Commission passed this measure unanimously — and a few weeks later, it was referred to a public vote. The opponents say they recognize the need to fix the roads, but they aren't really willing to pay for them and want the county to define its priorities and locate existing revenue sources for the fixes. This probably surprised the commissioners, who have been making the case for a long time that road repairs are way behind.

But the opening of pocketbooks is never to be taken lightly, especially by those who will be asked to do so. Thus, Yankton County residents will vote on the matter at the end of the month.

- Broadway traffic really does suck.

Yes, we all notice this, but I've had some real adventures this summer trying to turn left onto Broadway while coming out of some parking lots. This can be an agonizing adventure at times as you wait to find the right moment when, in effect, four lanes of traffic create an opening for you to slip into and get on your way.

Maybe it's an unofficial survey of Yankton's traffic patterns on its busiest streets, but it told me that this is an increasingly busy community, which is a good thing — no matter how much of a pain it is some days.

- Gay marriage was legalized, and we're still alive to talk about it.

- In late July, gas prices in Springfield, Illinois, were almost 50 cents a gallon cheaper than they were in Yankton. FIFTY ... CENTS!

- PC computers aren't quite as terrifying as I had feared.

Our newsroom has endured a major technological shift the last few months, making the transition from Apple computers, which we've used for more than 25 years, to PCs. This was a daunting task and we're still struggling with it.

But my fear of trying to learn a new computing system for designing pages and editing copy has been quelled quite a bit. We've learned some things quickly and we are making progress as we slip into the autumn ...

I'd still rather work with Macs, though, but I digress.

- No matter where it goes, Yankton's Rockin'



Kelly HERTZ

Ribfest will always seem prone to weather issues.

- Andes Central and Dakota Christian have an all-sports cooperative called the AC/DC Thunder. That's the best non-amateur baseball nicknaming scheme I think I've seen in a long time.

- Lots of people got screwed up by Riverboat Days falling so late this year.

- Archers are interesting people.

This was quite evident during the World Archery Youth Championship (WAYC) tournament held in Yankton in June. Kids and coaches from more than 50 countries were in town, and they seemed to have a good time.

I was told, however, there were a few comments that there wasn't enough to do here. But the alternative was to have the tournament in the place Yankton beat out to land this event — Mexico City, which was undergoing pre-election riots at the time the WAYC was held here. If you had a kid who was going away to a world archery tournament, where would YOU rather have them go?

- Neither Donald Trump nor Miley Cyrus will ever be accused of being "demure."

- Here's something I learned from sports writer Jeremy Hoeck, who was in Sioux Falls last week during that torrential rainstorm: Never go anywhere unless you're absolutely sure your car is seaworthy.

- The people of Delmont are a determined bunch.

- The matter is settled: Yankton's Riverboat Days fireworks display is much better than its Fourth of July display.

- South Dakota school districts will struggle to get more funding next year, too.

- A presidential candidate proposed building a wall between the U.S. and Canada. Just read that sentence over a few times to comprehend the logic used in creating that idea.

- Like a lot of other communities, Yankton talks a lot about planning for the future — Onward Yankton's "Big Idea" campaign symbolizes that — but it's good to see the some promises finally arrive.

That happened when the first phase of the Meridian Bridge Plaza debuted last month. It's a great little park structure that has been quite popular. There is more to come with this project, but this first step is a nice, promising addition to the community.

- The restless spirit of the Corps of Discovery lives on: There are still Lewises and Clarks exploring the waterways of the Missouri River.

- Finally, even though it was a fairly pleasant summer overall, I find myself looking forward to the coming of autumn as I write this. I surely don't know why, because I know where it leads. But then again, what choice do we really have? My jacket is ready. Farewell, summer.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'A Living Legend'

Frank Kloucek, Scotland

When we go to the South Dakota State Fair this year to celebrate the new 4 H Hall and all the other fun activities at the fair we should stop by the Democrat booth and say thank you to one of the mainstays at the fair for generations Charlie Flowers. The 14-year legislator, longtime school board member, county commissioner, trucker, friend to all and living legend Charlie and his lovely wife Tootie [Aleta] have raised a wonderful family and been campers at the state fair for generations.

Why should we say thank you?  
If South Dakota would have listened more to Charlie, we would have had a better state. More 4-H and youth activities that help our children lead successful lives and less boot camp prisons. Better opportunities for the trucking industry and not an unfair trucking tax. Better opportunities for family farms and not corporate-controlled agriculture. Small business opportunities, not corporate welfare and tax relief for the richest corporations. A better education system and the funding that goes with it. An improved healthcare system to take care of the working poor without breaking them ... the list goes on and on.

Charlie is the Will Rogers of South Dakota politics. His humor, wit and factual comments are a key reason we still have a state fair and so many good things in our state. His ability to point out the hypocrisy in our state government and how to fix problems really has made a difference.

However, our state government continues to be ranked in the top 10 by national organizations as the most corrupt despite efforts by great men like Charlie.

Maybe it is time our state leaders listen more closely to individuals like Charlie Flowers, with his homespun wisdom and common-sense attitude, when addressing issues to make South Dakota better.

We have many reasons to celebrate at this year's South Dakota State Fair. Charlie Flowers is one of them. Let us tell him thank you for all he has done and tried to do for South Dakota when we see him at the various activities at this year's fair.

### Kettering: Crunching Numbers

Don Kettering, Yankton

Yankton County Commissioner

I'd like to clarify an erroneous statement made by Garry Moore at the Chamber forum held Sept. 1. When asked about the effect of the tax levy, Garry stated, "Quite frankly, on my house, it's going to take my taxes up to over \$3,000 and its going to cost me \$250 (extra per month) to live in my house." An extra \$250 per month seemed like a very high amount.

Not knowing where Garry lives or the value of his house, I called the Director of Equalization to check on the value of Garry's house. (This is public information to anyone who desires it.) His house has a value of \$220,300 with the Director of Equalization. To correctly calculate the additional tax if the levy is approved, you would use the following formula: \$220,000 X .935 = \$207,598, then divide this amount by 1,000 to get 207.598 and take that times .90 = an annual increase of \$186.38. If you divide that amount by 12 months, you get \$15.53 per month — a far cry from the \$250 extra per month as he stated. This is the exact formula that Chairman Todd Woods presented at the forum. I'm not sure where Garry got his information, but the kind of figures that he was throwing around at the forum could really scare people.

I don't know anybody that enjoys paying taxes. I'd like to assure everyone that the County Commission has spent a great deal of time searching out options to resolve our road and bridge issues. I didn't hear one proposal other than raising the wheel tax that would help solve our problems. Ignoring the problem isn't the proper solution. The commission has a five-year plan, we set priorities, we cut proposed budgets, we monitor expenses, we work with other governmental organizations to find less expensive ways to accomplish things and we rely on expert opinions to reach decisions.

Garry talked about Chicken Little and the "sky falling." I agree that the sky is not falling, but money isn't falling out of the sky either. Let's come together and help support funding for roads and bridges.