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A Two-Way Street



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West City Limits Road (seen here at the intersection with 23rd St.) is one of three streets on the outskirts of Yankton that crosses both city and county jurisdictions. A proposed agreement between the city and county could create protocols for how these streets are maintained and upgraded.

City, County Looking At Agreement On Shared Roads

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At a time when Yankton County is busy focusing on an upcoming election on a proposed levy for road and bridge maintenance, officials at the city and county levels are looking at ways to clarify how cross-jurisdictional roads are handled.

Recently, a proposal was drafted laying out how certain sections of West City Limits Rd., Ferdig Ave. and Peninah St. — all of which pass in and out of the Yankton city limits and into the county's jurisdiction — will be maintained and eventually reconstructed.

City Manager Amy Nelson told the *Press & Dakotan* that a need exists to address the issue.

"The shared route maintenance and reconstruction agreement was something that came out of some

discussions we've had over the last year or so about sharing responsibilities with the county on the roads that we both share," Nelson said. "(This is) coming up with an agreement about who is going to maintain what, and how, and then how we're going to move forward with reconstruction of streets we have joint responsibility for."

Nelson said that the agreement is still being reviewed and tweaked ahead of being introduced before both the city and county commissions.

"What we've done is put together a draft and asked each entity — the county and the city — to take a look at it," she said. "The county is looking at it now and I've asked them if they



Nelson

have changes they want to address or discuss further, we'll certainly do that. Once we hear back from them, we'll probably meet one more time and take it to the respective governing bodies to determine whether or not this is something they want to move forward with."

Yankton County Commission chairman Todd Woods told the *Press & Dakotan* that the full County Commission hasn't had a chance to look over the proposal, but they are having Yankton County Highway Superintendent Brian Gustad is reviewing it for the time being.

The proposal addresses three major activities including corridor upkeep (snow removal, sanding for ice, street sweeping, ditch mowing and weed

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Vermillion's Eldon Nygaard, left, owner of Valiant Vineyards, is shown with Mike Ballard, owner of Sturgis's Full Throttle Saloon, in this photo taken during last month's Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The Full Throttle was destroyed by fire Monday night. Nygaard had a wine bar on the premises. No one was injured in the blaze. (Courtesy Photo)

Vermillion

Loss Of Famed Sturgis Saloon Impacts Local Vineyard

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VERMILLION — As news of Monday night's fire at the Full Throttle Saloon in Sturgis spread, people across the state, nation and the world reacted, however its impact hit very close to home. The wine bar at the Full Throttle Saloon is owned by Eldon and Sherry Nygaard of Vermillion.

In a phone interview Tuesday with the *Vermillion Plain Talk*, Eldon Nygaard said the wine bar, like much of the rest of the compound, is a total loss.

"All that is left standing are the six poles that look like burnt matchsticks," Nygaard said. "It is believed the fire started in the main bar. Because the main bar housed such a large amount of distilled spirits — the Full Throttle has a distillery license — and a huge amount of alcohol, as well as the natural gas tanks used for heating and cooking, the fire

was very intense and had a huge amount of heat."

The saloon was often billed as the "world's largest biker bar."

Nygaard said compounding the fire was the sheer amount

of fuel available to burn.

"The boardwalk was all dry, old wood," he said. "All combined, the fire was so hot

that the fire melted the steal I-beams and they all curved down. The bridges, which Mike (Ballard, owner of Full Throttle Saloon) had salvaged, didn't have any chance of being saved. The only structures that are undamaged are the office building, which wasn't connected and was a metal building, and a few of the cabins that had been built to be rented out."

While the fire was first reported near midnight, Nygaard said that it could have been smoldering for a while until it

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Thousands Of South Dakotans Buy Coverage Under Health Law

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Federal health officials say nearly 19,000 South Dakota residents have signed up and paid for health insurance plans under the Affordable Care Act.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced the new enrollment numbers Tuesday. The figures are through June 30.

The federal report shows that 87.5 percent, or more than 16,600 of those who secured plans in South Dakota, qualified for a tax credit. That's higher than the national average of nearly 84 percent.

The credits averaged \$224 per month in South Dakota, while the national monthly average is \$270.

A U.S. Supreme Court decision earlier this summer upheld insurance subsidies in all 50 states. The federal government reports a total of 9.9 million people were enrolled in plans obtained through the exchanges nationwide.

MNRR Creates New Initiative For Fourth Graders

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Fourth grade is a time when most kids begin to learn about American history, which includes learning about local landmarks.

The Missouri National Recreational River (MNRR) is utilizing that by participating in the White House's new "Every Kid in a Park" initiative program.

The program, which officially started Sept. 1, is a part of the National Park Service Centennial celebration.

"It's a good age group of young people to take out of the classroom," said Dugan Smith, the park's acting chief of interpretation, Outreach and Education Division. "They're learning about science and social history. It's a good time to reach them at that age."

Through the program, fourth grade students can go on www.every-kid-in-a-park.gov to complete an online activity and receive a free annual pass that will last until Aug. 31, 2016, to any national park in the country. Students can visit the parks with their families and friends.

"We hope these free passes will introduce fourth graders, their classes and families to our national treasures — places where they can run and play, explore and learn," said Na-

tional Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis in a press release.

MNRR officials will reach out to local and surrounding fourth grade classrooms to describe the program in more detail and encourage the students to participate.

"We will explain to them why national parks are important," said Smith.

Activities offered by the MNRR include an interactive mobile ranger station, ranger-led hikes, fishing and kayak clinics and junior ranger programs.

In commemoration of the centennial, MNRR rangers will introduce a new program titled "River Odyssey for School and Community Outreach and Education" (ROSCOE). The program, which will be presented to fourth grade students in October, will focus on the Missouri River and what the National Park Service has done to preserve the river and its natural surroundings.

The local "Every Kid in a Park" program runs along the Missouri River's 100-mile corridor from Pickstown to Ponca, Nebraska.

"We hope they learn more about the natural world around them, and that they



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Yankton High School student Rachel Wood takes second place in the Junior Division of the Dacotah Star Competition. This is the South Dakota State Fair's version of American Idol! After competing in the preliminary competition on Sunday, Sept. 6th Rachel was selected to compete in the finals on Monday, Sept. 7th on the Freedom Stage. She performed an original song written by her and titled "Outta Line..." Once again, great job and congratulations Rachel!

