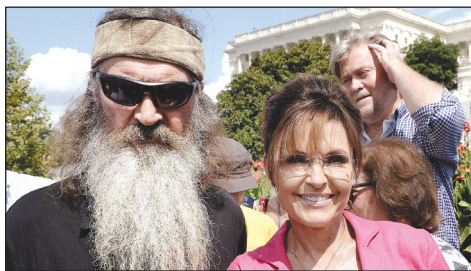




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Panel Inches Forward

Education Task Force Slowly Moves Toward Salary Proposal

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE – Public school teachers in South Dakota might see their salaries increase \$8,000 to \$10,000 apiece over the course of three to five years under goals discussed Wednesday by the governor's Blue Ribbon task force on teachers and students.

But the panel of educators, legislators

and business people didn't specifically identify the tax package to generate \$80 million to \$100 million that would be necessary. The members hope to move closer to formal recommendations at the next meeting Oct. 1. South Dakota ranked last nationally for average pay to public school teachers at just over \$40,000 during the past school year. But even a \$10,000 increase wouldn't be likely to move South Dakota up the ladder if the

money was spread across three years or more.

The state sales and use tax currently is 4 percent on most purchases. Each 1 percent generates about \$220 million, according to the state Bureau of Finance and Management.

The task force also has been collecting

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REILLY BIEL
Father Thomas Wordekemper raised over \$5,200 in donations for the "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" event held Aug. 29. The proceeds went to the River City Domestic Violence Center.

MMC Pastor Raises Record Amount For Violence Center

BY REILLY BIEL
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For the past five years, Mount Marty College's (MMC) Father Thomas Wordekemper has played an integral part in raising donations for the year "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" event sponsored by the River City Domestic Violence Center.

Looking to raise more than the previous year with a haul of \$1,800, Wordekemper made it his goal this year to reach more than \$2,000.

With the help of some giving parish members, he did, with the final donation on his end being more than \$5,200.

This year's event, held Aug. 29, was especially important to Wordekemper, as it was his last time participating in "Walk A Mile" in the Yankton area. In December, Wordekemper will be transferred to a parish in Richardton, North Dakota, and leave his position as director of Campus Ministry at MMC and as chaplain of Bishop Marty Chapel.

Wordekemper became involved with "Walk A Mile" during his first year at MMC when one of the Benedictine sisters in charge of the monastery team asked him if he would join them. At that time, the event involved the male participants dressing in drag.

"I thought 'Why not?' so I did," Wordekemper laughed. "It's a good cause, so I was happy to help."

Since then, Wordekemper has participated in the yearly "Walk A Mile" by donning the red high heels and walking with the other participants, which this year included the local fire department participating in their work uniforms.

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As the old proverb goes, "Any port in a storm ..." And shelter is what this car received when it was parked under the Dakota Theatre marquee in downtown Yankton Wednesday during a thunderstorm that featured marble-sized hail and heavy rain. There were some reports of golfball-size hail in the Yankton vicinity. There were reports of hail and rain throughout the county, and Yankton's Auld-Brokaw Trail was closed for a time due to runoff. Yankton's rainfall was 1.15 inches, although heavier amounts – some exceeding 2 inches – were also reported in the vicinity.

Bands Gear Up For Vermillion Ribs Festival

BY SARAH WETZEL
Vermillion Plain Talk

VERMILLION – It's hard to tell who is more excited for the live music at the annual Ribs Rods and Rock & Roll in Vermillion this weekend, the bands or the adoring public.

"Playing at Ribs, Rods and Rock & Roll is one of the highlights of the year for us," said Mary Begley of Mrs. Begley and the Boys scheduled to play at 5 p.m. on Friday. "We love the open, festive layout of the Platz with its smoky-meat aroma and all the smiling faces soaking up the sunshine and

music. We will rock the street through one of the best sound systems in the area, playing variety of favorites from the 60s to today. Get ready for rich vocal harmonies, screamin' guitar leads and rhythms that will get you up on your feet."

Described as a favorite of South Dakota and a "crowd pleaser" by advertising and entertainment organizer Randy Hammer, Mrs. Begley and the Boys is only one of the amazingly talented musical groups set to perform.

"I go out and search for good rock and roll and good country to satisfy a variety of

people and I just want some good, wholesome music that appeals to a wide audience," Hammer said. "It's good music for families."

Set to perform after Mrs. Begley and the Boys is one of the highlights of the weekend, Maiden Dixie.

"They're from the Minneapolis area," Hammer said. "This is more of a country rock original band. They're recording artists as well so they're pretty big stuff and they're

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Longtime Chamber Executive Cappel Passes Away

From P&D Staff Reports

A longtime Yankton Chamber of Commerce executive who later became a pastor has died.

Bob Cappel, 70, passed away Tuesday at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Memorial services are set for 11 a.m. Tuesday at first United Methodist Church in Yankton. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery in McCook, Nebraska.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the church with a prayer service set for 7 p.m.

The family will also receive friends one hour prior to Tuesday's service at the church.

YHS Royalty Announced



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

The royalty for the 2015 Yankton High School Pioneer Days homecoming includes, front from left: Brianna Benjamin, Rebecca Frick, Sophie Drotzman, Rachel Frick, Ashley Van Meeteren and Eric Luken; back row: Joseph Kelly, Gabe Dannenbring, Reid Sawatzke, Tanner Frick, Jeffrey Kollar and Colby Benson. The YHS coronation is set for Thursday, Sept. 17, with the annual homecoming parade slated for Friday, Sept. 18, followed by the football game between the Yankton Bucks and Aberdeen Central.

City, BNSF Discuss Crossing Closures

BY ROB NIELSEN
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Due to an increasing focus on safety, officials are looking at possibly closing two of the city's railroad crossings in order to add a new crossing.

Officials from the City of Yankton and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) were on hand at a forum Wednesday night to discuss the potential of closing an alleyway crossing along E. Eighth St. and the 11th St. railroad crossing in order to facilitate the construction of a private crossing on the Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. (KPI) property so it can expand

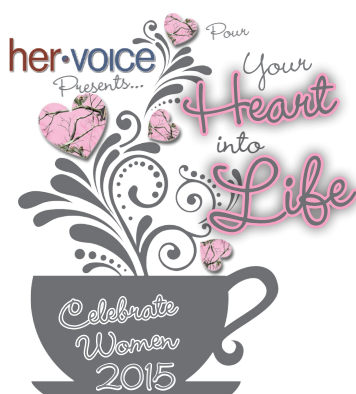
west along W. 21st St.

Community Development Director Dave Mingo said the BNSF has been looking at cutting down on the number of crossings throughout its system.

"Over the last year, we've been working with the railroad on a couple of topics," Mingo said. "One of them is that the railroad is pursuing some safety initiatives and crossing-reduction initiatives for safety purposes throughout BNSF's territory."

He added that there's also come a chance to help a local entity with possible

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