

February

February 2

The Pittsburgh Steelers won their sixth super bowl title against the Arizona Cardinals with a 27-23 Victory in Super Bowl 43.

February 4

Former Senator Tom Daschle withdrew his nomination to be the Secretary of Health & Human Services under President Barack Obama. Daschle faced problems over back taxes and potential conflicts of interest.

February 9

Tiger Woods wife Elin gave birth to the couples second child, a son, they had a daughter Sam Alexis, in 2007. Woods is expected to return before the Masters. He has knee surgery that ended his 2008 season.

February 10

Former USD Coyote Stefan Logan has signed a two-year contract to play with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Logan, 27, spent last season with the Canadian Football League

February 12

Yankton native Kitty Higgins works with the National Transportation and Safety Board and was recently called into action after the plane accident in New York City last month. The plane was struck by a bird shortly after takeoff, but landed safely in the Hudson River.

February 14

In a major victory for President Barack Obama Congress passed the \$787 billion stimulus package by a vote of 60-38. Supporters say the legislation will save or create 3.5 million jobs.

February 17

Marian Gunderson was introduced as the winner of the first ever "Woman of Distinction" for Yankton for 2009.

February 19

The South Dakota National Guard held an awards ceremony recently in Pierre. Jenny Briest, wife of Sgt. (Ret.) Cory Briest received an award for Outstanding Support to a Military Member Award. The Yankton School District was honored with the 2009 Pro Patria Award for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

February 21

Wilson Trailer of Yankton recently cut around 18 jobs due to the economic pressures. The company also cut approximately 55 jobs in Sioux City, Iowa and 15 in Moberly, Missouri.

February 24

Yankton High School senior Meg Henrickson, won the South Dakota American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program's Constitutional Speech Contest in Chamberlain. She will now be competing in the national contest that will be held in April in Indiana.

February 25

Shane Tweedy of Crofton, Nebraska plead guilty but mentally ill in the killing of Patrick Montgomery in May of 2008 in Yankton. As part of the plea agreement, the charge of first-degree murder was reduced to homicide as manslaughter in the first degree, which requires that the perpetrator had no design to effect death. Ernest Tupper of Yankton is

scheduled to go to trial in June for the triple murder of three Yankton residents in September of 2008. In October, Tupper plead guilty to three counts of first-degree murder, a Class A felony, four counts of commission of a felony while armed, a Class 2 felony and one count of aggravated assault.

February 27

The Mount Marty Lancer women's basketball team defeated Hastings 70-65 in GPAC Quarterfinals. The will play Morningside College this weekend in the Semi-finals. This team has tied a school record for victories in a single season by winning their 24th game of the year. The win puts them closer to clinching a national tournament spot.

The Yankton Area Ice Association plays host to the 2009 South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association "C" Bantam Tournament this weekend.

March

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Pauline Rhoades of Yankton was honored at a reception yesterday as Yankton's Citizen of the Year. Pauline is a tireless volunteer for many organizations in Yankton including the Riverboat Days Committee, Relay for Life, the Yankton School District Foundation for which she serves as executive director, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sons of Norway, the Yankton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She also helped raise funds to get a home built for injured Sgt. Corey Briest and his family who was severely wounded in Iraq in 2005.

Broadcasting Pioneer Paul Harvey died Saturday at the age of 90. A Chicago radio man who's melodious voice and hearty "Hello America" was cherished by millions for more than 57 years on national broadcast with a mix of news, storytelling and gently persuasive salesmanship. His show reached more than 24 million listeners daily on more than 1,200 radio stations nationally and 400 Armed Forces Radio Stations.

March 3

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan Spelling Bee was held last night at the Yankton Middle School. 12-year old Sean Cahoun of Sioux Falls emerged at the champion. Kennidy Asche of Scotland finished second and Daniel Bentley of Salem was third. Calhoun now advances to the state spelling bee in Watertown on March 28.



March 5

The Mount Marty College Women's Basketball team has qualified to play in the National Tournament being held in Sioux City, Iowa from March 11-14.

An accident in Lindy, Nebraska has claimed the life

of a Niobrara, Nebraska man. A pickup truck driven by 39 year old Chad Leboldus of Niobrara crossed the center line and collided with a tanker truck driven by 52 year old Fredrick Steffen, of Crofton, Nebraska. The propane truck exploded casing 13 miles of Nebraska Highway 12 to remain closed overnight in

northern Knox County, Nebraska.

March 6

The city of Yankton and the BY Water District officials are in the process of developing a joint agreement to address future growth of their water systems. Also being discussed is the possibilities of

BY Water providing fire protection.

March 10

The City of Yankton has hired Dave Hosmer to replace retiring city attorney Jim Goetz. Goetz has been the City of Yankton attorney for almost 50 years. A reception to honor Goetz will be had on March 26

from 3-5pm at the City Hall Gymnasium. Hosmer served as a city commissioner from 1994-2000.

March 12

Sarah Abdalkreem left her native Iraq as a target of insurgents. Her mother, Mayasa Abass, translated for the U.S. and coalition forces. Major

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