

first data recordings.

Another MET tower is planned to rise south of Avon, also measuring wind speed at four levels and wind direction at two levels. Yesterday's tower installation drew an audience, including board members for Southeast Dakota Wind, LLC and B&H Wind, LLC. The entities are planning to build a community-based wind farm in Bon-Homme and Hutchinson counties.

August

August 7

The City of Vermillion is celebrating their Sesquicentennial (150 years) this weekend. There are many different events scheduled from a parade to a visit from a youth orchestra from Ratingen, Germany which is Vermillion's sister city.

August 10

Dr. Willis Stanage died Aug. 4 at age 88. Stanage never strayed far from his roots. He was born in Mission Hill and grew up on a farm near his great-grandparents' homestead. He attended high school in Mission Hill and Yankton, graduating from Yankton High School in 1939. Stanage went to Yankton College, graduating in 1947. He subsequently graduated from the two-year medical school at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion before completing his medical training at the University of Nebraska. Following an internship at Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, he completed his pediatric residency at Children's Hospital in Omaha and then returned to Yankton to practice.

August 12

Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the presidential sister who founded the Special Olympics and helped demonstrate that the mentally disabled can triumph on the field of competition and lead rich and productive lives outside the walls of institutions, died yesterday at age 88. "She understood deeply the lesson our mother and father taught us: Much is expected of those to whom much has been given," said her sole surviving brother, Sen. Edward Kennedy, who is battling a brain tumor.

August 24

Tom Bohnet of Applied Engineering has been appointed to the State Dept. of Labor Workforce Development Council by Governor Mike Rounds. Tom is owner and president of Applied Engineering.

This past weekend Yankton celebrated their 26th annual Riverboat Days. This year's theme was "Mardi Gras". Larry and Diane Ness of Yankton served as the year's Captain and Belle.

August 25

South Dakota has a new deputy agriculture secretary. Secretary of Agriculture Bill Even appointed John Farris, whom he says has years of valuable experience and good leadership skills. Farris originally is from Woonsocket. He holds a bachelor's degree in business from South Dakota State University and a master's from the University of Phoenix.

August 26

New England Patriots offensive lineman Russ Hochstein was traded to the Denver Broncos for a 7th round draft pick in the NFL.

He has been with the Patriots since 2002. He is originally from Hartington, Nebraska.

Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Bob Cappel has resigned. He will become a full-time pastor's assistant at his church. His last official day will be October 30. He has been serving in this position since 1998.

August 27

US Senator Ted Kennedy, died yesterday at aged 77 after a year-long battle with cancer, his family has described him as 'irreplaceable'. Senator Edward Kennedy, a powerful force in the senate and in US politics for 50 years, had been ill since he suffered a seizure in May 2008 and was diagnosed with brain cancer. The Kennedy's were already mourning the death of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the senator's sister, who died two weeks earlier.

September

September 9

Yankton County has seen the number of H1N1 cases climb to six. The cases range in age from 31-39, which goes against the national trend. School officials say there has not been an outbreak in the Yankton School District. The Discovery Bridge has been listed as a finalist for a national award. The bridge project has been names one of the top ten finalist for the American Transportation Award competition.

The remains of a South Dakota soldier killed 59 years ago in the Korean War will be reburied this month on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. Army Sgt. 1st Class Arthur Francis Jewett was killed around Thanksgiving 1950 but was not among the more than 33,000 Americans who died in battle whose bodies were returned, so he was listed as missing in action. Jewett's remains were recovered in 2002 from a mass grave near the Chosin Reservoir in northeast North Korea and are scheduled to be flown back to the state in a couple of weeks.

September 12

Today the Dakota Dome in Vermillion is 30 years old. The Dakota Dome is still the cornerstone of Coyote athletics. The building has also hosted many different state events throughout the years.

Lakeport Church will be celebrating their 125th anniversary this weekend. The church is officially known as St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. This weekend descendants of early members will be celebrating the church's quasiquicentennial with a mass and program.

September 15

Patrick Swayze, whose hunky good looks and sympathetic performances in such films as "Dirty Dancing" and "Ghost" made him a romantic idol to millions, died Monday. He was 57. He was suffering from pancreatic cancer.

September 17

Groundbreaking was held yesterday morning for a new Yankton Women's and Children's Center. Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, an \$865,000 South Dakota Neighborhood Stabilization Grant was awarded to replace the existing Yankton Women's Shelter and Family Visitation Center with a joint 6,000-



square-foot Yankton Women's and Children's Center. It will be located in the 600 block of Goeden Drive.

September 21

Henry Gibson died over the weekend. He was an original cast member of 'Laugh-In'. The veteran actor found fame four decades ago as a meek poet on the landmark TV comedy show and most recently had a recurring role on 'Boston Legal.'

A number of men at Saturday's Rockin' Ribfest in Yankton were dressed in drag. That's drag, as in dressing up female for the "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" event.

The fund-raiser challenged the nearly 80 participating men—more than double last year's 35—to walk in high heels down Third Street, raising money to fight domestic violence and sexual assault. Some men wore much more than the high heels. They went full dress, makeup and even acces-

sories, delighting hundreds of spectators. The fun event carried the serious purpose of raising funds for the Yankton Women's and Children's Shelter. "We raised about \$10,000 last year, and our goal (in 2009) was to surpass last year," said Desiree Slaba, the shelter's executive director. "Through this event, we have raised close to \$15,000. This has been a huge event as a fund-raiser."

September 25

Aaron McNeely and Elle Tieszen were crowned the prince and princess of Yankton High School's 2009 Pioneer Days homecoming festivities during a coronation ceremony held last night at the YHS gym. The Yankton bucks play the Pierre Governors for the homecoming football game tonight.

October

October 6

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2/285th Aviation Battalion of the North Dakota was forced to make a landing in Yankton due to bad weather condition. 43 soldiers and five UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters that were headed to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for mobilization for Operation Iraqi Freedom landed at the Yankton airport. The soldiers were taken to a local motel for the unexpected overnight stay.

October 7

The Minnesota Twins beat the Detroit Tigers in 12 innings to win the AL Central division title in Minneapolis, Minnesota last night. The Twins won 6-5, and will play against the New York Yankees tonight.

October 9

President Barack Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize today because the judges found his promise of disarmament and diplomacy too good to ignore. The five-member Norwegian Nobel Committee—awarding Obama the peace prize could be seen as an early vote of confidence intended to build global support for the policies of his young administration. They lauded the change in global mood wrought by Obama's calls for peace and cooperation, and praised his pledges to reduce the world stock of nuclear arms, ease U.S. conflicts with Muslim nations and strengthen its role in combating climate change.

A Senate committee approved the nomination of

Brendan Johnson, son of Senator Tim Johnson, to become the state's top federal prosecutor. Brendan is a partner in a Sioux Falls law firm and decided to seek the U.S. attorney's nomination in January.

Katie Couric received the Annual Al Neuharth Award for Excellence in the Media last night in Vermillion. She was the 22nd person to receive the award. The award is named after South Dakota native and USD graduate Al Neuharth, who found "USA Today."

October 20

The Highway 50 construction project east of Yankton has caused a number of accidents. Law enforcement has investigated and all of the accidents were due to driver errors. There have been a total of five non-fatal accidents in this construction zone.

October 23

The South Dakota Transportation Commission agreed yesterday to utilize federal stimulus money for the conversion of the Meridian Bridge into a pedestrian and bicycling structure. Commissioners also approved a contract that will transfer ownership of the 85-year-old double-deck bridge to the city once the project is complete.

October 24

The Yankton Middle School students took a recent challenge in conjunction with the

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