

weekend despite chilly temperatures. The high Saturday was 48 degrees, which lead to a decrease in attendance.

September 29

The University of South Dakota and the six other public colleges have set enrollment records. They have cracked the 10,000 mark for the first time in school history. This fall's total enrollment reached 10, 151 students and increase of 5.5 percent from the fall of 2009.

September 30

South Dakotan Republican Senator John Thune says he is mulling over the thought of a presidential run in 2012. He said he would make his decision sometime next year.

Tony Curtis, who started in Hollywood in the 1950s to find fame in roles from "The Defiant Ones" to "Some Like It Hot," died on Wednesday at his home in Henderson, Nev., near Las Vegas. He was 85.

October

October 4

Willie Nelson kicked off the 25th annual Farm Aid Concert in Milwaukee, Wisconsin over the weekend. More than 30,000 fans showed up at Miller Park for the marathon concert. Farm Aid was organized to help American farmers.

October 5

The Supreme Court began a new era this week with three women serving together for the first time. Eelena Kagan took her place on the bench Monday. She replaces John Paul Stevens who retired after 34 years.

October 6

A federal judge ruled against a group of parents who had sued to keep open the SD School for the Deaf, claiming the school is closing in favor of an outreach education and contracted services would deprive the students of their due process right and violate the state constitution and the federal Individuals with Disabilities Ac.

October 7

Randy Moss has been traded back to the Minnesota Vikings. The Vikings pulled off their biggest blockbuster since acquiring Brett Favre.

October 8

A fire in downtown Springfield has destroyed two businesses, Libby's Steakhouse and Boschma Legal Services. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Two other businesses, Mr. Golf Car Inc. and Doug Food, have smoke and water damage.

October 11

The South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations recently gave the Distinguished Service Award president and CEO of Avera Sacred Heart Health Services to Pam Rezac. SDAH0 represents 54 hospitals and 34 long term care facilities across the state.

October 13

The rescue attempt to free the 33-trapped Chile miners who have been stranded in the San Jose mine since August 5 has begun today. All 33 miners were rescued. They were shuttled up a narrow escape hatch. The miners were trapped for 69 days; this was the longest underground entrapment in human history. The rescue took 22 hours and 37 minutes to be completed.

October 18

Rob Buechler, 37-year-old Yankton police officer and E-4 specialist with the South Dakota Army National Guard's Charlie Battery, was selected as the Charlie Battery Soldier of the Year. He will be competing in Regionals and will also have a chance to go to Nationals.

October 19

L&M Radiator's held a groundbreaking ceremony yesterday on the plant site located at 2204 West City Limits Road. There will be a 40,000 square foot expansion in addition to the existing 42,000-square-foot facility by early next year, and the project will result in the addition of just more than 50 jobs. The company currently employs 68 individuals.

October 22

The recent fire in Springfield, SD at Libby's Steakhouse has been ruled suspicious by authorities. Local, state and federal authorities are still investigating the blaze.

October 26

The Midwest experienced a "Wind Machine". Winds were in excess of 80 mph. Many places lost power, many airline flights were cancelled. The weather sparked tornadoes and blizzard like conditions. The massive storm stretched from the Dakotas to the eastern Great Lakes; waves on beaches were reported to be up to 25 feet. Over 56 tornadoes were reported across the country. Minnesota's barometric pressure was at a record low of 28.21 inches.

October 28

In recognition of National Disability Awareness Month, Wal-Mart was honored as the top employer while a Wal-Mart employee Elmer Anderson was honored as the top employee. Anderson has worked as a maintenance associate at Wal-Mart since 2007.

November

November 1

The mail bomb plot that stretched from Chicago to Yemen may have been aimed at blowing up planes in flight has been thwarted. Senior U.S. officials believe that the Yemen based militant is behind the plot. One of the explosive devices found inside a printer cartridge in Dubai had flown on two airlines before it was seized by authorities.

November 2

The New York Giants have won the World Series, beating the Texas Rangers 3-1 in a tense game 5. The last time the Giants won was in 1954.

November 3

Republican Lt. Governor Dennis Daugaard won the Governors race with Matt Michels of Yankton as his running mate for Lt. Governor. Republican Kristie Noem has defeated Democratic Rep. Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin for the lone South Dakota House seat. Incumbents Nick Moser and Bernie Hunhoff each won another two years in the Legislature. Jim Vlahakis won for Yankton County Sheriff. Incumbents Bruce Jensen and Allen Sinclair retained their seats on the Yankton County Commission while newcomer Garry Moore took the third seat.

November 4

Two new leaders for the Yankton based Charlie Battery are Commander Captain Joshua Smith and new top non-commissioned officer, First Sergeant Chad Durfee. The new commanders look forward to working with the Yankton unit.

November 6

The United States Postal Service may be closing Yankton's downtown facility. The district office in Sioux Falls contacted the Mayor stating the facility was one among several nationwide that was chosen to be "placed on the market for possible future sale." Public input on closure will be sought for 30 days. Then the USPS will move ahead with plans to consolidate its operations at the Fox Run Carrier Annex.

November 11

Yankton County EMS Director Jeremy Dangel is resigning to accept another position. He has been the director for the last five years. Dangel has accepted a position with TransCanada Corporation, which owns Keystone pipeline.

November 27

Yankton's unemployment rate is holding steady. The South Dakota Department of Labor reported a 4 percent unemployment rate for October. The number of unemployed individuals in Yankton during October was 305 individuals.

November 30

The U.S. is working to contain the WikiLeaks. More than a quarter million sensitive files have been released. The Pentagon detailed new security safeguards, including restraints on small computer flash drives to make it harder for one person to copy and reveal so many secrets.

December

December 1

Local businessman Lanning Mollet will be closing his store Mullet Music after 40 years. Having served as a band director he decided to open his own music instrument store in Yankton in 1969 at the age of 30. Mollet said the music instru-

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