

sized that a National Guard unit will remain in Yankton. The unit will retain its armory, he added.

September 23

Madisen Mines and Connor Fitzsimmons were crowned as the Yankton high school Pioneer Prince and Princess during the school's homecoming coronation ceremony Thursday night at the YHS/Summit Activities Center main gym. Following the ceremony, the traditional burning of the "Y" was held west of the school. Other royalty candidates were Vanessa Rockne, Kipp Kinsley, Jenna Grossenburg, Dillon Beckmann, Lindsey Lien, Jordan Hauger, Chloe Cornemann, Matthew Gubbels and Terry Huber.

The soap opera "All My Children" broadcasts its final show after 41 years.

September 27

Mrs. South Dakota Lori Visker was the featured speaker during last night's inaugural Candlelight Vigil to honor victims of domestic violence that was held at the Yankton County 4-H Grounds. During the event a candle was also lit in honor of Brianna Knoll of Yankton who was killed in April during an alleged act of domestic violence.

October 2011

October 3

An Italian appeals court frees Amanda Knox of Seattle after four years in prison, tossing out the murder convictions against her and an ex-boyfriend in the stabbing of their British roommate.

October 5

A Yankton car dealership "Northtown" celebrated the opening of their new 29,000 square foot facility with a ribbon cutting an open house. They will be located next to the new Menards store.

Apple Inc. co-founder Steve Jobs-entrepreneur, inventor, self-made billionaire died of cancer at the age of 56.

October 6

More than 960 acres of cropland in Cedar County, Nebraska burned yesterday afternoon. The warm and windy weather along with the dry conditions on the ground helped fuel the blaze. More than 11 communities in two states helped battle the blaze.

October 7

The Yankton Fire Department will be hosting an Open House during National Fire Prevention Week. They will also unveil the "Ground Zero Monument"/ The Yankton Fire Department is one of 2 or 3 in the state to have been selected to receive a piece from Ground Zero through an application process.

The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to three women: President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia, Liberian activist Leymah Gbowee, and Tawakkul Karman who has long pushed for change in Yemen.

October 10

A Yankton man was killed yesterday after a pickup slipped out of gear and rolled down the river embankment, killing him. Edward Metter, 65, was killed in the incident downstream from Gavins Point Dam.

October 15

Sgt. James Dvorak of Yankton won the non-commissioned Officer of the Year competition for the state of South Dakota. He now advances to the Region 6 "Best Warrior" competition next June in Idaho.

October 16

In Washington, DC the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial will be dedicated.

October 19

A house fire overnight left three people homeless in Yankton. An early morning fire at the Don and Vi Heimes residence at 2001 Locust was declared a total loss. No injuries were reported.

October 21

Moammar Gadhafi was killed in a battle in his hometown of Sirte, Libya. He was the leader of Libya for more than 40 years. His death came two months after he was driven from power and into hiding. The U.S. had briefly led the relentless NATO bombing campaign that sealed Gadhafi's fate, Washington later took on a secondary role and Britain and France said they hoped his death would lead to a more democratic Libya.

October 25

The Yankton School Board vowed to hold public forums about the possibility of the school district pursuing a second opt-out attempt before the end of the calendar year.

A 7.2 magnitude earthquake killed at least 279 people in Ercis, Turkey over the weekend killing more than 400 people and thousands were injured and there have been over 200 after shocks.

October 28

A South Dakota inmate was sentenced to death yesterday for killing a prison guard by bashing him with a pipe, covering his mouth with plastic wrap and then wearing the dead man's uniform during an attempt to escape. Second Circuit Judge Bradley Zell, sentenced him to die by lethal injection.

The St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Texas Rangers in Game 7 of the World Series.

October 29

Second Circuit Judge Bradley Zell sentenced Eric Robert, 49, to death, one day after Robert told Judge Zell he regretted not killing another officer or that he will kill again. Robert plead guilty to bashing 63-year-old Ronald Johnson with a pipe on April 12, he also covered his mouth with wrap and wore the dead officers uniform in a failed escape attempt.

A white "Halloween" storm with record setting snowfalls hit the northeastern part of the United States, knocking out power to millions, and 39 deaths were blamed on the storm.

October 31

The Yankton Guard Unit has been know as Charlie Battery for the last 43 years, it was recently announced that effective September of 2012, it will be known as first battalion 147th infantry, Bravo Battery.

The South Dakota Peace and Justice Center recently honored Father Leonard Kayser of Yankton for a lifetime of work and influence. Kayser who has been an ordained Catholic priest for the past 52 years has been involved with the social justice system since it began in the 1970's.

November 2011

November 2

The Vermillion National Guard unit has been put on alert for deployment to Afghanistan. They are one of three units to receive mobilization alerts.

November 3

Habitat for Humanity has named Steve Kirby as the new executive director for Habitat for Humanity in Yankton County.

November 4

"60 Minutes" commentator Andy Rooney died at the age of 92 just a month after his retirement from the show.

November 5

Former Governor William Janklow has been diagnosed with brain cancer. Janklow, 72, a Republican who dominated politics in South Dakota for more than a quarter of a century said that the cancer is aggressive and he is undergoing treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

November 7

Thousands of protesters gathered in Washington, DC to oppose the plan for a transnational oil pipeline that they fear could harm the environment. The crowd gathered around the White House at one point wanting to pressure President Obama and his administration

on deciding whether or not to approve the massive Keystone project.

A Los Angeles, California jury convicted Michael Jackson's doctor, Conrad Murray of involuntary manslaughter for supplying an anesthetic implicated in the Jackson's death.

Former heavyweight champion boxer, Joe Frazier died at the age of 87.

November 9

The Gayville-Volin School District is raising funds to build a new track facility. School officials and organizers announced \$60,000 in pledges so far for the \$350,000 project.

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