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Yankton Suicide Walk Sees 10 Years Of Raising Awareness

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A decade ago, Yankton held its first suicide prevention awareness walk.

On Saturday morning, Bridging Yankton and United Way will be hosting the 10th annual Suicide Prevention Walk, starting at the amphitheater in Riverside Park.

Jesse Bailey, executive director of United Way of Greater Yankton, said that the walk has grown over the years.

“I’d say in the three years since I’ve been doing the event, we’ve had around 125 people



Bailey

or more,” he said. “I expect that many or more on Saturday.”

He told the *Press & Dakotan* how the walk is set up and who really is running things behind the scenes.

“United Way is the fiscal host for the Bridging Yankton Committee, but the committee itself is made up of community leaders from throughout the community,” Bailey said. “There are a lot of different folks representing a lot of different agencies. There’re some nonprofit agencies. The school district is represented. Department of Social Services is represented. It’s people who really have a vested interest in prevention of suicide.”

“That group does all the work throughout the year. United Way does some administrative work, and we have a solid partnership

A Glowing Holiday Parade



A good crowd turned out amid cloudy skies and comfortable temperatures Monday morning for the annual Wagner Labor Day parade, part of the community’s 126th annual holiday celebration that wrapped up Monday. This year’s festival theme was “250 Years And Glowing Strong,” a nod to America’s semiquincentennial as well as the optimistic heritage and spirit in the Wagner area. The broad theme was evident in the parade. ABOVE: These kids were looking to the stars as part of the Commercial State Bank float that declared, “One small deposit, one giant leap toward your dreams.” LEFT: Several patriotic accents were evident in the parade, including this Statue of Liberty on the City of Wagner float. To see more photos, visit www.yankton.net. (Kelly Hertz/P&D)

Vermillion’s Ribs, Rods And Rock & Roll On The Menu This Weekend

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VERMILLION — Good times are on the menu in Vermillion this weekend (Sept. 11-12) with the return of Ribs, Rods and Rock & Roll.

This year’s annual festival runs concurrently with a University of South Dakota home football game, according to event director Rodney Oberle.

With the intention of drawing more college students, Ribs, Rods and Rock & Roll is having DJ Marcus Destin as the entertainment on both Friday and Saturday night.

“It’s always interesting when there’s a home game,” Oberle told the *Press & Dakotan*. “People either go to the game Saturday or come to the car show all day Saturday. The huge factor is the weather. It’s looking good so far this year. It’s supposed to be 82-85 with a 10-15% chance of rain, which is almost always in South Dakota

“A big difference this year is having a DJ to try to attract the college students. We want to improve turnout from that demographic, and we think DJ Marcus can help us with that.”

Oberle said the festivities officially kick off at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11, and will run until 11:30 p.m. that night. On Saturday, things get started at 9 a.m. and run until 11:30 p.m.



DAVID LIAS/PLAIN TALK ARCHIVE PHOTO
Good food, good music and good times are in store at Vermillion’s annual Ribs, Rods and Rock & Roll festival in downtown Vermillion Sept. 11-12.

He has been on the festival’s committee for nine years and has served as president for the past five.

There are a few more things happening for the first time in 2026.

Decision 2026
South Dakota Gubernatorial Hopefuls Both Slam Trump On Beef Imports

BY JOSHUA HAIAR
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HURON — Republican Gov. Larry Rhoden and Democratic challenger Dan Ahlers both criticized President Donald Trump on Saturday during a debate at the South Dakota State Fair, with Rhoden saying he agrees with Trump on other issues but could not support the president’s decision to import more foreign beef.



Ahlers



Rhoden

“I thought he was wrongheaded in his logic, and the things that came out of that administration trying to defend it, I think, were weak,” Rhoden said.

Trump endorsed Rhoden last month. Rhoden said he plans to press U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins to create an advisory committee so Trump has better information “before he makes decisions like that and then gets in front of a microphone.”

“He’s kind of an impulsive guy,” Rhoden said.

Trump announced last month that he would pause tariffs on imported beef, which he said would bring prices down for consumers and allow U.S. ranchers to build up their herds from historically low levels. The backlash from U.S. cattle ranchers was swift.

Ahlers said the announcement was not the first time the Trump administration suggested importing more foreign beef, and Ahlers said the state has to be “a stronger advocate for our farmers and ranchers.” He said that means working with South Dakota’s congressional delegation to apply more pressure on Trump.

The two candidates disagreed on several other issues during the debate, which was their first since each of them won their respective party’s nomination. The debate was hosted on the fair’s Freedom Stage by the South Dakota Farmers Union.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPENDING

Ahlers said the governor’s economic development office has favored recruiting out-of-state companies over funding homegrown ventures. He said a Wakonda hemp producer built a hemp-based concrete plant in another state



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