

## YSD School Board To Meet Monday

From P&amp;D Staff Reports

The Yankton School District (YSD) school board will meet Monday to discuss teacher contracts and the school calendar for 2014-15. In addition, board members will discuss buying new spanish textbooks and hear a report from Lt. Mike Burgeson, of the Yankton Police Department, on YSD student and school safety. Board members will also consider a resolution supporting Yankton Area Transit.

The meeting will take place at 5 p.m. at the Administration Building located at 2410 West City Limits Road.

## Yankton Citywide Cleanup Today (Saturday)

The annual Yankton Citywide Cleanup is scheduled to begin on Saturday, April 6.

Residents on city garbage collection routes may dispose of materials at no additional charge. Materials may be dropped off at the Solid Waste Transfer Station located at 23rd and Kellen Gross Drive from April 8-12 on the hours posted below:

- Saturday, April 6 — 8 a.m.-3:45 p.m.
- Monday, April 8, through Friday, April 12 — 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 13 — 8 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

City crews will pick up the materials that have been placed at the curb on April 8-12. This service is only available for residential customers on the regular city garbage collection routes.

For further information go to the City website — <http://www.cityofyankton.org/utilities/solidwaste/cleanup.php> — or contact the City of Yankton Street Department at 668-5211.

## LCTC Holding Auditions Sunday And Monday

The Lewis and Clark Theatre Company announces that auditions for its upcoming production of the "The Nerd" will be held at noon on Sunday, April 7, and 7 p.m. Monday, April 8.

"The Nerd" calls for approximately seven men and two women in its cast. It is being directed by Sue Fields.

If you are unable to attend on either of these dates but would like to audition for a role, call LCTC at 605-665-4711.

## Meetings On Environmental Draft Plan Slated

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and National Park Service (NPS) worked collaboratively to develop a draft environmental impact statement and land protection plan for two large conservation areas along the Missouri River in Northeast Nebraska and South Dakota. The agencies are seeking public comment on the draft plan for the Niobrara Confluence and Ponca Bluffs Conservation Areas.

"In creating these areas, the Service and NPS would work with willing private landowners, local communities, and other conservation entities to conserve important wildlife habitats, increase high quality recreational opportunities, preserve sensitive cultural sites, and maintain sustainable farming and ranching operations in the region while not increasing regulations or altering dam operations," said Noreen Walsh, Regional Director for the Mountain-Prairie Region.

Efforts will focus on the Missouri River between Ft. Randall Dam to the Running Water Bridge and upstream the Niobrara River to the Spencer Dam. This area is referred to as the Niobrara Confluence. The other area, called the Ponca Bluffs, is centered on the Missouri River from Gavins Point Dam to Sioux City, Iowa.

Individual or group representatives may visit the project website (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/niob-ponca>) to learn more or to provide comments. The Service and NPS will gather public input as part of public comment period until June 14, 2013. All comments received before June 14 will be considered by the agencies during completion of the final environmental impact statement.

Public meetings regarding the draft plan will begin with an informational presentation followed by an open house where individuals can meet one-on-one with the Service and NPS staff for additional discussion. The meetings will be at the following dates and locations:

- Wednesday, April 10 — Vermillion Public Library, 18 Church Street, Vermillion, 6-8 p.m.
- Thursday, April 11 — Lutheran Fellowship Hall, 2532 Apple Street (just south of Moody Motors), Niobrara, Neb., 6-8 p.m.

Information will broadcast via local radio stations in the event of a cancellation or postponement.

For more information or to provide comments, contact:

- Nick Kaczor, Planning Team Leader; Division of Refuge Planning; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; P.O. Box 25486, DFC; Denver, CO 80225; 303-236-4387.
- Steve Mietz, Superintendent; National Park Service; Missouri National Recreational River; 508 East 2nd Street; Yankton, SD 57078; 605-665-0209.

## Habitat For Humanity Seeks Applicants

Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County is seeking qualified applicants for the 2013 build.

Qualified applicants must live or work in Yankton County, demonstrate a need for housing, be willing to partner with Habitat for Humanity by providing 300 hours of sweat equity to build their new home, must demonstrate the ability to repay a zero percent interest mortgage loan and must show a satisfactory payment history with creditors.

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian housing ministry that builds homes in partnership with our community and families in need of a decent affordable housing.

To pre-qualify for a homeownership opportunity, call the Habitat office at 605-260-4224.

## Highway

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to have to live with the result of this project before there is another opportunity to make a difference. We don't want to miss out on an opportunity to do the right thing and make some improvements."

In addition to needing right of way on the south side of Highway 50 east of Marne Creek for utilities, Mingo said there is a desire to make the area more aesthetically pleasing.

"A majority of people who come to Yankton use East Highway 50 as their access point," he stated. "It is the first impression for most people that visit our community, and we definitely want to make a good first impression."

The need for right of way could even lead to building removal in that area, Mingo added.

Except for the section of Highway 50 from Burleigh Street to Marne Creek constructed in 2003, the roadway has not been reconstructed since 1972.

The reconstruction will include grading, storm sewer, sidewalk, lighting, traffic signal and surfacing work by the SDDOT. The city will be completing water and sanitary sewer upgrades.

Broadway Avenue to Burleigh Street will become five lanes with a continuous left turn lane in the center.

The traffic signal at Highway 50 and Douglas Avenue will be replaced, and the plans currently propose to eliminate the signal at Walnut Street.

Ron Peterson, Yankton-area engineer for the SDDOT, said the lights at Walnut Street will be put out of service for a period of time this summer as an experiment to see how the intersection functions.

He added that the traffic numbers at neither the Walnut Street nor Douglas Avenue intersections warrant a signal according to the traffic manual used by the SDDOT.

In 2012, average daily traffic along the portion of Highway 50 being reconstructed was 8,994 vehicles. Of that, 4.3 percent

was truck traffic.

A potentially controversial part of the project will be the acquisition of public right of way. In some cases, signs, buildings and other private uses have already encroached on public right-of-way.

Meetings will be held with landowners this spring, and the right of way acquisition process will begin in late 2013 and continue into 2014.

The project will tentatively be bid out for construction in December 2014.

Members of the public that attended the meeting expressed safety concerns along Highway 50, and some had reservations about the traffic signal being removed from the Walnut Street intersection.

A majority of the comments revolved around using Highway 50 as a truck route. It became the designated truck route after the closure of the Meridian Bridge and the opening of the Discovery Bridge. Ownership of Second Street, the previous truck route, subsequently transferred from the state to the City of Yankton.

Some attendees believed trucks have made the intersection at Highway 81 and Fourth Street a "mess." They thought Second Street should be used as a truck bypass.

"That's going to be a big community discussion," Mayor Nancy Wenande said during a media briefing Friday. "Personally, I would still like to see them on Fourth Street because the state has that designated as a highway. While people were calling Second Street a bypass, it's not a bypass. It's a residential street where we want to increase pedestrian traffic, not as a feed for truck traffic going through town."

Public input on the reconstruction project will be accepted until April 18 at Cary.Cleland@state.sd.us.

Comments can also be mailed to Cary Cleland, Road Design Engineering Supervisor, South Dakota Department of Transportation, 5316 West 60th St. N., Sioux Falls, SD 57107.

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at [twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage](https://twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage)

## Gayville-Volin School District Seeks Votes For New Track

LINCOLN, Neb. — The people of Gayville-Volin, South Dakota, answered the call from State Farm® to submit causes that would make a positive impact in their neighborhood. Now the Gayville-Volin School District needs your "assist" by voting them to the top and bringing money to the top and bringing money to Gayville-Volin. Through April 22, anyone who has the free State Farm Neighborhood Assist™ Facebook application can vote for the Gayville-Volin School District to help bring \$25,000 to the community.

Gayville-Volin wants to build a community outdoor track for all ages. The community does not have a track now, so students from the Gayville-Volin School District must practice indoors and on the streets. A new track also would make possible exercise and health programs that would help create a healthier community. A Neighborhood Assist grant would support an ongoing local fundraising campaign to build a track.

Approximately 3,000 submissions were received through State Farm Neighborhood Assist, a youth-led philanthropic program that empowers communities to identify issues in their neighborhood. At least one cause was received from every eligible state, district and province in the United States and Canada. Then, the

State Farm Youth Advisory Board, a diverse group of 30 students who are passionate about social responsibility, reviewed the cause submissions and selected the 200 finalists based on criteria they created.

Once the Youth Advisory Board selected the top 200, the program connected each cause with a local nonprofit that can help solve the problem. Forty-three states and Canadian provinces have causes in the top 200.

The Gayville-Volin area has until April 22 to rally votes in their communities, with anyone voting allowed up to 10 votes per day. On April 29, the top 40 vote-receiving causes will be announced on the Facebook app and a \$25,000 grant will be awarded to the affiliated nonprofits.

"The beauty of State Farm Neighborhood Assist is that it places decision-making power directly in the hands of the public," said State Farm Public Affairs Field Manager Liz Ring. "We hope the 2013 program is able to increase last year's widespread positive impact on U.S. and Canadian communities."

To vote for the Gayville-Volin School District, visit <https://www.state-assist.com/cause/3324/we-build-it-theyll-run>.

## TOASTMASTERS' CONTEST



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Area 62 Toastmasters International Spring Contest was held at Freeman, SD, March 14. Members of Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters Club 6217 assisting with the speech and evaluation contests were: (left to right) judge Eileen O'Connor, timer Kary Beltz, emcee Muriel Stach, judge and counter Greg Stach, banner bearer Chelsi Hames, and speech contest presenter Joyce Stevens.

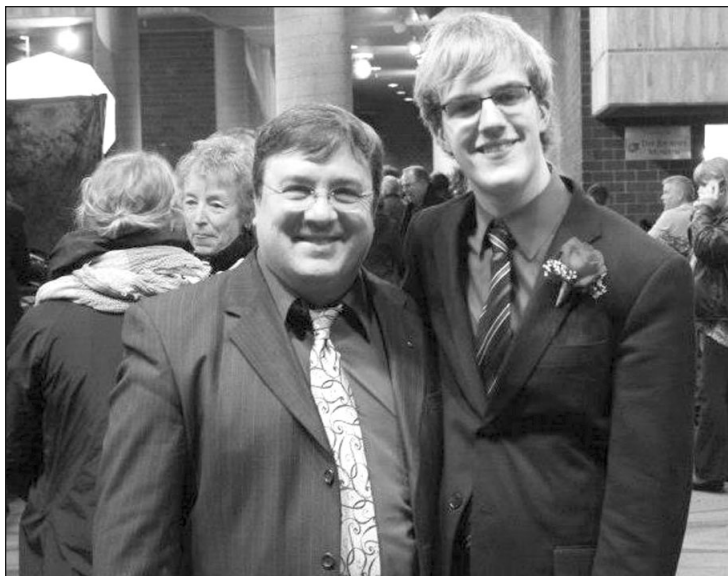
## YHS HONOR STUDENTS PACK



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The Yankton High School National Honor Society and advisors recently donated monies from one of their fund raising projects and then packed over 7,300 meals for children in need our care at Kids Against Hunger. If you would like to learn how you can make a difference, please visit [www.kahyankton.org](http://www.kahyankton.org).

## WATT REPRESENTS YHS



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Matt Watt, a Junior at Yankton High School, represented the school at the recent 63rd annual South Dakota All-State Band. Matt was a member of the Clark Band under the direction of Jan Van Der Roost, a globally known composer and professor at the Lemmensinstituut in Leuven (Belgium). He is also guest professor at the Senzoku Gakuen in Kawasaki and at the Nagoya University of Arts (Japan). Matt was chosen from hundreds of auditions across the state. The event was held in Rapid City at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. The bands rehearsed for 3 days, then performed a final Grand Concert.

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