

## Parks To Be A Focus For City Monday

From P&D Staff Reports

When the Yankton City Commission meets Monday, the focus will largely be on the city's parks.

A request for funding on a fountain project from Keep Yankton Beautiful (KYB) will be considered. KYB is asking \$1,450 to connect a water line to the fountain. The rest of the fountain is funded privately.

A resolution to correct a sign at Memorial Park to read "City of Yankton Fantele Memorial Park" will also be considered.

The commission will also be deciding whether to apply for a grant of up to \$50,000 to replace playground equipment at Riverside Park. The upgrades are meant to make the playground Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. Current equipment at the park is too out of date to order new parts for.

Other items will include planning for the Harvest Halloween Festival, approval of a new urban boundary map and consideration of new K-9 and unmarked vehicles for the police department.

The commission meets at 7 p.m. at the Technical Education Center, 1200 W. 21st St.

## School Board To Hear Planning Reports

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The Yankton school board will hear presentations on the district's five-year strategic plan and three-year technology plan when it holds its monthly meeting Monday.

Also on the agenda, the board is scheduled to:

- hear a request from the Gayville-Volin School District to establish student pick-up points within the Yankton School District;
- hear a report on the summer food service program;
- consider approval of a new employee performance evaluation system;
- appoint standing committees.

The school board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the Yankton School District Administration Building, 2410 West City Limits Road.

## Crest Road To Be Closed Next Week

Crest Road, the road that crosses the Gavins Point Dam will be closed from 8 a.m. Monday, Aug. 11, through 3:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15. This closure will include nighttime hours.

The public is asked to plan on an alternate route of travel during this time.

The closure is a result of the inspection, repair and painting of the spillway gates at Gavins Point Dam.

There will be periodic closures throughout duration of the construction, which will continue into the fall.

## Johnson To Hold Coffee In Yankton

SIoux FALLS — Sen. Tim Johnson will make a stop in Yankton Tuesday, Aug. 12, as part of his "Tour of Thanks" across South Dakota.

He will be holding a coffee at the Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut, at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

## Library Board To Meet Wednesday

The Yankton Community Library Board of Trustees will meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the library meeting room at 515 Walnut

For further information, call 668-5275.

## Battling Hunger



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**The Tyndall Rotary Club teamed with employees and family members of St. Michael's Hospital to pack more than 3,000 meals for children in need. If you would like to learn how you can make a difference, please visit [www.kahyankton.org/](http://www.kahyankton.org/).**

## Camp

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favorite part of the week was making her car.

"You could make your car out of anything, and it was amazing it worked," she said.

Nine-year-old Ben Lefdal, of Yankton, said he enjoyed making his car go fast and meeting new people.

"It was fun to create the car, test it out and see how fast it goes," Lefdal said. "I also got to meet some new friends. It was a lot of fun."

Bietz said her love of science made her decide to spend the week at Camp Invention.

"It's something fun to do, and we got to make a lot of cool inventions," she said.

Lefdal echoed those sentiments.

"Science has always been my thing, so I thought it'd be fun," he said.

In addition to Pease, who also teaches chemistry at Mount Marty, the staff for the camp included Laura Kotalik and Mary Beth Herrboldt, both

Yankton teachers.

"I love math and science, and the camp sounded so fun," Kotalik said. "The kids are so creative, and watching them use what they know to come up with new ideas is always fun."

Kotalik said Camp Invention is an opportunity for Yankton area elementary students to explore science, math and technology in a relaxed setting.

"It's presented in a fun way, and they're learning without being in school," Kotalik said. "They can see how all of this is used in real life. They also learn to make mistakes, which is so important."

Pease said the camp is important for the community because these students are the future.

"These kids will be our future inventors creating the things we need to solve current and future problems," Pease said. "It's empowering to the kids that they can make something to solve a problem."

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## Jack

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the outpouring of prayers and support. He also expressed hope for the future.

"Jack is doing great. This is a mild setback and everyone remains optimistic for Jack, including and especially his Mom and Dad," he wrote.

As a treat for Jack, the Hoffmans went forward with plans to take their son to Kansas City to watch a National Football League pre-season game Thursday night between the host Chiefs and the Cincinnati Bengals, with former Husker running back Rex Burkhead on the Bengal roster.

Jack and Burkhead met shortly after the boy's 2011 cancer diagnosis, when Jack received his wish of visiting the University of Nebraska. Jack met Burkhead during the campus visit, and the two became close friends.

After their initial meeting on the Nebraska campus, Burkhead not only remained in touch with Jack through phone calls and personal visits. The football player helped create national awareness of pediatric brain cancer, and the Husker football team started wearing wristbands to honor Jack.

Burkhead's support has also brought national attention to the Team Jack Foundation. The Hoffmans started the foundation to fund research for pediatric brain cancer, the leading cancer cause of death in children.

"Rex is so involved with it," Andy told the *Press & Dakotan*. "What began as a sick child's visit with Rex has evolved into a national movement."

Such awareness has remained critical for the Team Jack Foundation, Andy said.

"We raised \$1 million during the first year," he said. "We are right at \$1.6 million that we have raised, and our goal is to raise \$2 million by the end of the year."

The Team Jack Foundation has begun distributing the money, seeking to find a life-saving solution as quickly as possible not only for Jack but also for all children suffering the same disease, Andy said.

The Team Jack Foundation received another major boost last April when comedians Larry

the Cable Guy — a Nebraska native who has befriended the Hoffmans — and Jeff Foxworthy performed in Lincoln. The event raised nearly \$200,000 for pediatric brain cancer research.

Such private fundraising has become a necessity for pediatric brain cancer research, Andy said. He expressed a mixture of frustration and anger at the current level of research funding for the disease.

"I'm embarrassed by the lack of funding by the federal government and private industry," he said.

As a result, Jack and other pediatric brain cancer patients are receiving some of the same treatments used 25 years ago, Andy said.

"The striking thing about it is how little doctors know about the disease," he said. "A handful of national experts understand the disease. What makes it even more difficult, you have (many) different types of brain cancers, and not all doctors have the same level of expertise."

The Team Jack Foundation is also committed to making treatment, research and clinical trials available across the nation, Andy said. He pointed to the possibility that Jack may need to receive treatment at Boston once a week for a month, then once a month for a year.

Andy remains optimistic that trials and treatments will become more accessible in Nebraska. In the meantime, families such as his will need to travel where necessary across the nation.

"We hope people don't lose sight that Jack isn't the only kid facing this kind of battle," Andy said. "We want to encourage every family battling and suffering through this disease."

In the midst of all the turmoil, the Hoffmans say they are grateful for the one thing money can't buy — the prayers and support for Jack and other childhood cancer patients.

"When you have millions of people praying for Jack, you can feel the prayers supporting and lifting you up," he said. "Prayers are free and we think, in the end, the prayers are a difference maker for Jack."

You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at [twitter.com/RDockendorf](https://twitter.com/RDockendorf). Discuss this story at [www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net).

## OBITUARIES

### Wallace Ray Strunk

Wallace Ray Strunk, age 87, passed away peacefully with an Amen on his lips on August 7, 2014 at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Tyndall, SD.



Strunk

Ray was born August 16, 1926 to Henry and Emily (Andersen) Strunk on the family farm near Irene, SD. He was baptized and confirmed at Elim Lutheran Church and studied at Mayfield #35 country school (a three generation place of education) graduating from Irene High School, Class of 1944. After studying for a year at Freeman Junior College, Ray went on to graduate in 1951 from SDSU with a B.S. in Animal Husbandry. A blind date with a young teacher led to the love of his life. He married Elaine Gildseth at Oldham Lutheran Church on June 30, 1960. They were blessed with "four fine children", Jim, Sanford, Karla and Dawn.

Ray was a strong man of faith who loved his family and devoted his life to being a steward of the land. He was ever ready with a joke and extended hospitality to many guests. Ray took pleasure in driving his pickup to check on cattle and was an avid hunter and fisherman, guiding guests from many states. He doted on his grandchildren with tractor rides and

fishing trips. Ray was an active member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and since 1952, a member of St John's Masonic Lodge in Yankton.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter Karla and grandson Anthony, and a brother Duane. Grateful for his life are his wife of 54 years, Elaine, sons Jim (Krista) of Tyndall, SD, Sanford (Alisa) of Dinwiddie, VA, and daughter Dawn (Mark) Whittenburg of Burnsville, MN. He is also survived by a brother William of Travelers Rest, SC and a sister Carol Nielsen of Sioux Falls. Beloved grandchildren include Keegan Strunk, Alan Strunk, Jessica and Thomas Whittenburg, step-grandchildren Robin Gochenauer, Joel and Elizabeth Legacy, two step-great grandchildren and nine nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be Sunday, August 10th from 3-5 pm at Hansen Funeral Home in Irene, SD with a prayer service at 3:30 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 11th at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of rural Irene. Rev. Dana Steinwand officiating.

Family will be available an hour prior to services and a lunch will be served following the funeral.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials for a later donation.

Visit [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com).

The family would like to extended special thanks to the staff at Good Samaritan

### Joan Walsh

Joan Mary Walsh, age 54, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Thursday, August 7, 2014, at her home in Yankton after her courageous battle with cancer.

Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11, 2014 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton with Reverend David Wildermuth officiating. Burial of the urn will take place at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

A gathering of friends and family will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 10, 2014 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Arrangements are provided by the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton.

Urn bearers will be her sons: Brandon Harms, Alex Harms, and Riley Walsh. Honorary urn bearers will be The Outlaws: Alan Bu-



Walsh

lian, Sheryl Gullikson, Allen Kocmich, Mike Snoozy, and Allison Gullikson. Joan was born December 21, 1959 in Yankton, South Dakota to Gordon and Mary Jane Gullikson. She grew up and attended school in Yankton graduating from Yankton High School in 1978. She moved to Rapid City for a few years until returning to Yankton in 1990. She married Jay Walsh on December 5, 1992 in Yankton. Joan opened Care-A-Lot Daycare in Yankton in 1992, which she continued until retiring in 2011. Joan loved children and enjoyed the children she was able to care for, especially babies.

Joan was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton as well as a member of the Yankton Firefight-

ers Auxiliary. She enjoyed painting, drawing, fishing, camping, shopping, the Minnesota Twins, chocolate candy, and wine. Joan loved life. She had a wonderful sense of humor and a glow about her that went very well with her unforgettable smile. She loved people and was always willing to help. Even throughout her illness she was always positive, smiling and strong. Her strength gave everyone else strength during the difficult times. She loved her family and was looking forward to her first granddaughter.

Survivors include her husband, Jay Walsh of Yankton; three sons: Brandon Harms of Spearfish, South Dakota; Alex (Sara) Harms of Rapid City, South Dakota; and Riley Walsh of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; her mother, Mary Jane Gullikson of Yankton; five brothers and sisters: Vickie (Alan) Bulian of Yankton; Bruce (Sheryl) Gullikson of

Lincoln, Nebraska; Linda (Allen) Kocmich of Avon, South Dakota; Diana (Mike) Snoozy of Brandon, South Dakota; and Brian (Allison) Gullikson of Yankton; close relatives, Cliff and Lisa Harms of Rapid City; special pet, Babz; and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gordon Gullikson; and grandparents: Otto and Mary Walz and Ray and Muriel Gullikson.

To post an online sympathy message visit [wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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Nursing Home of Tyndall for their compassionate care.

"And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God" (Jer 30:22).

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### Alexander Zephier

Alexander Zane Zephier, 86, of Wagner died Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014, at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 11, at the National Guard Armory in Wagner, with military honors.

Wake services will be held at 7 p.m. tonight (Saturday) and Sunday at the Armory.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner is in charge of arrangements.

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Dr. Sana graduated from Creighton University in Omaha. He completed three year training at Siouxland Medical Education Foundation.

He lives in Sioux City with his wife and enjoys hiking, working out at the gym, reading, and the Iowa Hawkeyes. Dr. Sana practices family medicine and is involved with everything from OB to geriatrics, emergency and preventative care.



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