

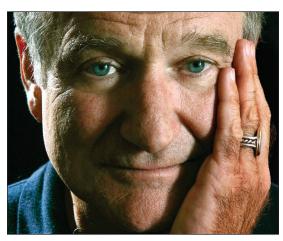
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# **Focus On Housing** YAPG Exploring Need For More Affordable Housing

### **BY ROB NIELSEN**

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With more jobs coming to Yankton, the need for more affordable housing in the area has grown. This housing need is what Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG) hopes to begin addressing in the coming months.

YAPG President John Kramer told the quar-terly YAPG investors luncheon Monday the issue of affordable housing is paramount in the eyes of employees of Yankton businesses.

"In the first part of this year, we had the opportunity to visit our 30 primary-sector companies," he said. "(We asked employees) what's the number one employment issue and it was housing that was stressed very highly.'

Citing a survey recently completed by YAPG projecting 500-600 new jobs coming to the area during the next five years, Kramer said the biggest housing challenges include the number of apartments, purchasable properties between \$95,000 and \$125,000 and single-family homes between \$150,000 and \$180,000.

Dave Mingo, Yankton community development director, said the need for housing is growing across the board, citing a housing analysis recently completed by YAPG.

"It was determined that we need housing in all classes," Mingo said. "There was no area where we have an excess of housing

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KELLY HERTZ/P&D Yankton Community Development Director Dave Mingo discusses Yankton's housing needs during Monday's quarterly meeting of Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG).





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## **Grazing In The Grass**



## City **Supports Fountain For Park**

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The Yankton City Commission approved \$1,450 to help complete a beautification project in conjunction with Keep Yankton Beautiful (KYB).

A water fountain, set to be placed in Memorial Park, will be available



### **Fight Into Their Control**

#### BY BOB MERCER

State Capitol Bureau

Farmers with flooded lands are using their elected township boards to legally shut down many miles of public roads in Day County this summer.

The 66-feet wide strips are returned to the adjoining landowners to become private property.

The strategy is to reduce or prevent people's ability to launch boats from public rights of way for recreational use of floodwaters over private lands.

The road vacations began in May and continued every month since then, reaching at least five townships so far.

The latest round came Monday with public notice from Webster Township that its board of supervisors received petitions seeking two segments of roads be vacated.

By vacating rather than closing the roads, the land returns to private ownership.

Members of the public such as anglers, hunters and trappers could face criminal trespassing charges if they don't get permission to travel over private property to reach the waters.

If a road is only closed, however, people generally could still walk on it or fish from it, unless otherwise prohibited by law or ordinance.

The pattern of vacating roads is unfolding in Troy, Val-

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den around it. The total cost will be \$7,000-\$8,500, the majority of which will be borne by Otto

to their daughter,

Stacey, who

passed away

two years ago.

ship with KYB.

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Larson

The city will provide the

funding necessary to connect

the fountain to the main

water line. The funding for

the water line will come out

of the city's bed, board and

Commissioner Jake

Hoffner hailed the partner-

ample of working together

a proportional manner,"

with private organizations in

Hoffner said. "It's a win-win."

to be finished this fall. The

project passed 8-0 with one

abstention from Craig Som-

Another matter that re-

ceived approval was to apply

for a \$50,000 grant for the re-

equipment in Riverside Park.

Parks & Recreation, said the

current equipment is hard to

find spare parts for and that

new equipment could set

area parks.

Riverside apart from other

ground out which we can no

Todd Larson, director of

placement of playground

The project is anticipated

"I think this is a good ex-

booze (BBB) tax fund.

Hoffner

Ulrich Trust **KELLY HERTZ/P&D** 

as well as It isn't just campers, boaters and bicyclists who extensively use the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area near Yankton: This fawn was spotted nibbling on some grass in the park recently, mostly unconcerned about the traffic going by (or the photographer Bruce and who stopped to get this photo). The traffic that day was relatively light, but may well pick up this weekend with Riverboat Days Carol Meyers and in the weeks to come as our all-too-brief summer season winds down. as a memorial

## Technology, Communication Highlight YSD Strategic Plan

#### BY KELLY HERTZ kelly.hertz@yankton.net

Technology and communication were big components of a five-year strategic plan unveiled Monday night to the Yankton school board.

Yankton School District superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle presented an overview of the plan, which was created from input and feedback received from individuals both within the school system and from the community.

"We spent a lot of time on this," Kindle said, citing administrative staff, teachers, school board members and more than 800 people who participated in an online survey. "We spent a lot of meetings putting this together. We think it's a workable plan. ... It's really a working document, but it gives us an opportunity for us to do some things I think we've been thinking about for a while."

Some goals included enhancing career and technical education opportunities, as well as science, technological, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programming;



KELLY HERTZ/P&D Yankton School District superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle presented a five-year strategic plan to the Yankton school board Monday night. The plan was unanimously approved.

expanding the integration of technology; and building stronger relationships within the district and with the community.

Technology figured prominently in

several issues, including communication with the parents and the media.

But Kindle also emphasized that enhancing basic communication between all parties is essential.

"When we can get everybody on the same page and sincerely listen, it can do a lot for resource building,' Kindle said.

Several concerns expressed by the community were addressed within the plan.

For instance, Kindle noted that several people believed the school district puts an inordinate amount of focus on athletics.

"I don't necessarily agree with that totally, but that's certainly a perception of some people," he admitted.

Thus, one of the "belief statements" guiding the plan is that school officials make sure "the educational experience is well balanced between academics, fine arts and sports.

Kindle also acknowledged that there were concerns about some of

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