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Walter's Warriors



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Yankton Post 12 American Legion baseball Adam Walter, shown applying a tag at first base in a recent game, is battling through a recurrence of Hodgkin's lymphoma. He was first diagnosed with the disease in 2011, and after being declared cancer-free, he was diagnosed with it again in May. But he is continuing to play baseball — which is his passion — and he is getting support from throughout the community. BELOW: A depiction of the "Walter's Warriors" T-shirts that show support for the 16-year-old.

Friends, Teammates And Fans Support Yankton Player As He Battles Cancer Recurrence

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Adam Walter has proudly worn a wristband with the phrase "No One Fights Alone" for the past year. More than just a reminder to keep battling his Stage 2 version of Hodgkin's lymphoma, the message holds special significance for the 16-year-old Yankton High School junior. He has an entire community supporting him. "It's really humbling, really cool to know that," Walter said. "I haven't taken this thing off for a year, since they cleared me." Walter, a catcher and first baseman for the Post 12 American Legion baseball team, endured a three-hour surgery on June 4 to remove a chest tumor that was later determined to be a recurrence of Hodgkin's lymphoma. After initially being diagnosed with the cancer in December 2011, Walter was later declared cancer-free last July after undergoing regular chemotherapy treatments. His one-year remission checkup in May, however, brought the bad news. "I was pretty angry at the whole situation for a couple hours," Walter said last week while on the way to Minneapolis

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COURTESY IMAGE

for the Gopher Classic. "After it set in, I thought, 'I beat it once and I can do it again, if I put my mind to it.' "I just have to keep going." For Walter, that usually meant the baseball diamond at Riverside Field. A baseball player since his T-ball days at age 5, Walter has risen through the Yankton ranks. He was a member of Yankton's 13-year-old State AA Minor VFW Teener title team and has this season split time with the Post 12 legion and junior legion squads. With aspirations to one day play college baseball, Walter was suddenly confronted with the news that his battle with cancer needed a second round. His first thought? How would

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Zimmerman Verdict Leads To Rallies Across US

Some Demand Fed Charges Against Acquitted Florida Man

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WASHINGTON — From New York to California, outrage over the acquittal in George Zimmerman's murder trial poured from street demonstrations and church pulpits Sunday as protesters called for justice for the unarmed youth he killed and demanded federal civil rights charges against him. Protests were scheduled in Boston, Detroit, Baltimore, San Francisco and other cities over the Florida case, which unleashed a national debate over racial profiling, self-defense and equal justice. One protest in California hours after the verdict late Saturday ended with vandalism while police dispersed another crowd by firing bean-bag rounds.

In Washington, the Justice Department said it is looking into the case to determine whether federal prosecutors should file criminal civil rights charges now that Zimmerman has been acquitted in the state case.

In a statement Sunday, the Justice Department said the criminal section of its civil rights division, the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's office for the Middle District of Florida are evaluating evidence.

President Barack Obama called the death of Trayvon Martin a tragedy for the country and urged calm reflection, a message shared by religious and civil rights leaders hoping to ensure peaceful demonstrations in the wake of a case that became an emotional flash point.

In Manhattan, congregants at Middle Collegiate Church were encouraged to wear hooded sweatshirts in the memory of Martin, the black teenager who was wearing a hoodie the night he was shot to death in February 2012.

The Rev. Jacqueline Lewis, wearing a pink hoodie, urged peace and told her congregation that Martin Luther King Jr. "would have wanted us to conduct ourselves on the highest plane of dignity."

But "we're going to raise our voices against the root causes of this kind of tragedy," she said, adding, "We'll aim our fight for justice against the ease with which people can get firearms in this country."

Congregant Jessica Nacinovich, wearing a hoodie, said she could only feel disappointment and sadness over the verdict.

"I just wanted to come and be here with everybody in solidarity and talk and pray and sing about where we go from here," she said. "I'm sure jurors did what they felt was



JACOB LANGSTON/ORLANDO SENTINEL/MCT
Gloria Alcius holds a sign as protesters and onlookers gather in Sanford, Fla., Sunday. George Zimmerman was found not guilty in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

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A Pillar Of Fire



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Yankton firefighters were summoned to this unusual blaze on Chalkstone Hill Rd. at approximately 1 p.m. Sunday. According to accounts at the scene, a resident noticed that a large hole had been dug in his yard overnight, probably by a badger. The man then dropped a smoke bomb device down the hole to scare off the animal. But when the resident did, flames shot out of the ground. It's believed the animal may have chewed or clawed its way into a gas line at that location, and the fumes ignited when the smoke bomb was dropped in. Firefighters monitored the scene for nearly an hour until an employee from the gas company (above) clamped off part of the line to extinguish the blaze. The resident sustained minor flash burns.

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Viborg's 'Capital' Schedule Announced

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VIBORG — Area residents won't need to go to Pierre to express their views on health care issues.

The public is encouraged to give input on federal health care reform July 22 when Gov. Dennis Daugaard visits Viborg as South Dakota's "Capital For A Day."

Citizens are encouraged to attend the roundtable meeting at the Viborg Community Center from 1-2 p.m.

The day concludes with a coffee and constituent hour held from 2-3 p.m., where citizens will have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with the governor. The coffee hour will also be located at the Viborg Community Center.

Other activities for the day include a main street walk, tours around town, meetings and coffee hour with Daugaard.

The "Capital For A Day" pro-

The Heart Of An Olympian

8-Year-Old Yankton Athlete Set To Compete In World Dwarf Games

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From the international flavor, to the every-four-years occurrence, to the opening ceremonies, the next endeavor for Miles Krajewski will have an Olympic feel.

Krajewski, an 8-year-old Yankton resident, will compete in 10 sports at the World Dwarf Games, held in East Lansing, Mich., from Aug. 3-10.

When it comes to athletic events for kids with dwarfism, this is the highlight, according to his father, Mike Krajewski.

"He's a little sports nut. He wants to try it all, even some of the sports he's never played before," Mike said. "He tells everyone he's going to the Olympics."

Miles is among 395 registered athletes from 17 countries, including the United States (204 athletes), United



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Miles Krajewski, 8, of Yankton is set to compete in the World Dwarf Games next month in East Lansing, Mich.

Kingdom (81), Australia (33) and Canada (25).

Krajewski, who will compete in the Junior "A" division (ages 7-11), will play badminton, basketball, bocchia, floor hockey, curling, soccer, swimming, table tennis, track & field and volleyball.

Training for such a wide array of sports has exposed Miles to new challenges, Mike said.

"We go to the track every once in a while and we'll time him on his 20-meter or 40-meter dash," Mike said. "Then

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