

## Inspection Of Gavins Point Spillway Set

Beginning Friday, March 30, divers will be conducting an extensive inspection of the spillway apron at the Gavins Point Dam. The apron is the cement structure below the spillway that prevents water releases from digging out or "scouring" the area immediately below the spillway. This inspection will take approximately one week and will include Saturday, March 31, and Sunday, April 1.

During this time, boating and fishing will be prohibited in the spillway area. The area known as the "Fishing Wall" will be closed to fishing. For the safety of the divers boaters need to stay clear of the spillway. Individuals fishing will be prohibited from casting in the direction of the spillway.

For further information, call the Lewis and Clark Visitor Center at 402-667-2546.

## City Eyes Cleanup Of Inoperable Vehicles

The City of Yankton is kicking off an effort to help citizens eliminate unwanted vehicles and other metals from their property. The city has partnered with local metal recyclers to provide citizens information about recycling scrap metals and inoperable vehicles. Keeping abandoned, unlicensed, dismantled, or inoperable vehicles and other scrap metal violates the City of Yankton's Code of Ordinances. Calls about abandoned or inoperable motor vehicles and scrap metals are one of the most common citizen complaints the city receives.

The Community Development Department staff see this as a great opportunity to provide a resource to citizens who want to do the right thing and clean up their property rather than be subject to a compliance order process.

"We'd like to help connect citizens who don't know what to do with unwanted vehicles on their property with the recyclers who want them," Brad Bies, City Code Enforcement Official said. "Scrap metal is valuable right now, so this is a win-win for property owners and recyclers."

City staff will be providing contact information about the private recyclers in the community who will work directly with the property owners to schedule vehicle removal. Most recyclers accept vehicles at no cost to the owner and many will even pick up the vehicle from the owner's property. The value of a vehicle's scrap metal varies, but it's not uncommon for the recycler to pay the owner for the unwanted vehicle.

Anyone who would like more information about removing a vehicle or other scrap metal from their property is encouraged to call the Department of Community Development at 605-668-5251.

## Big Friend-Little Friend Bowl-A-Thon April 7

The 16th annual Big Friend-Little Friend Bowl-A-Thon will be held Saturday, April 7, at the Yankton Bowl.

All children in the Yankton community in grades 1-6 are invited to come out for two games of bowling, prizes, popcorn, pop and fun. Door prizes to be given away at event.

This event is free of charge to all participants.

There are four people on each team. Youth can make a team with friends for a day of bowling fun. Organizers must have a registration form signed by a parent or guardian for each participant before they are assigned to a team.

Registrations, team and time information will be posted at the Big Friend-Little Friend office location at 610 W. 23rd and online at [www.bigfriendlittlefriend.org](http://www.bigfriendlittlefriend.org) the week before April 7. For more information, contact Stacy at 665-6365.

# National Library Week Set For April

Libraries are a very vital part of a community. During the week of April 8-14, the Yankton Community Library will take part in a nationwide celebration of libraries with the theme "Libraries: The Heart of Every Community."

The following special events will take place:

- April 9 — National Library Week declaration at Commission meeting; Kindle 101 Class with Cathy Battin, 10:30 a.m.; Fancy Nancy party, 6:30 p.m.

- April 10 — Fancy Nancy party, 10:30 a.m.; Readers Anonymous book club, 1 p.m.; Zumba for Teens with Tracie Moeller, 3:30 p.m.; Meridian Bridge Talk/Walk with Kathy Grow and Lois Varvel, 6 p.m. (meet in parking lot west of lower bridge).

- April 11 — Tee Time for Tots with PGA Professional Kevin Doby, 10:15 a.m.; Tae Kwondo for Teens with Mike Peck, 3:30 p.m.; Yoga for all ages with Rebecca Johnson, 6:15-6:45 p.m.

- April 12 — Traditional story time, 10:15 a.m.; Hugo, 3:30 p.m.; Meridian Bridge Talk/Walk rain date, 6 p.m.; Kindle 101 with Cathy Battin, 6:15 p.m.; Zumba for Adults with Tracie Moeller, 7-7:30 p.m.

- April 13 — "My Plate" with Rachel Pinos, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital/Hy-Vee Dietician, followed by blood pressure screenings with Mary Pesek, RN, BSN Avera Sacred Heart HEALTHworks, 10 a.m.; Kindle 101 with Cathy Battin, 1 p.m.

Note that each Fancy Nancy party will be limited to 40 guests, and all guests, children and adults, must have a ticket to attend. Tickets will be available at the circulation desk beginning Saturday, March 31, until they are gone. We will not accept reservations or hold tickets by telephone or e-mail. You must pick up your tickets in person. Dresses, hats, boas and tiaras are encouraged.

In keeping with our theme, we will have displays of items with the word "heart" in the title. These items will be both fiction and non-fiction and available for check out.

For further information, contact the library at 668-5275.

## City

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On Thursday, a procedure was used that creates a vacuum to lift the sand and allows the current to move the particles downstream. By Friday, it was determined to be a fruitless effort.

"The air lifting did remove the sand, but it was much like shoveling snow in the middle of a South Dakota blizzard," Goodman said. "The area would fill in with sand as fast as they were removing it. It was a four-man crew with three divers. Divers could do very little because of the current."

During Monday night's meeting, Commissioner Jake Hofner asked why the problem is showing up now.

"I think it has to do with the (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) increasing the flow (at Gavins Point Dam) again," Viereck responded.

"I think what's happened is, we've permanently created a sandbar there," he added. "(The flood) basically shifted the water bed. I think it's going to continue to do that, and that's why we need some consultants in to see what is going to be the permanent fix to alleviate this problem."

Goodman told the *Press & Dakotan* that temporary fixes are being investigated to hold the city over until a permanent solution is found.

"Right now, we are in contact with the Corps and National Park Service for permitting," he said. "We are working with these agencies to determine what our options are and what they will allow."

In the meantime, Goodman said the city's drinking water is safe and meets all requirements.

Viereck also noted during Monday's meeting that the city's wastewater plant is dealing with a collapsed outfall pipe that discharges treated water into the Missouri River. Staff has excavated around the pipe to minimize the threat of a complete collapse and blockage of flow.

This issue, too, is believed to be related to last summer's flooding.

Approximately 68 feet of the pipe will need to be replaced.

The city is working with state and federal agencies on permitting and potential funding for the project.

In other business Monday, the commission unanimously approved the transfer of a package (off-sale) liquor license from Bernard Properties, LLC, to Yankton's Walmart Super Center.

Store manager Chad Bent said obtaining a liquor license has been a goal since the location opened.

"But with South Dakota state law, it prohibited more than three stores in the same chain from obtaining a license," he said.

The law was changed in recent years, and the Bernard license came up for sale, allowing the store to expand its offerings. It currently sells beer and wine products.

"This is a victory for our store and for our customers," Bent said. "Many customers have wanted (us to sell liquor) for a long time. The customers want to be able to get everything and make their lives as convenient as possible. I think we'll be able to help them with that."

He hopes the liquor sales will begin by the end of May.

Also Monday, Commissioner Nancy Wenande cautioned that while the annual city-wide spring clean-up begins April 14, residents should refrain from putting out their items too early. On windy days, those items can be blown away and create eyesores for neighbors and others in the community.

Commissioner Paul Lowrie was absent from the meeting, as was City Manager Doug Russell.

## Kerrey

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GOP Chairman Mark Fahleson said he's disappointed Kerrey will appear on the ballot because of a legal technicality. But he said another appeal is unlikely at this point.

"Bob Kerrey resorted to New York-style political tricks, filing at the 11th hour and preventing Nebraska election officials and courts from having sufficient time under Nebraska law to determine whether he's a legitimate candidate," Fahleson said.

Before the Nebraska Supreme Court ruling, a Lancaster County District judge and the Secretary of State had also ruled that Kerrey could run for the Senate seat. Those previous decisions said the state couldn't impose a voter registration requirement as a qualification for candidacy.

The U.S. Constitution requires only that Senate candidates reside in the states they serve by the time they are elected.

## OBITUARIES

### Donelda Shutt

Denelda Shutt, age 67 of Yankton passed away unexpectedly at her residence on March 22, 2012.

A Memorial Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, with Fr. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial of the cremated remains will be in St. Boniface Cemetery at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton is in charge of services.

Denelda was born July 22, 1944 in Yankton, South Dakota to Ignatius and Hildegard (Albrecht) Loecker. She was baptized on August 6, 1944, 1st Communion on April 12, 1953 and confirmed on October 12, 1954, all at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee, Nebraska. She graduated Yankton Senior High School on May 31, 1962 and as a certified surgical technologist in 1973. She retired from Sacred Heart Hospital on December 31, 2011. Denelda married Robert Ballard on September 4, 1965. To this union 2 sons were born, Brett and Brian. On September 3, 1972, Denelda married David Shutt. From this union, 1 son, Brooks was born.

She loved her home, yard, gardening, birds and the outdoors in general. She spent much of her life outdoors, camping, fishing and hunting. Most of her spring and summer were spent tending to her yard and flowers. She also loved to travel and visited many places in her lifetime.

She is survived by her beloved dog, companion and friend, "Tuck"; sons, Brett (Jaimie) Ballard of San Antonio, TX, Brian (Virginia) Ballard of Yankton, SD and Brooks (Angela) Shutt of Austin, TX; seven grandchildren, Sarah Ballard, Brandi Ballard, Mason Ballard, Morrina Tirado, Ellie Tirado, Chase Tirado and Sierra Shutt; sister, LuAnn (Duane) Jones of St. Helena, NE.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Harold and her special friend and companion, Mike Lowe.

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### Anita Walker

Anita D. Walker, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Schempp, was born at home in rural Menno, SD on March 18, 1921. She was confirmed in Grace Lutheran Church in Menno in 1935. She attended grade school in a one-room country school in rural Menno and graduated from Menno High School in 1939.

In 1945 she was united in marriage to Royce Walker, of Olivet, SD. This union was blessed with two sons. Anita and her family were residents of Menno, SD from 1946 until 1964, when the family moved to Garden Grove, CA. While in South Dakota, she was a homemaker and cook extraordinaire, most famous for her delicious chocolate chip cookies. Her favorite pastime was crocheting. After moving to California, she continued with her homemaking duties and crocheting, for which she won numerous prizes and blue ribbons, including Best-of-Show at the Los Angeles County Fair for her beautiful crocheted nylon bedspread. While in California she became an avid baseball and basketball fan with her favorite teams being the California Angels and the Los Angeles Lakers. Her daily schedule always revolved around the Angels and Lakers. Her great joy was entertaining her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She passed away at Inspirations Assisted Care facility in Corona, CA early Sunday morning, March 4, 2012. She attained the age of 90 years, 11 months and 15 days. Surviving her are her sons, Gary (Evelyn) of Tucson, AZ and Galen (Kathy) of Corona, CA. Grandchildren include Ryan Walker (Kimberly) of Corona, CA, Candice Gifford (Chuck) of Pflugerville, TX and Sarah Mudaliar (Alvin) of Stockton, CA, and one step-grandson David

### James Lightner Jr.

James Z. Lightner Jr., age 46, of Yankton, South Dakota, died unexpectedly at his home on Thursday, March 22, 2012.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton, South Dakota, with Reverend David Lund officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation with the family present will be from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2012, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home. Visitation will resume at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Charles Tillman, John Osborne, Sammie Blakey, Travis Blakey, Rico Eversley, and James Mothershed. Honorary pallbearers will be his children: Timothy, Paige, Tiffany,

Hood of Corona, CA. Great grandchildren include Reagan and Reece Walker, Kaitlyn and Karsten Mudaliar, Kyle Gifford, and two step great grandsons Tyler and Todd Hood. She is also survived by her brother, Leland Schempp (Dorothy) of Rapid City, SD, sisters Cleopha Dirks and LaVay Tobin of Sioux Falls, SD and sister Carol Mae (Calvin) Mettler, of Menno, SD. She was preceded in death by her husband, Royce, in August 2010.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 9, 2012 at Rose Hills Memorial Park and Mortuary in Whittier, CA with the Rev. H. C. Lyon, from Christ The Vine Lutheran Church, Temecula, CA, officiating.

Pallbearers were Ryan Walker, Jerad Schempp, Sarah Mudaliar, Candice Gifford, Tyler Hood and Todd Hood. She was laid to rest in the Mausoleum of the Valley at



Lightner

City and was baptized at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Sioux City. He attended Hopkins grade school, West Junior High and West High while living in Sioux City. He moved to Yankton in 1981 and attended Yankton High School. After high school James started trucking with his dad and uncle, LeRoy Blakey. James worked at various jobs over the years and was recently working on the construction of the new Menards building in Yankton.

Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, CA.

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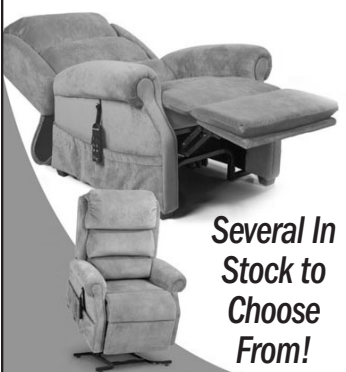
### Avis Spier

KIMBALL — Avis Spier, 69, of Kimball died Sunday, March 25, 2012, at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, due to cancer.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Friday at Kimball Protestant Parish. A Committal Service will follow at Kimball Community Cemetery.

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Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the church, with a 7 p.m. prayer service.

Memorials in Avis' honor may be directed to the charity of your choice.

Mount Funeral Chapel of Kimball is assisting with arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family through [www.mountfuneralhome.com](http://www.mountfuneralhome.com).

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**Thank You**

A big thank you to all my friends and family who helped me celebrate my 97th birthday. Thanks also for all the gifts and beautiful flowers. Thanks especially to Lorene Pokorny and Lily Pokorney for the lunch and to the VFW for letting us use the hall.

Thanks to all of you who have come to see me at Sister James. I enjoy your visits and look forward to more of them. Again, thank you for all the cards and gifts.

God bless you all.  
Josephine Braunesreither