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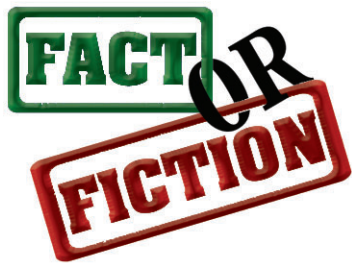
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YANKTON OPT-OUT ELECTION TODAY!

Polls are open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. To follow the returns tonight, go to www.yankton.net.



How Much Will Commercial Properties Have To Pay?

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Press & Dakotan series "Fact or Fiction," is our attempt to clarify the issues surrounding the Yankton School District opt-out. By checking with state and local authorities, as well as our resources, we hope to give you the best answers from as independent sources as possible.

With the election today, this is the final installment of this series. Polls are open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

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QUESTION: Are commercial and agriculture property tax evaluations available to the public? If so, could you randomly pick 10-20 small, medium and large businesses in the Yankton School District area and show exactly what the total increase in taxes would be for them specifically?

ANSWER: Commercial and agri-

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MISSOURI'S MISERY



Vehicles were piled on top of each other in the parking lot of St. John's Regional Medical Center Monday after a tornado swept through the heart of the city on Sunday in Joplin, Mo.

Joplin Toll Hits 116



JAIME GREEN/WICHITA EAGLE/MCT People retrieve their belongings in a home near the St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin, Mo., Monday, the day after it was hit by a tornado.

Rescuers Race To Find Survivors

BY ALAN SCHER ZAGIER AND JIM SALTER
Associated Press

JOPLIN, Mo. — Rescue crews dug through piles of splintered houses and crushed cars Monday in a search for victims of a half-mile-wide tornado that killed at least 116 people when it blasted much of this Missouri town off the map and slammed straight into its hospital. It was the nation's deadliest single twister in nearly 60 years and the second major tornado disaster in less than a month. Authorities feared the toll could rise as the full scope of the destruction comes into view: house after house reduced to slabs, cars crushed like soda cans, shaken residents roaming streets in search of missing family members. And the danger was by no means over. Fires from gas leaks burned across town, and more violent weather loomed, including the threat of hail, high winds and even more tornadoes.

"I've never seen such devastation — just block upon block upon block of homes just completely gone."

GARY BURTON

At daybreak, the city's south side emerged from darkness as a barren, smoky wasteland. "I've never seen such devastation — just block upon block upon block of homes just completely gone," said former state legislator Gary Burton who showed up to help at a volunteer center at Missouri Southern State University. Unlike the multiple storms that killed more

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City Gearing Up For 150th

BY NATHAN JOHNSON
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With the first weekend of June approaching, city officials Monday night reminded the public of the planned Yankton 150th anniversary celebration.

Mayor Dave Knoff said at Monday's City Commission meeting that the free event promises to be a good time. He directed the public to www.cityofyankton.org/150 to find out more about the concerts that will be held in Memorial Park.

The Dakota Jazz Collective will perform Thursday, June 2, at the Summit Activities Center. On June 3, Boring Daylights (with Sarah Benck), The Nadas and Big Head Todd and the Monsters will play in Memorial Park. Saturday will feature Mrs. Begley and the Boys, the Austin Buescher Band,



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Janitor Bob, Kory and the Fireflies and RED in the park.

As part of Monday's proceedings, the commission approved a pyrotechnics license for RED, which will be incorporating a fireworks display into its performance.

Also, Knoff pointed out that a shuttle service during the celebration will be available Friday and Saturday between the Summit Activities Center entrance and the Memorial Park Swimming Pool entrance. Shuttles on Friday will run every 15 minutes from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. Between

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STATE OF PLAY

Yankton's Megan Mingo watches a tee shot during Monday's opening round of the South Dakota State Class AA Girls' Golf Tournament at Brookings Country Club in Brookings. Mingo carded a score of 81, which ties her for third place in the individual race, to help lead Yankton to a second-place score after the first day. For more details, see page 9. (James D. Cimburek/P&D)

CORRECTION

In Saturday's Press & Dakotan, the case disposal of Jason R. Whisler, 2119 Douglas Avenue, Yankton, by the Yankton County Courts was incorrect. He pleaded guilty only to a charge of municipal speeding. Meanwhile, the charges attributed to Whisler were for Travis Ray Koster, 108 Poison Oak Drive, Yankton. He was recharged with driving under the influence (third), while charges of headlights required and possession of a loaded firearm while intoxicated were dismissed by the prosecutor. For driving under the influence, Koster was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary. The Press & Dakotan apologizes for the error.

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VERMILLION

Grads Help Out Classmate's Family

BY TRAVIS GULBRANDSON
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VERMILLION — When Vermillion High School's class of 2011 was finished with all its activities for the year, more than \$500 was left over in the class fund.

There was only one thing they wanted to do with the money — donate it to the family of Brandon Watterson, whose older brother, Sheldon, was among this year's VHS graduates.

Brandon, 15, recently was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. "It's been really hard for my entire family," Sheldon said from the podium toward the end of school's graduation

"I just want to thank the entire senior class and everybody in the entire Vermillion High School."

CANDIE MCDONALD

ceremony May 15. "Lucky enough, the cure rate is about 96 percent. So far, we're doing good."

The boys' mother, Candie McDonald, and Brandon also came onstage to thank the class for the gift.

"I don't know how to say thank you enough for the support that you guys

have given us," said McDonald, who cried throughout her short speech. In particular, she thanked the teachers and students who supported both her sons through the continuing ordeal. "Right now, we're on a good path. Brandon finished radiation — which most of you know — the end of April," she said. "In the middle of June he's supposed to have scans, so we're just praying for remission so he can hopefully start the school year clean and free of cancer."

The response from everyone at the school was overwhelming, Sheldon said.



TRAVIS GULBRANDSON/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK Brandon Watterson, Sheldon Watterson and their mother Candie McDonald take the podium at Sunday's graduation ceremony after the senior class presented Brandon — who has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma — with the leftover money from their class account.

BIG HEAD TODD AND THE MONSTERS
FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD • 9PM

The Nadas 7:30 p.m.
Boring Daylights w/Sarah Benck 6:00 p.m.

RED
SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH • 9PM

Kory & The Fireflies 7:30 p.m.
Janitor Bob 6:00 p.m.
Austin Buescher Band 4:30 p.m.
Mrs. Begley & The Boys 3:00 p.m.

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