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**YSD superintendent Joe Gertsema discusses the potential 2013-14 school budget during Monday night's Yankton school board meeting. Gertsema said, at worst, the district will be faced with a deficit of more than \$1.1 million, but that could change depending on federal funding and teacher contract negotiations.**

## Proposed YSD Budget Faces \$1.1M Deficit

However, Several Variables Could Impact Final Figure

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Yankton School District (YSD) board members discussed the preliminary 2013-14 school budget at their regularly scheduled meeting Monday night.

The preliminary 2013-14 general fund budget is \$15,586,494, before the utilization of health insurance reserves. However, the projected operating revenue for the district is \$14,436,309, adding to a deficit of more than \$1.1 million.

"By law, the superintendent and business manager (Jason Bietz) need to present a budget to the school board at this meeting," said YSD superintendent Joe

Gertsema. "However, it is not required that a line-item budget like this be presented — it simply has to be a basic budget."

He noted that this year, the state Legislature approved an increase in two levies, and a decrease in another, which is impacting where YSD's budget stands.

In addition, board members are also continuing to utilize health care insurance reserves in order to balance the budget.

"Right now this budget projects a 2.25 percent increase in salaries and benefits for employees," Gert-

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Stephanie Herseth Sandlin

## Herseth Sandlin Is Not Running

Former Rep. Will  
Not Seek Johnson's  
Senate Seat In '14

BY CHET BROKAW  
Associated Press

PIERRE — Former South Dakota U.S. Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin said Monday she will not seek the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Tim Johnson, removing herself from a contest expected to play a key role in determining which party controls the Senate after next year's election.

Herseth Sandlin, 42, announced her decision on her Facebook page Monday morning and confirmed it to The Associated Press. The Democrat said she decided not to seek her party's nomination for the U.S. Senate because she wants to focus on her family and her job as an attorney and vice president for Raven Industries, a Sioux Falls-based company that makes an array of specialty products for the agricultural, aviation and construction industries.

"I've decided not to run for office in 2014," Herseth Sandlin told The Associated Press before boarding a plane early Monday morning.

On her Facebook page, Herseth Sandlin noted that many Democrats had urged her to run for the seat now held by Johnson, a fellow Democrat who announced earlier he will not seek a fourth term next year. She and her husband, Max, and their son, Zachary, live in Sioux Falls, and Herseth Sandlin said her son will be starting kindergarten next year just before the general election.

"The primary reasons for my decision not to run are quality of life considerations for my family and the high reward and satisfaction I'm experiencing at Raven Industries," Herseth Sandlin said later from Minneapolis, where she was between flights.

Herseth Sandlin also said she saw a tel-

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## Commission Stays Put With City Recycling

Wenande Re-Elected Mayor  
As Board Reorganizes

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The Yankton City Commission decided Monday that it will not recommend any changes to its recycling program at this time.

In January, the commission reviewed a study from HDR, Inc., regarding the future of recycling in Vermillion and Yankton. It presented four recycling options the Vermillion/Yankton Joint Powers solid waste management system could pursue in the future.

The City of Yankton representatives on the Joint Powers board were told they should ask their peers to recommend one of the three options that included single-stream recycling.

Joint Powers narrowed down the four options to two for the City Commission to consider.

In what is called Option 2, Yankton and Vermillion would adopt a single-stream recycling system wherein the processing of the materials would occur at the Vermillion Recycling Center.

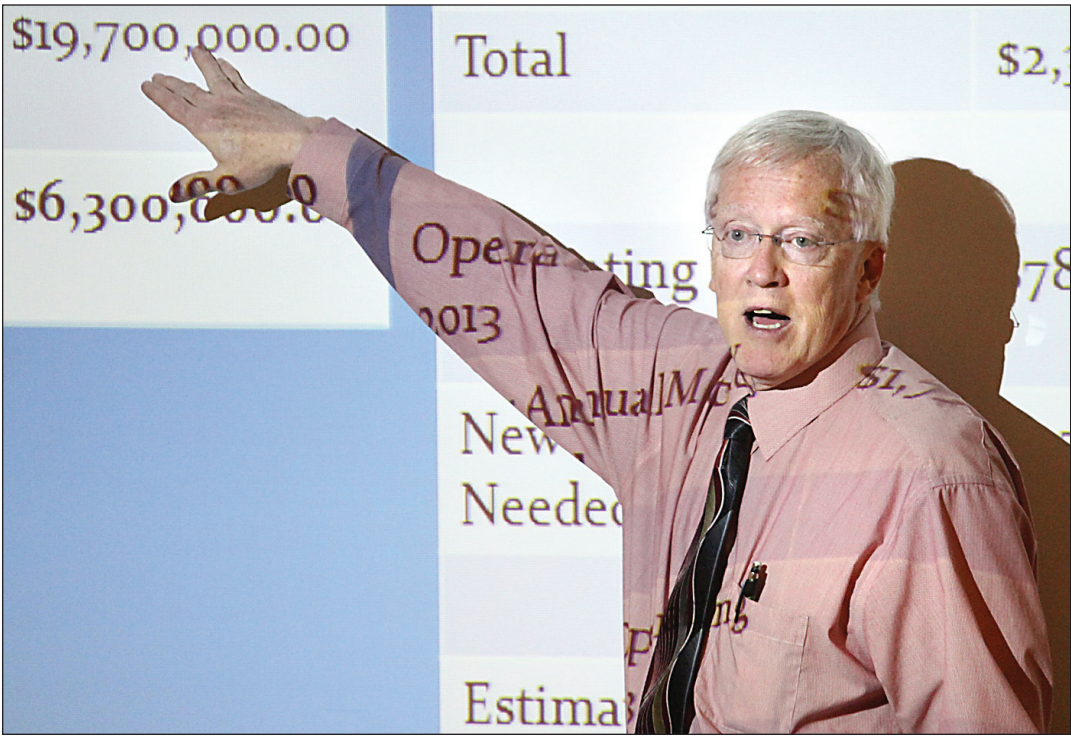
Single-stream recycling is where users put everything in one container and it is later sorted at the collection center. Yankton and Vermillion currently use a curbside method wherein residents are asked to sort materials before they are put out for collection.

In Option 3, the processing — separation, sorting and selling — would be done at a different location through a third party.

The Joint Powers suggested that Option 2 would be preferable.

It was estimated that Option 2 would raise the aver-

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**City Finance Officer Al Viereck discusses the costs faced by Yankton as it seeks to upgrade its water system. Viereck was among those who made the presentation Monday at the quarterly meeting of Yankton Area Progressive Growth.**

## The Cost Of Water

City Officials Present Water Upgrade Case To YAPG

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With the City of Yankton working to finalize its plans for what could be a \$28.7 million water system upgrade in coming years, officials sought the feedback of the business community Monday.

During a quarterly meeting of Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG), representatives of the city went over the building options being considered, as well as the avenues for payment. In addition to the usual YAPG meeting attendees, the city invited almost two dozen of its biggest water customers for the presentation.

City Manager Amy Nelson said there are three things that are known with certainty:

- the current water intake and treatment facilities will not meet future demands and have reliability issues;
- some type of facility upgrade will be needed; and
- water users will end up paying more no matter

**"I think it's important to begin that dialogue (on the issue) now because, while the project is a couple years out before completion, a lot of decisions are going to need to be made in the interim."**

AMY NELSON

what route is taken.

"What we're doing today is asking you to listen to our facility plan and understand the options the City Commission is considering," Nelson said. "We want to give you the opportunity to give us some feedback and ask questions about those options. I think it's important to begin that dialogue now because, while the project is a couple years out be-

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## ONE LAST TUNE

The final concert of the Yankton School year was held Monday night at the Yankton High School Auditorium where the audience was treated to the all-school band concert featuring bands from fifth grade through the high school. Pictured are members of the fifth grade baritone section during their presentation of "Path To Victory." (Shauna Marlette/P&D)



## Suspect ID'd In New Orleans Shootings

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Police identified a 19-year-old man as a suspect in the shooting of nearly 20 people during a Mother's Day parade in New Orleans, saying several people had identified him as the gunman.

Police Superintendent Ronal Serpas said they were looking for Akeim Scott. He said it was too early to say whether he was the only shooter.

"The important thing for Akeim Scott now is to turn himself in," Serpas said, standing outside of police

headquarters. A photo of Scott hung from a podium in front of the police chief.

The mass shooting showed again how far the city has to go to shake a persistent culture of violence that belies the city's festive image. Earlier, police announced a \$10,000 reward and released blurry surveillance camera images.

Investigators said they got several tips from the community.

"The people chose to be on the side of the young innocent children shot instead of on the side of a cow-

ard who shot into the crowd," he said.

Angry residents said gun violence — which has flared at two other city celebrations this year — goes hand-in-hand with the city's other deeply rooted problems such as poverty and urban blight. The investigators tasked with solving Sunday's shooting work within an agency that's had its own troubles rebounding from years of corruption while trying to halt violent crime.