

# Sports

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Engineers could not be completed without knowing what land would be available for the city to place new facilities. Those unfulfilled elements of the contract include:

- a site plan rendering of a new sports complex;
- perspective renderings of a new sports complex;
- an outdoor architectural rendering of a dome or new ice facility; and
- project costs for a new sports complex.

"We've looked at some (land purchase) options," Larson told the commission. "Until we have options to buy or land in hand, we do not have the ground to give to (Stockwell) to say, 'Lay out what you can. Do some survey work and show us what we can have here and for what cost.' We're not to that point."

David Locke, an architect for Stockwell Engineers, walked the commission through a summary of the firm's findings.

The first step in the process was assessing the conditions of the existing facilities in the community.

The study looked at the Easton NFAA Archery Complex, the Human Services Center property that has soccer fields, Memorial Park, Morgan Park, Riverside Park, Sertoma Park and the Summit Activities Center.

"For the most part, the existing facilities were in good condition," Locke said. "They have been sized for multiple associations to use them. As a result, they're getting a lot of use between the different as-

sociations. There is not a lot of time for practice and make-up games because of the heavy use of the facilities.

"Combining uses of a facility is great, because you don't have to build as many," he added. "But sports are becoming more and more specialized, and kids are becoming more and more specialized in one sport. In order to host tournaments and keep up with practices, more and more facilities are becoming more specialized to only the association that is using them."

Recommendations for upgrades focused on four areas: Summit, Memorial, Riverside and Sertoma.

"We tried to consolidate uses. We removed some facilities from some of those parks," Locke said. "One of the recommendations we made was that soccer and softball be removed out of Fantle Memorial Park."

As a result of the proposed upgrades, some of associations would not have a place to call home.

"The Yankton Youth Soccer Association, the Yankton Girls Softball Association, the Women's Softball Association, the Men's Softball Association and the Co-ed Softball Association would need new facilities based on the recommended improvements that we looked at," Locke

stated.

Stockwell recommended 18 total soccer fields for soccer.

"Right now, they have 15," Locke said. "It's increasing a little bit because you want to have one field that you don't use during a given season to let it rest and recuperate."

The estimated space needed for those soccer fields, parking and facilities is 58-60 acres;

Stockwell recommends seven softball fields, with three sized for adult use and four for youth. That would require an estimated 40-42 acres for the fields and related amenities.

The Stockwell analysis also included demographic projections for sports involvement.

The growth rate of Yankton is slowing and the median age is rising. The number of kids is decreasing.

"That is being translated into the school enrollment and sports participation," Locke said. "The school enrollment is decreasing about a percentage per year, and the sports associations are decreasing about 2 1/2 percentage points a year. Sports participation is decreasing quicker than school enrollment."

He said almost 50 percent of the kids in the Yankton area play sports. Of that, the Yankton Youth Soccer Association

accounts for 40 percent of participation.

"The Yankton Area Ice Association and the Yankton Girls Softball Association were the only two associations growing right now looking at the projected data we received," Locke added.

While talk of a sports authority that would adopt a master plan for the community's sports facilities and direct fundraising for the effort have been discussed during the last year, Larson said a majority of the activity associations did not appear interested in pursuing the concept.

"At this point, everybody is kind of fending for themselves," he stated.

In the future, a town hall meeting may be held to discuss the formation of a youth sports commission, according to Larson.

When the commission asked for input from the public, Edward Gleich urged the commission to take a closer look at building sports facilities on the Human Services Center ground it owns. Soccer fields are currently at the location, but those facilities could be lost if the city gets offers for commercial development. Larson said the approximately 48 acres would not accommodate the projected space needed for all the community's soccer needs.

Gleich said the commission needs to look at the big picture and pursue improvements of its sports facilities.

"We've got to build our own coliseum so we can compete with Sioux Falls for tournaments," he stated. "Otherwise, Sioux Falls will have it all to themselves."

Ultimately, the commission accepted Stockwell's report and approved a \$46,080 payment to the firm. It was short of the original \$57,600 price tag because of the aforementioned pieces of the contract that could not be completed.

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## USD

# Sanford Health-USD Biomedical Research Symposium Is May 19

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota and Sanford Research are hosting the fifth annual Sanford Health-USD Biomedical Research Symposium on Monday, May 19, in room 107 of the Andrew E. Lee Memorial Medicine and Science Building on the USD campus.

This symposium, organized by Sanford Health and the University of South Dakota, and supported by Fisher Scientific, will provide a unique opportunity for participants to receive updates on biomedical advances occurring at two of the state's leading research institutions. Eight speakers from Sanford Research and the USD Division of Basic Biomedical Sciences will outline current research activities and emphasize pending innovations in what has become a significant growth industry in South Dakota.

The symposium begins at 8:15 a.m. with opening remarks by USD's Joyce Keifer, Ph.D. and includes plenary sessions from Scot Ouellette, Ph.D., Division of Basic Biomedical Sciences, who will discuss "Reduce, Recycle, Reuse: Chlamydia Cell Division in the Absence of FtsZ," Kamesh

Surendran, Ph.D., of Sanford Research; Samuel Sathyanesan, Ph.D., Division of Basic Biomedical Sciences, "Structural Modification of a Therapeutic Trophic Factor: Applications in Psychiatry;" Jill M. Weimer, Ph.D., Ilian Radichev, Ph.D., Pete Vitiello, Ph.D., and Haotian Zhao of Sanford Research; and Gina Forster, Ph.D., Ammara Abdullah, Ph.D., and Douglas Martin, Ph.D., all with USD's Division of Basic Biomedical Sciences.

In addition to the plenary sessions, the daylong agenda features a poster session, luncheon and a reception in the atrium of the Lee Med Building immediately following the symposium.

For more information about this event, please contact event organizers Dr. Khosrow Rezvani, M.D., Ph.D., Basic Biomedical Sciences, at [Khosrow.Rezvani@usd.edu](mailto:Khosrow.Rezvani@usd.edu) or Dr. Michael Krueger, M.D., Sanford Research, at [Michael.Krueger@Sanford-Health.org](mailto:Michael.Krueger@Sanford-Health.org). More information is also available at [www.usd.edu/medical-school/biomedical-sciences/upload/USD-Sanford-Research-Symposium-Invitation-2014.pdf/](http://www.usd.edu/medical-school/biomedical-sciences/upload/USD-Sanford-Research-Symposium-Invitation-2014.pdf/).

## Roads

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state projects," Domogalla stated. "They've been working with us to set up a schedule to get them all done in a natural sequence."

Farther west in Knox County, Highway 12 will be resurfaced for a nine-mile stretch from the Santee spur going east. It will also include some bridge repair work. Additionally, Highway 12 will have shoulder work done in

the Verdel area.

Bridge work is also scheduled for Highway 20 in the Belden area of Cedar County.

"There is going to be quite a bit of activity on the roadways," Domogalla said. "Everyone needs to keep an eye out for state workers and the contractor's employees. It's dangerous work, and we need the public's help in keeping an eye out for us."

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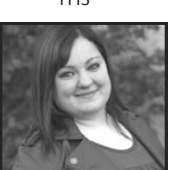
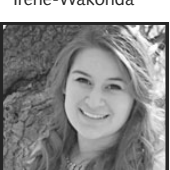

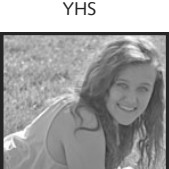

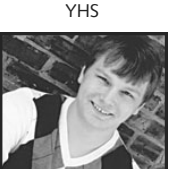

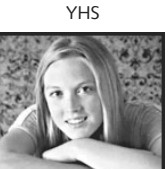

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