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PHOTO COURTESY SPRINGFIELD TIMES  
The recently completed Springfield Veterans Memorial overlooks the Missouri River, providing a new place for paying tribute this Veterans Day. The \$160,000 monument weighs 30,000 pounds and required five years of planning and fund raising.

## Community's New War Memorial Shines For All To See

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SPRINGFIELD — Veterans Day will take on a very different look this year in this Bon Homme County community.

After five years of planning, the Springfield Veterans Memorial has been completed and unveiled. The \$160,000 monument was dedicated last month during a program featuring remarks by South Dakota Adj. Gen. Tim Reisch.

"We had seen (the memorial) beforehand, but it was still a magic

moment when they officially displayed it," said Springfield Veterans Memorial committee treasurer Don Irish.

The planning committee was formed in fall 2010, and the project was launched at the Memorial Day 2011 program. Thanks to successful fundraising, the groundbreaking was held at this year's Memorial Day program — a year ahead of schedule.

The monument weighs 30,000 pounds. The project includes a gray granite spire 22 feet tall, topped with an LED light visible from miles

away. The gray granite comes from Georgia, meeting the planning committee's desire for stone coming from an American quarry.

The four black granite panels are etched with the names of 1,922 veterans. The black granite panels, whose stone came from India, stand 5-8 feet tall, breaking into a zig-zag design at the top.

The sloping tablets symbolize the undulating hills and waves forming the scenery as well as the broken lives caused by war and

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## Leaders: Yankton Is Making The Grade

Officials Discuss Community Progress

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The Yankton community is expanding in more ways than one.

Tuesday's Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce State of the Community address allowed city leaders a chance to update the public on progress made both at the city level and in the schools.

Yankton City Manager Amy Nelson said this is a lot like a report card for the city.

"Report card time at our house was always brought with a little trepidation," Nelson said. "I was a pretty good student, but having to look my parents in the eye, I always had a little explaining to do. So today, I have a little explaining to do, but you all get to give the grades."

Nelson's section focused mainly on quality of life, infrastructure, fiscal health, demographics and planning.

Nelson said the City of Yankton is on an upward path.

"I feel like we are in a really good place in Yankton," she said. "I feel like things are trend-



KELLY HERTZ/P&D  
Yankton City Manager Amy Nelson discusses the progress the city is making on various issues. She and Yankton School District Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindel were the featured presenters of Tuesday's State of the Community luncheon at Minerva's.

ing upward, and I think some things in our local economy are trending upward, and I think we're seeing some real positive

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### Veterans Day

## Hunhoff: Soldiers' Stories Are Our Stories, Too

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Stories aren't just about the soldiers, they are about us, Bernie Hunhoff said at Yankton Middle School's Veterans Day program Tuesday.

Hunhoff, the District 18 state senator and owner of South Dakota Magazine, said that he is in the business of telling stories. Some of the stories he shared at Tuesday's program highlighted South Dakota soldiers whose values they learned at home helped them in their missions around the world.

"They are really a product of our community," Hunhoff said. "They grow up here and it affects how they serve in a very positive way."

He told a story of Paul Kappel of Lester-ville in the 1930s who, because his family did

not have the money to repair the glass of his home's broken windows, learned from his mother a way to sew the cracks in the glass closed with buttons.

He took this technique with him when he left South Dakota and served in World War II. He visited a small village in France that had been recently bombed by German forces. They, too, had homes with broken windows and were suffering from the cold weather. Kappel taught every villager how to use his family's button technique to repair their own windows.

"I think we not only have an obligation but a responsibility to remember and to share with our kids so we all grow up understanding what it took to be a free country," Hunhoff said. "By learning about their service overseas, we are

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KELLY HERTZ/P&D  
District 18 State Sen. Bernie Hunhoff was the feature speaker at the annual Yankton Middle School Veterans Day program Tuesday in the YMS Old Gym. Hunhoff relayed wartime stories from South Dakota veterans.

### Tuesday Music



KELLY HERTZ/P&D  
More than 200 high school musicians participated in the annual Yankton College/Yankton High School Orchestra Festival Tuesday. The daylong training session culminated with a concert Tuesday night.

## Stevens Looks Ahead To Upcoming Legislative Session

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A fellow Yanktonian provided an update about his experience as a state representative.

On Tuesday, State Representative Mike Stevens spoke to Yankton's Rotary Club about his experience being part of the state legislative process.

"I am very thankful to service District 18 as a representative. There's nothing I've enjoyed more than doing this," he said.

He is currently vice chair-

man of the Judiciary Committee and also serves on the State Affairs Committee.

For someone like Stevens, being involved in the political process is as entertaining as people-watching.

"If you like to be around people and see people interaction, that's the Walmart of places to go to," he said.

His position has caused him to view political parties in



Stevens

a different light.

"Whether Republicans or Democrats, I have a new appreciation for politicians from the amount of commitment you have to have," he said. "Even though the GOP has super majority in both houses, it's seldom that a decision is made on party lines. In my opinion, these factors come into play when a bill comes up."

Voting records don't always follow party lines, he said.

"We can get caught up in

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### Activists Submit Ballot Measures To Secretary Of State

BY JAMES NORD  
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PIERRE — Backers of eight ballot measures ranging from allowing medical marijuana to instituting non-partisan elections in South Dakota have submitted petitions to put the plans before voters next year.

Secretary of State Shantel Krebs said in a statement Tuesday that it will likely take her office until Jan. 1 to review the proposals. The ballot questions include four initiated measures and four constitutional amendments that were submitted by the Monday deadline.

Supporters had to provide at least 13,871 signatures for initiated measures and at least 27,741 for amendments.

The office looks at signatures and petition completeness as part of its review before the measures appear on the ballot. Several other

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### CORRECTION

In Tuesday's story, "Housing Impacts School Numbers, Officials Say," there was an error in the training rules section. In the first instance of a training rule violation, the current rule should have said that "an individual shall be present on the sideline/bench during activity contests." The sentence that was approved by the board Monday to be added to the current rule is "unless otherwise determined by the coach/advisor or administration." We apologize for the error.