

## C O M M U N I T Y

## CALENDAR

The **COMMUNITY CALENDAR** appears each Monday and Thursday. Contributions to this list of upcoming events are welcome and should be submitted two weeks before the event. Submissions **MUST** be typewritten or legibly printed and include the name and phone number of a contact person. Send items to P&D Calendar, 319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078, or email to news@yankton.net.

## MONDAY

**Line Dancing**, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685  
**Quilting**, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685  
**Exercise**, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685  
**Daily Reprieve**, noon, open meeting non-smoking, 1019 W 9th St.  
**Interchange**, noon, Minerva's Bar and Grill, 605-660-8849.  
**Cribbage**, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685  
**Pinochle**, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685  
**Whist**, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685  
**Hand & Foot Cards**, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685  
**River City Harmony Sweet Adelines**, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 11th and Cedar, 605-661-7162  
**Divorce Care**, 7 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church  
**Divorce Care For Kids**, 7 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church  
**Daily Reprieve**, 7 p.m., closed meeting non-smoking, 1019 W 9th St.

## THIRD MONDAY

**Yankton Golf Advisory Board Meeting**, noon, Fox Run Golf Course, 600 W. 27th Street, 605-668-5205  
**Friends Of The Yankton Community Library**, 5:15 p.m., Yankton Library, 515 Walnut  
**Yankton Lions Club**, 6 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. meeting, JoDeans, 605-665-4694.  
**Yankton American Legion Auxiliary**, 7:30 p.m., VFW Building, 209 Cedar Street

## FOURTH MONDAY

**NARFE Chapter 1053**, 10 a.m. at The Center, located at 900 Whiting Drive.

## TUESDAY

**Table Tennis**, 8:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685  
**Yankton Community Forum**, 8:30 a.m. coffee, 9 a.m. meeting at Hill-crest, 605-664-5832  
**Ladies Pool**, 10 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685  
**Weight Watchers**, 10:30 a.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 1/2 hour before.  
**Yankton Alanon**, noon, non-smoking session, 1019 W 9th Street  
**Nurse**, 12:30-3:30 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685  
**Pinochle**, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685  
**Bingo**, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685. (Open to the public)  
**Open Billiards**, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685  
**Yankton Alcoholics Anonymous STEP Sessions**, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., 1019 W. 9th St.  
**Vermillion Unity Alcoholics Anonymous**, 7:30 p.m., closed session, Trinity Lutheran Church at 816 E Clark St. Vermillion.  
**Vermillion Alcoholics Anonymous**, 8 p.m., non-smoking closed session, 16 1/2 Court St. Vermillion

## THIRD TUESDAY

**Yankton Area Banquet**, 6 p.m., United Church of Christ, Fifth and Walnut

## WEDNESDAY

**Line Dancing**, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685  
**Nurse**, 10 a.m.-noon, The Center, 605-665-4685  
**Quilting**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685  
**Exercise**, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685  
**Daily Reprieve**, noon, non-smoking open session, 1019 W. 9th St.  
**Whist**, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685  
**SHINE**, 1-4 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685  
**Yankton Alcoholics Anonymous**, 7:30 p.m., non-smoking session, 1019 W. 9th St.  
**Springfield Footprints**, 7:30 p.m., non-smoking open session, Catholic church, Springfield

## THIRD WEDNESDAY

**Partnership Bridge**, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

## BIRTHS

## KOLBY DVORACEK

Jaclyn and Keith Dvoracek of Tabor announce the birth of their son, Kolby James Dvoracek, born Aug. 8, 2012, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls. Kolby weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Grandparents are Scott and Leslie Schuurmans of Tyndall and Dave and Joanne Dvoracek of Springfield.

Great-grandparents are Wayne and Arlo Schuurmans of Tyndall, Ken and Pat Wermers of Yankton, Virginia Dvoracek of Yankton and Aves Christensen of Yankton.

## LILITH BODDEN

Heather Bodden of Yankton announces the birth of her daughter, Lilith Katherine, born Aug. 7, 2012, at 8:56 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 18.25

inches long.

Grandparents are Pat and Sherman Taber of Yankton and Ron Borden of Scotland.

## PAXTYN HOCHSTEIN

Sarah and Duane Hochstein of Scotland announce the birth of their daughter Paxtyn Rose Clarissa Hochstein, born August 16, 2012 at 2:23 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Paxtyn joins a sister Peyton, 12, and brother Parker, 6.

Grandparents are Lyle Hochstein of Hartington, Neb., Clarence and Rachel Van Beek of Scotland and Bob Buehlmann and Pam Ekeren of Sturgis.

Great-grandparents are Bob and Rose Ekeren of Deadwood.

## BIRTHDAYS

## KATHERINE BROWN

The children of Katherine Brown are requesting a card shower for her 85th birthday on Aug. 20, 2012. Greetings can be sent to P.O. Box 893, Wagner, SD 57380.

## REUNIONS

## SCHRAMM-SCHNEIDER REUNION

Descendants of Julius Scramm and Edward Schneider will meet at Westside Park in Yankton at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012, for a potluck dinner. Please bring chairs. For more information call Monica Haas (665-8924) or Betty Walker (665-2247).

## BY CHARLES BABINGTON

Associated Press

WOLFEBORO, N.H. — President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney spent a quiet Sunday attending church with their families, resting up for the campaign's final 11 weeks and the approaching party nominating conventions.

While the Romneys enjoyed beautiful sunshine in New Hampshire, and the Obamas endured rain in Washington, both men sent top advisers to the Sunday talk shows. These surrogates sparred mainly over Medicare and taxes, just as the candidates themselves have done for days.

Obama and Romney plunge back into heavy campaigning and fundraising this week. Targeted states include Ohio, Nevada and New Hampshire.

The debate's dominant topic remains how to tame Medicare's explosive growth without hurting the millions of elderly Americans, and future retirees, who count on it to pay for health care.

TV interviewers pressed Romney aides to explain how the GOP ticket can restore a proposed \$716 billion cut in Medicare spending's growth over 10 years without worsening the program's projected shortfall in funding. Moderators also noted that Romney's running mate, House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, originally joined Obama in backing the proposed \$716 billion,

10-year reduction.

Romney adviser Eric Fehrstrom told CNN's "State of the Union" that Ryan and Romney are now in accord. The \$716 billion can safely remain in the program, he said, because Romney will "introduce choice and competition through more private plans."

Romney also would trim benefits for wealthier people and gradually raise the eligibility age. None of his proposed changes would affect Americans now 55 or older.

Obama aide Stephanie Cutter, also on CNN, said Romney's plan to keep the \$716 billion in Medicare over 10 years would do nothing to shore up the program.

"They're going to use taxpayer dollars to give subsidies to insurance companies," she said.

Obama's proposed reductions would not hurt Medicare recipients, Cutter said, because he would create incentives for health providers to be more efficient.

On "Fox News Sunday," Republican adviser Ed Gillespie was asked about a nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office finding that under Romney's "premium support" proposals, "Medicare beneficiaries will bear a much larger share of their health care cost."

"We reject that in our analysis," Gillespie said. He said Romney's overall plans, including a higher eligibility age, eventually would slow the program's growth.

On another front, Gillespie disputed Obama's claim that Romney's call for deeper

tax cuts will unfairly benefit the wealthy and worsen the deficit.

Romney's plan, Gillespie said, "would allow for households with incomes less than \$200,000 to not pay on capital gains and dividends, because we believe that would help foster job creation."

Obama, his wife and their two daughters attended services at St. John's Episcopal Church, across the street from the White House.

The president plans to campaign Tuesday in Ohio, and Wednesday in Nevada and New York.

Romney attended the Mormon church in Wolfeboro, N.H. — where he has a summer home — with his wife, Ann, and six of their grandchildren. The children's parents, Tagg and Jennifer Romney, also attended.

One grandson, Johnny, spent much of service seated on his grandmother's lap — and a briefer time on his grandfather's lap — quietly paging through children's picture books.

The churchgoers, accustomed to seeing the Romneys here in summer months, paid no special attention to the family. No one from the pulpit mentioned their presence.

Romney and Ryan plan to talk with voters Monday in Manchester, N.H. Romney then will fly to New Orleans for a fundraiser.

## Bill Would Expand Fertility Coverage For Veterans

## BY ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The roadside bomb that exploded outside Andrew Robinson's Humvee in Iraq six years ago broke the Marine staff sergeant's neck and left him without use of his legs. It also cast doubt on his ability to father a child, a gnawing emotional wound for a then-23-year-old who had planned to start a family with his wife of less than two years.

The catastrophic spinal cord injury meant the couple's best hope for children was in vitro fertilization, an expensive and time-consuming medical procedure whose cost isn't covered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Robinson and his wife were forced to pay out of pocket, with help from a doctor's discount and drugs donated by other patients.

A bill being considered in the Senate would expand the VA's medical benefits package so other veterans, and their spouses or surrogates, don't have to bear the same expense. The department currently covers a range of medical treatment for veterans, including some infertility care, but the legislation specifically authorizes the VA to cover IVF and to pay for procedures now provided for some critically injured active-duty soldiers.

The bill's meant to help wounded veterans start families as they return home from war and to address a harrowing consequence of combat that can radically change a couple's marriage but receives less attention than post-traumatic stress disorder and brain injuries.

"It's common sense: a male veteran cannot have a kid by himself. It doesn't happen. They need obviously to have it with their wife or a partner," said Robinson, of Florence, N.J., who is now 29 and was injured in a 2006 explosion in Al Anbar province. "So for the VA to say,

'Oh, we can only cover this part of it,' it just kind of doesn't make sense."

In vitro fertilization, the process of mixing sperm and eggs in a laboratory dish and transferring the resulting embryo into a woman's uterus, costs thousands of dollars and each cycle can take weeks. It's physically taxing too, requiring hormone injections and other invasive steps, and can take multiple tries to produce a viable pregnancy. For many wounded veterans, it represents the most promising option.

More than 1,830 veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have suffered pelvic fractures and genitourinary injuries since 2003 that could affect their abilities to reproduce, according to Pentagon figures provided to Sen. Patty Murray, the bill's sponsor and chairwoman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

"Because they served our country, they now can't have a family, which is part of their dream," said the Washington state Democrat, who hopes the committee will act on the bill after returning from August recess. "I think we now have a responsibility to not take that dream away."

Combat injuries can dampen a soldier's ability to have children in any number of ways, said Mark Edney, a Maryland urologist and Army reservist who treats veterans. For men, a blast to the genitalia can harm sperm-producing testicles, while a spinal cord injury can cause erectile dysfunction or ejaculatory problems. For women, shrapnel can injure the pelvis and fallopian tubes, preventing fertilization.

Although expertise exists to help them become parents, Edney said veterans with fertility problems form a "relatively small subset of patients that are just forgotten in terms of policy."

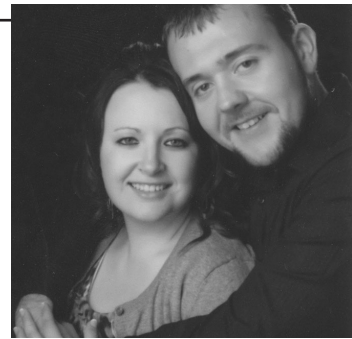
The legislation would likely have helped spouses like Brenda Isaacson, who said the VA's insurance plan covered the cost of

recovering sperm from her husband, Chuck — an Army staff sergeant paralyzed by a 2007 helicopter crash in Afghanistan — but not the more than half-dozen IVF attempts the couple underwent before finally having a daughter nearly a year and a half ago. She bristled at being told by officials that infertility services were not medically or psychologically necessary.

"You tell that to a man who's just been wounded — that it's not psychologically necessary to have children — when that's all we'd talked about, having babies," she said.

The proposal comes as technological improvements have made IVF a more common — and reliably successful — way to have children, with the number of births as a result of it and similar procedures rising in the past decade. It's more openly discussed in popular culture, too, from television talk shows to celebrity magazines. And the VA is becoming more sensitive to family health concerns as it encounters younger veterans trying to start post-war lives, said Patty Hayes, the agency's chief consultant for women's veterans' health.

"The culture has changed. There's a lot more veterans who need this," she said, adding that the VA was looking closely at expanding infertility treatment options.



**Langle - Strubbe**

Steven and Maureen Langle of Emery, SD and Mark Nelson and Rose Strubbe of Fairview, SD would like to announce the

The VA says it already covers some fertility services, including counseling, diagnostic tests and intrauterine insemination — a method of artificial insemination — for the veteran. But that leaves out many veterans and their spouses whose best hope for pregnancy is the more physically rigorous, but also more reliable, IVF process, where the average cycle costs \$12,400, according to the American Society for Reproductive Medicine.

The process can be especially vexing for military couples coping with life after a catastrophic injury and trying to establish a new normal, said Barbara Cohoon, deputy director of government relations for the National Military Family Association, a nonprofit advocacy group.

"When someone has an injury and they're paralyzed from the waist down, being able to reconnect emotionally and physically as a couple is part of the therapy," she said.

The Defense Department recently made IVF a covered benefit for active-duty service members who are either seriously ill or catastrophically injured, with a policy that allows for coverage of three completed IVF cycles for the soldier's spouse, said spokeswoman Cynthia Smith. She said artificial insemination using donated sperm or eggs is excluded under its policy.

engagement of their children Virginia Langle and Alphonse Strubbe.

Virginia is a 2006 graduate of Emery High School, also a graduate of the University of South Dakota in 2012 as a Master of Social Work. She currently works as an International Adoption Specialist at Bethany Christian Services.

Alphonse is a 2004 graduate of Canton High School, also graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Manufacturing Engineering from the South Dakota State University in 2009. He currently is a Quality Engineer at Fastek. The couple are planning a wedding on October 6, 2012.

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**Cindy Elifrits Peterson**  
 President & CEO of *Maximizing Excellence* will lead these seminars.

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Part 1  
Sept. 11, 8-10 am  
"A New Perspective"

This Segment Includes:

- Understanding why change and a new perspective is necessary.
- New ways to see opportunities
- Determine if your business is partnership ready
- Self assessment of your business

Part 2  
Oct. 2, 8-10 am  
"A New Approach"

This Segment Includes:

- Understanding the process for change.
- How working with competition makes winning connections for everyone
- Best practices of good partnerships
- Strategies to build partnerships

Part 3  
Nov. 6, 8-10 am  
"A New Story"

This Segment Includes:

- Communicating with partners
- Communicating with customers
- Using what you already do to market yourself differently.
- Incorporating your value into your messaging.

Part 1 will be held at the Yankton Community Room at RTEC 1200 W. 21st Street, Yankton. Seminars are \$50 each or attend all 3 for \$125. Deadline for Part 1 registration is September 4.

**Call the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce to register**

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Dr. Garry is a graduate of Sanford School of Medicine of The University of South Dakota School of Medicine, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He completed his general surgery residency at Exempla St. Joseph in Denver Colorado and Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Dr. Garry will perform general surgery procedures such as laparoscopic hernia, stomach, colon, adrenal and splenectomy surgery; colonoscopies; esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGDs); "Painless" hemorrhoid surgery; and minimally invasive parathyroidectomy.

Dr. Garry joins Drs. Appedwick, Kampshoff and Serck in providing care as a general surgeon.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Garry, his wife Kari, and their children, Regan, Kael and Reese, to Yankton.

**Dr. Garry began seeing patients at the Yankton Medical Clinic on August 20, 2012. For an appointment please call 605-664-2742.**



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