

Pledge

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last month when the Sioux Falls School Board decided not to require high school students to recite the pledge. Criticism from around the country followed, including death threats against some board members.

The board eventually reversed course following the backlash, and high school students in Sioux Falls are now asked to take part in the daily pledge.

The Rapid City School Board also decided last month that all of its students should recite the pledge each day and, according to the *American News*, the Aberdeen School Board is considering the move, as well.

Following that lead, the Associated School Boards of South Dakota passed a resolution in late November in support of school districts having policies whereby all

grade levels must recite the pledge.

"Students reciting the Pledge of Allegiance instills in them the value of patriotism for our country and is also a learning tool that expresses the principles the United States was founded upon," the resolution stated.

Kindle said he had those same ideas in mind when he notified YSD administrators before the school year that all students would be expected to recite the pledge daily.

"We should be proud that we live in this country," he said "We have a lot of men and women who have given their lives so that we have an opportunity to live in this country, speak freely, attend schools, have our own religious beliefs and enjoy all the other freedoms we have."

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Wind Project Seeks Permit To Kill Eagles

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The Power Company of Wyoming plans to apply next month for a federal permit that will allow the firm to kill a limited number of eagles every year at its planned Chokecherry-Sierra Madre wind farm in Carbon County.

The decision of the Denver-based developer to seek what is known as an "eagle-take permit" from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reflects what may be the beginning of a trend, industry observers said.

Fish and Wildlife has never granted a take permit to a wind developer, but is currently considering several applications, said Dave Carlson, National Environmental Protection Act coordinator for the Fish and Wildlife Service. Chokecherry-Sierra Madre would join that list of applicants, he said.

"We should be seeing more of them in the future," Carlson said. "This would apply to existing projects that are in operation and new projects." Fish and Wildlife will

determine how many eagles can be killed under the permit after receiving an application for the project.

The expected increase in eagle-take applications comes months after the service clarified the rules surrounding eagle deaths at wind facilities. The new guidelines allow wind developers to kill a limited number of eagles each year, provided they make efforts to site turbines in locations that minimize fatalities and institute mitigation measures once their facilities become operational.

It also follows on the heels of a settlement announced by the U.S. Department of Justice in November, in which a North Carolina developer agreed to pay \$1 million in fines and restitution for avian deaths at its wind farm near Casper.

Garry Miller, Power Company of Wyoming vice president of environmental affairs, said the company's application for a take permit and the Justice Department settlement were coincidence. The firm has been in talks with Fish and Wildlife since 2010 over how to best minimize the number of eagle deaths at Chokecherry-Sierra Madre.

The proposed 1,000-turbine development would become one of the largest on-land wind facilities in the United States if built.

The project has been plagued by concerns about its impact on birds. The Bureau of Land Management approved the wind farm in 2012, calling its impact on migratory birds and bald eagles low. But BLM also noted that the threat it presented to golden eagles was significant, and projected the development would kill 46 to 64 eagles annually. A plan to reduce golden eagle fatalities could reduce the impact, the bureau said.

That is what the Power Company of Wyoming is trying to do, Miller said. He noted the company has proposed putting 26,000 acres along the North Platte River between Fort Steele and Sinclair in a conservation easement where wind development would be prohibited. That area is crucial golden eagle habitat, and boasts considerable wind resources, Miller said. The company has also proposed a half-mile buffer around eagle nests.

Still, Miller acknowledged avian fatalities are a part of wind development.

"Unfortunately it does happen," he said. "What we're doing is being proactive and try to avoid and minimize the potential risk to eagles."

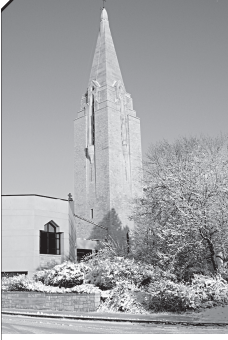
The number of wind developers seeking take permits will likely increase in the coming years, as companies look to pursue projects in areas boasting both high winds and key bird habitat, said Darin Schroeder, vice president of the American Bird Conservancy, a national advocacy group.

His organization does not oppose wind development, but believes more stringent siting laws are needed to ensure projects are not built in environmentally crucial areas, Schroeder said.

Chokecherry-Sierra Madre is especially concerning, he said, arguing that internal concerns from BLM and Fish and Wildlife staff about bird fatalities have been ignored for political reasons. The project is one of 33 renewable energy developments authorized on public land by the Obama administration, as part of its initiative to produce 10,000 megawatts of green electricity.

Holiday Worship Schedule

Celebrating the Reason for the Season



Sacred Heart Monastery
Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel
The Yankton Benedictines invite you to pray with them

Christmas Day, December 25
10:00 a.m. – Mass

New Years Day, January 1
10:00 a.m. – Mass

Have a Blessed Christmas!



Trinity Lutheran Church
403 Broadway, Yankton, SD • 665-7415

We wish to invite you to attend one of our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
December 24th
Times are 4:00, 6:30 & 10:00 pm

Sunday School Christmas programs
December 15th
3 yr. olds - Kindergarten students, 10:45 am
1st - 6th grades, 2 pm

Communion will be served at all services.




Sacred Heart Parish
509 Capital St., Yankton
665-3655

Celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord!
All are welcome!

Dec. 24 4:00 p.m. Mass (Sacred Heart Children's Choir - Music begins at 3:30 p.m.)
6:00 p.m. Mass (Sacred Heart Choir - Music begins at 5:30 p.m.)
10:00 p.m. Mass

Dec. 25 8:00 & 9:30 Mass
2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass, Confessions 1:15 p.m.
All masses at Sacred Heart Church



Christ Episcopal Church
517 Douglas, Yankton, SD

Dec. 8 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Serenity (Meditation)
10:15 a.m. The Holy Eucharist & Sunday School (Bishop of SD visiting)

Dec. 15 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Serenity (Meditation)
10:15 a.m. The Holy Eucharist

Dec. 22 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Serenity (Meditation)
10:15 a.m. The Holy Eucharist
- Children's Christmas Pageant
- Potluck after Worship

Dec. 24 "Christmas Eve"
5:00 p.m. Candlelight Holy Eucharist
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Holy Eucharist



Cornerstone Evangelical Church
Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, Dec. 24th
5:00pm

Rev. Steve McHone, Pastor
Stewart Elementary School
208 W. 21st, Yankton



First United Methodist Church
207 West 11th St., Yankton • 665-2991

Our Mission: To grow disciples of Jesus Christ and equip them for ministry in the world.
Rev. Ron Johnson, Senior Pastor
Pastor Bob Cappel, Associate Pastor

Saturday, December 14th
4:30 PM Live Nativity (across street west of church)
7:00 PM Live Nativity (across street west of church)

Sunday, December 8th, 15th, and 22nd
8:30 AM United Methodist Hour on KYNT, 1450 AM
8:45 AM Worship Service, Contemporary; childcare provided
9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages; childcare provided
10:45 AM Worship Service, Traditional; childcare provided

Christmas Eve, December 24th
4:30 PM Worship Service, Candlelight Service
7:00 PM Worship Service, Candlelight Service



Christmas Church Services

We warmly welcome you to join the St. Benedict's family for our Christmas services! Come enjoy the excitement, warmth and love of the holiday season with us.

Friday, Dec. 24th
Mass 4:00, 6:30 & 10:00 pm

Saturday, Dec. 25th
Mass 9:00am

St. Benedict Catholic Church 1500 St. Benedict Dr. Yankton, SD



Schedule of Holiday Services
St. John's Lutheran Church
1009 Jackson, Yankton, SD • 665-7337

Dec. 15th 8:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Children's Christmas program

Dec. 24th 5 & 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Dec. 25th 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service with celebration of Jesus' Birthday cake & Holy Communion



Riverview Reformed Church
1700 Burleigh St., Yankton • 665-9204

Sunday, December 15th
Potluck Dinner - 11:30AM
Children's Christmas Musical - 1:00PM

Sunday, December 22nd
Fourth Sunday in Advent
Morning Worship - 9:30AM

Tuesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 5:30PM




Peace Presbyterian Church
206 East 31st Street, Yankton, SD 57078 • 665-0448
Reverend Don Barbalace

Sunday, Dec. 15th 10:00 A.M. Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 22nd 10:00 A.M. Worship Service Christmas Eve

Tuesday, Dec. 24th 7:00 P.M. Lessons & Carols

Sunday, Dec. 29th 9:30 A.M. Worship Service



Calvary Baptist Church
2407 Broadway, Yankton, SD • 665-5594

Sun., Dec. 8 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Sun., Dec. 15 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program "Hark, the Herald Angel"
Calvary Kids Preschool Program "The Littlest Angel"

Thurs., Dec. 19 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 22 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tues., Dec. 24 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service



United Church Of Christ (Congregational)
5th & Walnut, Yankton, SD
665-7320

Dec. 15 10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Program "The Symbols of Christmas"

Dec. 15 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Christmas Candlelight Concert "Vivaldi's Gloria & More"

Dec. 24 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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