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## Ag Official To Appear At County Meeting

BY ROB NIELSEN  
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The Yankton County Commission will spend part of its Tuesday meeting exploring new ways to develop agriculture throughout the county.

Paul Kostboth, agricultural development director with the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, has been invited to speak to the commissioners about a county-wide agriculture survey program.

Commissioner Raymon Epp said the survey measures a number of parameters.

"They analyze the county for developmental reasons," Epp said. "They check and see what we have for natural gas, rail, highways and then they look at the population and the graphs about that to see where potential sites may be for, let's say, a large animal unit or maybe, we keep hearing talk with Napa Junction about a rail yard."

He added that following the survey, the department sums up its findings and returns for a presentation on what the county could potentially do.

"They're going to collect this data, then they're going to come back and present it," he said. "Then we'll have an idea of the capabilities and possibilities for our county."

Epp said the county has yet to complete such a survey, despite an earlier offer from the state.

"I know the state came down and offered to do this in 2013, and they were refused at that time," he said. "I believe 46 of the 66 counties have completed this survey, and there's still a few more that are in the

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## South Dakota

# Youth Min. Wage Eyed

## Transportation Also Set To Be Discussed

BY JAMES NORD  
Associated Press

PIERRE — Lawmakers are set to consider measures on transportation, abortion, a youth minimum wage and all-hours drinking in Deadwood.

Here's a look at some of the proposals they'll take up this week in Pierre:

### TRANSPORTATION

The House State Affairs Committee takes up

### YOUTH MINIMUM WAGE

A proposal to carve out a \$7.50 youth minimum wage from the measure that voters

passed in November to establish an \$8.50 minimum wage is to be considered in the Senate Commerce and Energy Committee on Tuesday.

Sen. David Novstrup, a Republican from Aberdeen, said the evidence he's seen shows that states with higher minimum wage also have higher youth unemployment. His proposal would affect people under age 18, and the \$7.50 youth wage wouldn't be subject to future cost of living increases.

Novstrup said he doesn't believe businesses will simply reduce wages for young workers if

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## Taking Stock



Lake Yankton appears to be in winter hibernation, but life is already returning to the lake, which was chemically poisoned last fall to clear out the rough fish. Restocking efforts have already begun, with more stocking projects slated in the months to come.

KELLY HERTZ/P&D

## Lake Yankton Coming Back To Life

BY JEREMY HOECK  
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Five months after a complete chemical renovation, the impact at Lake Yankton is already clear.

Literally, according to an official with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

In an effort to eliminate the large number of invasive species that made their way into the lake after the 2011 Missouri River flood, the lake was drawn down last September and about 700 gallons of chemicals were dumped into the waters.

Restocking efforts began shortly after and will continue through this summer, according to Jeff Schuckman, the Northeast district fisheries manager.

The first thing people will notice about the lake? How clear the water is, Schuckman said.

"It clears up like magic once we got the rough fish out of there," he said.

From the time of the flooding until last September, the visibility in Lake Yankton was about 3-6 inches, Schuckman said. Now, it's closer to 2 1/2 meters, or ap-

proximately 95 inches, he said.

"Because the water has cleared, you'll see more vegetation, too," Schuckman said.

Shortly after the renovation, once the dead fish rose to the surface and eventually decomposed, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission — along with the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Department — stocked largemouth bass and bluegill back into the lake, Schuckman said.

"In a new lake situation, they grow very quickly," Schuckman said. "There's no other competition in the lake for them."

The bluegill will spawn late this summer, Schuckman said, so those numbers will quickly rise. The largemouth bass will take two years to spawn, he said, and so officials will stock 150 fingerlings per surface area in July.

Two other fish species will also be stocked, including black crappie later this summer or early in the fall, while channel catfish will be introduced this summer.

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## Hartington Art Gallery Draws Readers To Library

BY NICK HYTECK  
The Sioux City Journal

HARTINGTON, Neb. — In this day of Kindles, Nooks and whatever other electronic book readers there are, finding something to read has never been easier.

Touch your cellphone screen and new books are downloaded to your account. You don't even have to leave the house.

It's good news for readers, bad news for libraries.

Tami Anderson, director of the Hartington Public Library, said it's a challenge to find things in addition to books to draw people through the door reports *The Sioux City Journal*.

"We have to be more creative in our library services just because of this digital age to get library visitors," Anderson said.

Lucky for her, she's got a built-in attraction that most libraries don't have: an art gallery.

The Arlo and Anne Wirth Art Gallery is a small gem found outside the larger cities where you'd normally expect to find art galleries. Arlo and Anne were big library supporters, and Anne was a longtime library board

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## Nebraska

# Bill Would Change Disclosure Requirements

BY GRANT SCHULTE  
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Politicians who use campaign money illegally could have a harder time hiding their violations under a bill that will go before Nebraska lawmakers this week.

The measure would change a rule that allows candidates and office-holders to self-report the amount of money in their campaign accounts.

Supporters say the bill might have helped officials catch former state Sen. Brenda Council earlier, before she gambled away \$63,000 in campaign money. It's set for a hearing Thursday before the Government, Military and Veterans

Affairs Committee. Council, of Omaha, was sentenced to three years of criminal probation in 2013 and fined \$500 after pleading guilty to a federal wire fraud charge. She also was fined \$500 after pleading guilty to two state misdemeanor charges that she filed false campaign finance reports, and the Nebraska Supreme Court removed her law license.

The bill would require candidates to file end-of-year campaign bank account balances with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. Doing so would give state investigators the chance to compare each candidate's bank

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## Coming Together



A group of people who had special ties to both Yankton College and Mount Marty College were honored during halftime of Saturday's Mount Marty men's basketball game at Cimpr Arena. Mount Marty recognized Yankton College alumni during a basketball doubleheader, and these couples who attended the separate colleges were presented with a bottle of champagne and a gift certificate to Charlie's Pizza.

JEREMY HOECK/P&D



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