

COMMUNITY 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
Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Interchange, noon, Minerva's Bar and Grill, 605-760-7082.
Whist, 12:30 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Pinocle, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Cribbage, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Hand & Foot Cards, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
English as a Second Language classes, 2-5 p.m., United Church of Christ, Fifth and Walnut, Yankton. (605) 660-5612.
Narcotics Anonymous "Road To Recovery" Group, 8 p.m., open meeting, First United Methodist Church (northeast door), 207 W 11th St, Yankton

FOURTH MONDAY

Yankton City Commission, 7 p.m., RTEC, 1200 W. 21st Street

TUESDAY

Table Tennis, 8:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Billiards, 10 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Explore the Bible, 10:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Pinocle, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Wii Bowling, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
English as a Second Language classes, 2-5 p.m., United Church of Christ, Fifth and Walnut, Yankton. (605) 660-5612.
AA, Alano Group 7 p.m., step meeting, 1019 W. 9th St, Yankton.
Bingo, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685. (Open to the public)
Weight Watchers, 10 a.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 45 minutes before meeting. For more information, call 605-665-2987.

WEDNESDAY

Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Nurse, 10 a.m.-noon, The Center, 605-665-4685
Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Whist, 12:30 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Partnership Bridge, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Rummikub, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Penny Bingo, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Chair Massage, 1:40-3:50 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
English as a Second Language classes, 2-5 p.m., United Church of Christ, Fifth and Walnut, Yankton. (605) 660-5612.
Meditation Sessions, Christ Episcopal Church (lower level), 513 Douglas, Yankton, 7-8:30 p.m. 665-3344 or 665-2456.
Narcotics Anonymous "Road To Recovery" Group, 8 p.m., open meeting, First United Methodist Church (northeast door), 207 W 11th St, Yankton
AA, Alano Group 7 p.m., discussion, 1019 W. 9th St, Yankton.

THURSDAY

Table Tennis, 8:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Wii Bowling, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Billiards, 10 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
ASHH Toastmasters Club 6217, noon, Avera Sacred Heart Pavilion, conference room no. 2, Yankton, 605-665-6776.
Pinocle, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Dominos, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
English as a Second Language classes, 2-5 p.m., United Church of Christ, Fifth and Walnut, Yankton. (605) 660-5612.
Love Addicts Anonymous, 7 p.m., for women, 120 West Third Street, Yankton, 605-760-5307.
AA, Alano Group 8:30 p.m., speaker, 1019 W. 9th St, Yankton.
Weight Watchers, 5:30 p.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 45 minutes before meeting. For more information, call 605-665-2987.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS #SD 45), Weigh-in 5:30-6:30 p.m., meeting 6:30-7:30. RTEC building, 1200 W. 21st St. For more information call 605-665-8442
Yankton Area Banquet, 6-7 p.m., United Church of Christ, Fifth and Walnut

FOURTH THURSDAY

Yankton County Farmers Union, 7 p.m., Sunrise Apartments, 2015 Green St., Yankton. 661-7667.

BIRTHDAYS

SHARON SCHULTE

Sharon Schulte of St. Helena, Nebraska, will celebrate her 75th birthday on Feb. 21. A card shower is being requested by her family. Cards can be sent to 89519 564th Ave., St. Helena, Neb. 68774.



Schulte

JOYCE WIEPEN

Joyce Wiepen celebrated her 80th birthday on Feb. 20. An open house hosted by her children will be held in her honor at 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at the St. Helena Parish Center, St. Helena, Nebraska. Well-wishes can be sent to Joyce at 89761 560th Ave, St. Helena, NE 68774.



Wiepen

LUCILLE WYSUPH

Lucille Wysuph will be celebrating her 85th birthday Tuesday, Feb. 24, with a family dinner and party. Her family requests a card shower. Cards can be mailed to 311 Green st Yankton. SD. 57078



Wysuph

BIRTHS

MAXWELL DONNER

Tony and Destiny Donner of Yankton announce the birth of their son, Maxwell Finn Donner, born Jan. 28, 2015, at 2:19 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 1/2 inches long. He joins siblings Alexander, 8 and Tristan, 2. Grandparents are Tony and Dawn Anderson and Bob and Kathie Wieseler of Yankton and Jerome and Colette Donner of Laurel, Nebraska. Great-grandparents are Eleanor Juttelstad of Yankton and Deanna King of Duncannonville, Texas.

LUKE POTTS

Matt and Jackie Potts of Yankton announce the birth of their son, Luke Matthew Potts, born Feb. 12, 2015, at 11:47 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Don and Judy Jorgensen of Randolph, Nebraska, and Duane and Julie Potts of Yankton. Great-grandparents are Darlene Jorgensen and Roger Jorgensen of Coleridge, Nebraska, Marvin Wilcox of Yankton and Darlene Burns of Laurel, Nebraska.

HODLEY HERMAN

Jake and Ashley Herman of Tabor announce the birth of their daughter, Hodley Jo, born December 29, 2014 at 12:56 a.m. She weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 inches long. Grandparents are Gary and Pam Gau of Olivet and Jerry and Joanne Herman of Tabor. Great-grandparents are Geneva and the late Ray Gall of Scotland, Melva and the late Roger Vik of Spearfish, the late Leonard and Frances Herman and the late Robert and Marie Rada.

GENEVIEVE ANDREWS

Mike and Laura Andrews of Yankton announce the birth of their daughter, Genevieve Ellen, born Feb. 4, 2015. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and is 20 1/4 inches long. She joins her family including grandparents: Lewis and Cindy Johnson of Volin; Marsha Peterson of Sioux Falls; and Lawrence and Ruth Andrews of Lino Lakes, Minnesota. She also has a great-grandparent in Donald Mark of Viborg.

Partisan Motives Alleged In Push To Open Nebraska Votes

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — The last election gave Republicans an even larger majority in Nebraska's nonpartisan Legislature, and now some conservatives are seeking to end the secret votes that make it easier for lawmakers to break from their party when choosing legislative leaders.

Conservative groups and factions of the Republican Party are pushing for a requirement that Nebraska senators disclose how they voted when picking committee chairmen and the speaker of the Legislature.

Supporters insist the effort is a matter of government transparency, but Democrats and even some Republicans see it as a conservative effort to impose party discipline on moderates.

"It's not about transparency. It's about control," said Sen. Bob Krist, a self-described centrist Republican from Omaha who has bucked his party's leadership in the past.

Nebraska's one-house Legislature has no formal party structure or leadership, limiting control by Republicans who dominate the state, apart from some districts in Omaha and Lincoln.

Republican Sen. Bill Kintner of Papillion said he introduced a bill to ensure that all legislative votes can be reviewed by a senator's constituents. He denied having partisan motives, saying no one in the party urged him to introduce the measure.

"It's just a way of operating that I think works, trying to engage as many people as possible," said Kintner, who has nine Republican co-sponsors. Constituents who learn the committee leadership votes are secret "can't believe it. They think we're open and honest, that we're different from other legislatures." The lack of party control has allowed Democrats to claim many of Nebraska's legislative chairmanships, including the top seat on the committee that oversees the state budget. Most Republicans in leadership positions are moderates. Last year, despite a large GOP majority, Democrats held most of the Legislature's committee chairmanships.

When the Legislature convened and approved rules for the session, some conservative lawmakers tried to change the voting procedures to end secret votes to choose leaders. That failed, but Kintner then filed a bill with the same requirement, and that will be up for a public hearing Wednesday.

Republican senators who voted against the open-ballot proposal could have to answer to local party activists in the next election, said Jon Tucker, chairman of the Douglas County Republican Party in Omaha.

"I can certainly see some members of the party questioning candidates, and possibly even sitting senators about how they voted," Tucker said. "They shouldn't hide their vote. It does come down to the public trust."

Last month, Douglas County Republicans considered a formal censure vote against Krist after he voted against the proposed rule change when it was in committee. The resolution never went to a vote, but Tucker said it shows frustration among some party members.

Krist has been at odds with his party for past criticism of former Republican Gov. Dave Heineman and for defending then-state Sen. Brad Ashford, a Democrat who was attacked by the GOP during his successful bid for Congress last year. Krist said he and many other senators try to weigh issues on what they consider the merits, rather than voting the party-line.

Groups pushing for a change stress they want openness.

"The transparency of this vote is an important data point for the citizens to determine if the senator in their district is reflecting their wishes," said Matt Litt, state director of Americans for Prosperity-Nebraska, a conservative advocacy group.

Litt said openness is particularly important because Nebraska only has one legislative chamber, with no second house to check its power. The one-house Legislature took effect in 1937, at the same time party labels were eliminated.

Senators pick committee leaders and a speaker once every two years. This year, Democrats won five chairmanships out of the Legislature's 14 standing committees even though Republicans now hold more than a two-thirds majority.

Republican legislators dominate even though their party affiliation isn't listed on the ballot. In statewide races where party affiliations are disclosed, Republicans steamrolled Democratic candidates with across-the-board victories in November.

The Nebraska Republican Party passed a resolution in August 2013 calling for a requirement that senators disclose their votes when picking committee leaders. That year, Democrats won the majority of committee chairmanships despite being far outnumbered by Republican lawmakers.

"I think there was some frustration from the 2013 session," said Bud Synhorst, executive director of the Nebraska Republican Party. "There were people who thought they were going to win, and they ended up losing by 4-5 votes."

Synhorst said the state Republican Party is now focused more on recruiting candidates for legislative races, and is steering clear of trying to influence lawmakers once they're in office.

Legislators To Mull Transportation Bills

BY JAMES NORD
Associated Press

PIERRE — Lawmakers are expected to debate raising revenue to fund roads and bridges, allowing people to carry concealed weapons without a permit and expanding the kinds of games Deadwood can offer this week in Pierre.

Here's a look at some of the proposals they'll take up:

TRANSPORTATION

The House State Affairs Committee will vote on a proposal Tuesday to raise roughly \$50 million for road and bridge funding in South Dakota. A separate House committee has also reviewed the proposal. The Senate has already approved its version of the plan, and the House's passage will set up negotiations for what is likely the most hotly debated issue lawmakers consider this session.

During a committee hearing last week, members of the oil and gas industry said the annual fuel tax increases in the House proposal that stretch until 2030 would make South Dakota less competitive with surrounding states. House Majority Leader Brian Gosch said the opponents made some compelling points about the size of the potential tax increases.

The fuel tax increases proposed by the Senate would expire in 2023.

GUNS

A proposal to make it legal to carry a concealed pistol without a permit in South Dakota is set to be considered in the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday. The plan removes the requirement for a concealed pistol permit from state law and eliminates penalties for carrying without a permit. Openly carrying a

firearm, such as in a holster on the hip, is currently legal in South Dakota. But carrying a pistol when it's covered by something like a jacket or sport coat requires a permit under state law. The measure was narrowly approved in committee and passed by the full House.

A measure to allow sergeants-at-arms to carry concealed weapons in the state Capitol could be heard on the Senate floor on Tuesday.

DEADWOOD GAMBLING

A proposal to authorize three new voter-approved games — keno, craps and roulette — in Deadwood is expected to be taken up by the House State Affairs Committee on Wednesday. Boosters of the historic mining town have pushed the measure as a way to keep Deadwood competitive with other gambling hotspots, and 57 percent of voters supported the proposal on Nov. 4 as

part of Amendment Q. Opponents argue gambling expansions provoke addictions and cause social and financial problems for families in the state. The proposal has breezed through votes in the Senate.

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

A measure that would put a constitutional amendment before voters in 2016 to make it clear that the technical schools are independent from the state Board of Regents is expected to be considered in the Senate State Affairs Committee on Wednesday.

Rep. Mark Mickelson, a Republican from Sioux Falls, said his plan would end uncertainty and turf wars surrounding the schools. He said the Board of Regents supports the plan.

"It's potentially a big step in the area, and it has a fair amount of support," Mickelson said.

MIDWEST DIGEST

More S.D. Cattle In Feedlots This Year

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Large South Dakota feedlots have more cattle than a year ago.

The U.S. Agriculture Department's National Agricultural Statistics Service says lots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 230,000 cattle on feed on Feb. 1. That's up 5 percent from last year.

Placements for cattle headed to slaughter during January totaled 30,000 head, down 23 percent from 2014.

The ag service says it revised monthly cattle on feed estimates back to February 2013 to better align with the definition that cattle should grade select or better to be counted in the cattle on feed program. That means cows and bulls have been removed from these previous estimates and future cattle on feed estimates.

Drone Operators Approve Proposed Rules

SIoux FALLS (AP) — South Dakota drone operators say they're anxious to see proposed Federal Aviation Administration rules come to fruition but plan to fly under the radar until anything is finalized.

The FAA released its long-anticipated rules recently that would allow small commercial unmanned aircraft to perform routine tasks — crop monitoring, aerial photography, inspections of bridges and cell towers, and much more. But not right away. Final rules are probably two to three years away.

The *Argus Leader* reports Todd Thorin is owner of Prairie Aerial Photography. Thorin says a video he shot of a man scaling a 1,500-foot television tower caught the attention of the FAA.

He hasn't filmed another sky-high feature since and says he plans to wait until rules for commercial pilots are cleared up. Thorin says the proposed rules are reasonable.

NG Exhibit Spotlights Women's Uniforms

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota National Guard is celebrating the contribution of women in the U.S. Armed Forces by bringing a military uniform exhibit to college campuses in the state.

The Women's History Month military uniform exhibit will feature service uniforms from several time periods. The free exhibit at several of the state's public universities will offer the history of the uniforms on display and of the women who wore them.

The exhibit begins March 2 at Black Hills State University and wraps up at the South Dakota National Guard Museum in Pierre on April 3.

S.D. Corn Growers Re-Elect Officers

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Board members of the South Dakota Corn Growers Association have re-elected all three officers to serve for another year.

Keith Alverson, of Chester, will continue as president; Troy Knecht, of Houghton, will stay on as vice president; and Doug Noem, of Bryant, will again be secretary/treasurer.

The association is one of the largest commodity groups in the state. It promotes corn, represents corn producers on public policy issues and serves as a legislative voice.

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