MUNITY C O M CALENDA

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 Cardio Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Daily Reprieve, noon, open meeting non-smoking, 1019 W 9th St. **Interchange**, noon, open meeting, 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, 1 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.

FIRST MONDAY

Yankton Republican Party Executive Meeting, 5:30 p.m., 2507 Fox Run Parkway, 605-260-1605 Yankton Lions Club, 6 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. meeting, JoDeans, 605-

665-4694 Heartland Humane Society Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 601 1/2 Burleigh Yankton Parks Advisory Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., RTEC, 1200 W. 21st Street

SECOND MONDAY

Yankton Diabetes Support Group, 1 p.m., Benedictine Center, AVSHH, 605-668-8000 ext. 456

Yankton School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., YSD Administration Building. 2410 West City Limits Road, 605-665-3998

Yankton Area Writers Club, 7 p.m., Books & Beans, downtown Yankton, 605-664-658

Tri-State Old Iron Association Meeting, 7 p.m., JoDeans Restaurant, 605-665-9785

Yankton City Commission, 7 p.m., RTEC, 1200 W. 21st Street YHS Booster Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Summit Activities Center Meeting Room, 605-665-4640

THIRD MONDAY

Yankton Golf Advisory Board Meeting, noon, Fox Run Golf Course, 600 W. 27th Street, 605-668-520

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

Open Cards, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

Bingo, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

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

FIRST TUESDAY

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

SECOND TUESDAY

Alzheimer's Care Givers Support Group, 5 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 VFW Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m., 209 Cedar Street

THIRD TUESDAY

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

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Bowman said. "That was the kind of thing that distinguished Willard - he was top notch.

Willard said one of the things that served him well was earning his associate's degree within a year. He said he plans to keep going to school and eventually earn his bachelor's degree and hopefully become a helicopter pilot.

Besides volunteering and keep-ing up with his duties, Willard was also sent to Instructor School almost a year early.

"He was the first Airman First

Water

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larly used in the past to get around austere federal budgets for rural water projects and keep enough construction money coming to make meaningful progress toward completing it. Without recourse to that, after Rock Rapids is hooked up, communities such as Madison and Worthington and Luverne, Minn., and Sheldon, Sibley, Hull and Sioux Center, Iowa, are left with an uncertain future. "The federal funding being pro-

vided to Lewis & Clark is not even enough to keep up with inflation, let alone make any meaningful con-struction progress. Under this continued scenario, the project would never be completed," said the project's executive director, Troy Lar-

son. "It's beyond frustration. It has turned into anger," Hull city administrator Les Van Roekel said of the mood in his community. Hull has been forced to declare a water emergency and restrict nonessential use of water this summer, and Hull, like all the consortium's members and the states of South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa, already has prepaid the \$153.6 million state and local match in an effort to keep the project moving forward.

"Now we see the federal government out there approving projects, when previously approved projects" such as the Lewis & Clark pipeline "aren't getting a funding level to ever be completed," Van Roekel said.

The project is expected to drive hundreds of millions of dollars of economic development in a threestate, 500-square-mile region populated by 300,000 people. But as the project drags on, some of that development is held hostage, as well.

Agropur wants to expand its cheese production plant in Hull and add about 45 employees to an existing workforce of 125.

"We are worried a shortage of water could prevent that expanis other economic d velopment efforts," Van Roekel said. In recent years, the Lewis & Clark Regional Water pipeline has resorted to veritable legerdemain to get water to some customers while it waited for the Missouri River aquifer well field, the water treatment plant and the distribution pipeline to be built. For instance, to get water to the Grand

Class, in my memory, to go to Instructor's School that early. I've never heard of another person who's been doing the job for such little time go in that quickly," Bowman said. "He really impressed us. When he went to Instructor's School, he just blew the instructors down there away. He did such

a great job there and he out-performed all the other students." In 2011, Willard earned a wing-

level award, not at the Air Force level, and Bowman said they decided to keep pushing him harder.

"He actively pursued being a better airman without knowing the (Erwin) award existed," Bowman said. "Back in January, the work that he had already done was so significant, he didn't have to do more work to be competitive, but he went and he did more. That's

the way it works." Something else that made Willard stand in the eyes of his superiors was his volunteer work

Willard said he took his leave and wanted to help with the flood-

sandbagging so I went over the National Guard, because I wanted to help them out, but they wouldn't let me," he said. "I just went over to the Nebraska side and saw a whole bunch of people building the sandbag wall to save their

Bowman said Willard's willingness to help his community was impressive.

"It was a big deal," Bowman said. "He went home and took care

development. Worthington missed out on a pork plant expansion, and city officials are forced to ask every business contemplating production in the city whether they will need water in their processes. "If the answer is yes, they have to say no," Larson said.

"There have been other missed opportunities along the way," he added. "Ethanol plants have been turned away in Iowa. Dairy operations have been turned away."

For the 11 entities anticipating water this summer, however, it is a different story.

"We are going to have much better quality water," said Parker finance officer Jeanne Duschser. "Right now, Parker's water is very hard." When the pipeline begins providing about 100,000 gallons daily, "it will just about eliminate everybody's need for a water softener," she said.

Also, once it begins getting pipeline water, Parker can close its 50-year-old water treatment plant that is badly in need of repair.

"We are very excited about that," Duschser said.

The sheer size of the project is stunningly clear in the almost com-pleted treatment plant. Water stirred by immense rotating metal blades moves slowly in a circular concrete pool that holds 800,000 gallons. There are four of these, and each can purify, soften and chemically balance 9 million gallons a day, according to plant supervisor Jason McBride. There also is room to build two more pools and expand capacity to 45 million gallons a day. In July, the plant will be tested

for several weeks to ensure it functions as designed, and the computer automation system will be tuned to the plant's operation before the contractor, Foley Company of Kansas City, Mo., hands over the facility, according to McBride.

By late July or early August, Sioux Falls, Tea, Harrisburg, Minof his community and the people he loves.

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Willard said being stationed close to home has been helpful during his time at McConnell.

"My family has been really supportive," he said. "Being able to come home, because I'm so close, I've been able to keep relationships with my friends and family."

Bowman said Willard has been an inspiration to everyone.

"Willard is a great young man," he said. "I've never met somebody who did the right things, for the right reasons, so often. He took care of us just as much as he took care of himself, and out-performed everybody around him. My boss and I have been really proud of him."

nehaha Community Water Corp., Lincoln County Rural Water System, South Lincoln Rural Water System, Parker, Beresford, Centerville, Lennox and the Grand Falls Casino Resort will receive water pumped from the Missouri River aquifer, treated in the new plant and distributed through the system's pipelines.

"It has taken some time to get to that point, but very shortly we will be producing potable water for the first 11 members," said Jim Auen, the project's operations manager.

"We believe once we get to the point of operation, that will change the mentality of how Lewis & Clark is viewed," Larson says. "There are no assurances, but common sense indicates once we are operational and have members with water, there will be a natural push to get the rest of the members connected."

Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether insisted the city will remain an aggressive ally of the other LCRW members.

"I feel for those communities," he said of towns and rural water systems with no clear idea of when they will receive water.

'We went into this as a team player, and we want to continue in the years to come. We'll do our part ... to make sure the communities in Minnesota and Iowa and the communities like Madison finally get their due."

The congressional delegations in all three states remain strong in support of it, said Larson, Huether and others, and if the earmark ban can be lifted for authorized projects such as Lewis & Clark, there is a prospect construction funding can be found, Larson thinks.

"We are convinced that sooner or later the light bulb will go off in Washington, and Lewis & Clark will be a no-brainer," he said. "When times are tough, you go to the basics. What's more basic than drinking water?"

ing efforts.

back in the Yankton area during last year's Missouri River flooding.

"I knew a lot of people were

houses, and I helped them."

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Falls Casino Resort near Rock Rapids now, the city of Sioux Falls is selling water to Lincoln County Rural Water System, which is selling it to Lewis & Clark, which is selling it to the city of Rock Rapids, which is selling it to the Lyon Sioux

Rural Water System, which is selling it to the casino, according to Larson. Similarly, four years ago, a pipeline connection was built be-tween Hull and Sioux Center so Sioux Center could provide Hull as much as 150,000 gallons a day.

Now, in an effort to at least ease its continuing water problems, Hull is looking to expand that relationship. Even though it already has prepaid its portion of construction, Hull will spend \$300,000 to dig a

new well in Sioux Center. "We did invest city money," Van Roekel said. "When that's completed, we hope Sioux Center can consistently provide us 250,000 gallons a day. That will get us to where we can lift the ban for this summer and possibly next summer. But it's not sufficient for ex-

pansion." If the project ever is finished, the new well in Sioux Center will be shut down, Larson says.

Luverne spent \$700,000 for two new wells and a system to reclaim water used in backwashing water treatment plant filters to increase its water supply while it waits for Lewis & Clark.

Overall, consortium members have spent more than \$9 million on projects to soften the blow of the project's tenuous timeline.

Such scrambling and ad hoc

arrangements hardly fit the goal of providing a reliable supply of

"We're using baling wire and duct tape to piece it together," he

said. "Unfortunately, it's becoming

Like Hull, other members on

the periphery are losing economic

expensive duct tape and baling

abundant, cheap, high-quality

water, Larson said.

wire.

WEDNESDAY

Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Quilting, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Nurse, 10 a.m.-noon, The Center, 605-665-4685 Cardio Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Daily Reprieve, noon, non-smoking open session, 1019 W. 9th St. Whist, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 SHIINE, 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

FIRST WEDNESDAY

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

SECOND WEDNESDAY

Duplicate Bridge, 1 p.m., Partnership Bridge, The Center, 605-665-4685 Antique Auto Club, 7 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

THIRD WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Table Tennis, 8:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Ladies Pool, 10 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Yankton Sertoma, noon, Pizza Ranch, 605-661-7159 Daily Reprieve, noon, non-smoking open meeting, 1019 W 9th street.

BIRTHS

ELLA JESSEN

Michaela Lynn (Zimmerman) Jessen and Christopher Lee Jessen of Bloomfield, Neb., announce the birth of Ella Renee Jessen, born June 26, 2012 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Grandparents are Keith and Renee Zimmerman, Crofton Neb., and Warren and Pat Jessen, Bloomfield, Neb.

Great-grandparents are Arlene Arens, Crofton Neb.; Melba Jessen, Crofton, Neb.; Alta Vakoc, Verdigre, Neb.; and Alvin and Millie Zimmerman, Crofton Neb.

IRELYN MURPHY

Mark and Lindsay Murphy of Yankton announce the birth of their daughter Irelyn Nicole Murphy, born July 7, 2012 at 7:56 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Alan (Corky) and Gail Livingston and Charles and Carolyn Murphy, Yankton.

Great-grandparents are Ray and Marylou Livingston, Yankton, Darlene and the late Harvey Weisser, Wagner, and Martha (Granny) Murphy, Bloomfield, Neb.

MAGGIE WEIER

Mark and Brandy Weier of Yankton announce the birth of Maggie Lynn Weier, born July 8, 2012, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton. She weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

She joins sibling Christian, age 5.

Grandparents are David and Robin Askegard, Barnesville, Minn.; LaVerne and Janice Graber; Freeman; and Gary Weier, Piedmont.

REUNIONS

JENS, JORGEN AND JOHANN NELSON REUNION

The Three J's (Jens, Jorgen and Johann Nelson) family reunion will be Sunday, July 29, at 12:30 p.m. at JoDeans in Yankton.

PETERSON, BERQUIST AND LARSON REUNION

The Peterson, Berguist and Larson reunion will be held at noon on Sunday, Aug. 5, 2012, at the Gayville Community Center. There will be a potluck dinner and those attending are asked to bring their own dishes and silver-

ware. Beverages will be furnished. For more information, contact Aldine Meyer at 267-4448.

BIRTHDAYS

DIANE GUNDERSON

Diane Gunderson of Yankton will celebrate her

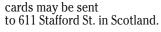
80th birthday on July 22, 2012. A card show has been reqested in her honor. Greetings may be sent to 909 Memory

Gunderson

CHARLOTTE THUM

An open house in honor of

90th birthday will be held at 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 21, 2012, at the United Church of Christ, Scotland. The event is being hosted by her family. If you are un-Thum able to attend.



MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of July 16. Menus are subject to change without notice.

Summer Food Service

(at Webster School) Monday — Pepperoni Pizza Tuesday — Chicken Sticks Wednesday — Shrimp Poppers Thursday — Teriyaki Nuggets Friday — Turkey Sandwich

The Center — Yankton

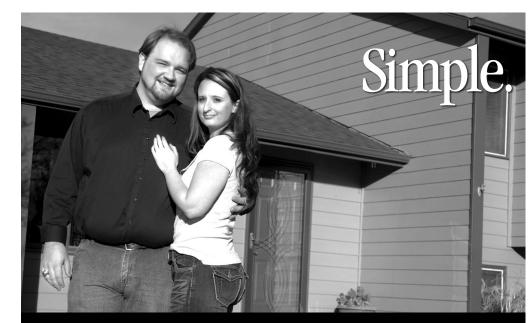
Monday - Beef Porcupine Meatballs Tuesday - BBQ Ribs Wednesday - Salmon Loaf Thursday – Turkey Friday – Spaghetti

Tabor Senior Citizens Center No Menus Available

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