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ΜU С Ο Μ Ν Y ALENDA

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 Carulo 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, 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 purch 11th and Cedar, 605-661-7162 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.

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 Hillcrest. 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

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

THIRD WEDNESDAY

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

BIRTHDAYS

MARIANNE JEPSEN

Please join us at an Open House to celebrate Marianne Jepsen's 85th birthday on Aug. 4, 2012, 2-4 p.m. at the Vermillion Senior Citizen's Center, 320 West Main, Vermillion.

DALE SEVERSON

Dr. TJ and Nicole Stotz of Yankton announce the birth of their son

BIRTHS

LUKE STOTZ

Luke Thomas Stotz, born at 10:59 a.m. June 26, 2012. He weighed 8 pounds and 6.5 ounces and was 21 inches long. His sister is Aubrey, 2. Grandparents are Dr. Tom and

Julie Stotz of Yankton and Chris and Mary Beth Leaver of Arlington, Neb.

BLAKE SIME

Brett and Evie (Coleman) Sime of Yankton announce the birth of Blake Edward Sime, who was born July 15, 2012, at Avera Sacred

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CARRIED AWAY



CHRISTOPHER WEDDLE/CENTRE DAILY TIMES/MCT Penn State Office of Physical plant workers cover the Joe Paterno statue near Beaver Stadium on Penn State's campus in State College, Pa., on Sunday. The NCAA will announce what it called "corrective and punitive measures" against the school Monday.

AP: U.S. Afghan Withdrawal Is **Halfway Done**

BY DEB RIECHMANN

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — This vear's pullout of 23.000 American troops from Afghanistan is at the halfway mark, U.S. Gen. John Allen, the top commander of U.S. and NATO forces, said Sunday in an interview with The Associated Press.

It's a kind of milestone toward wrapping up the U.S. and NATO combat role after a decade in the war-torn nation — but Allen cau-tioned against putting too much emphasis on the U.S. troop drawdown, because the U.S.-led coalition's campaign is continuing.

Still, Allen said that he knows the clock is ticking on the NATO coalition's combat mission, which is to end at the close of 2014 - just 29 months from now.

In a wide-ranging interview in his office at NATO headquarters in Kabul, Allen also said that while Afghan security forces were increasingly taking the lead, more work needs to be done to shore up their confidence in planning and executing operations. He said this summer's coalition operations were aimed at pushing insurgents farther from population centers, expanding the security zone around the capital, Kabul, and getting more Afghan forces into the lead in the east,

which borders Pakistan. The Afghan army and police force are battling low levels of literacy corruption within their ranks

5 NATO Troops Killed In Afghan.

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) -A person wearing an Afghan national security force uniform turned his weapon Sunday against civilian contractors with the U.S.-led military coalition, killing three.

In other incidents, five NATO service members were killed in roadside bombings over the past two days.

NATO said the attack on the civilian coalition workers occurred in western Afghanistan but disclosed few other details.

The gunman was killed during the incident, which is still being investigated. No further information about the civilians who died was released.

Afghan security forces or militants dressed in their uniforms have been killing a rising number of coalition forces, but they have not been specifically targeting contractors working for the coalition. So far this year, 26 foreign troops have been killed in this type of attacks. spring as

talion and higher units being able to take the lead with respect to planning," he said. "Planning is really the hallmark of any large mili-

NCAA To Levy Sanctions Against Penn State

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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — The NCAA announced Sunday that it will issue sanctions against Penn State in the wake of a scathing report that found that top university officials buried child sex abuse allegations against a now-convicted retired assistant and led to the tearing down of the famed statue of once-sainted coach Joe Paterno. Shortly after Paterno's statue was removed Sunday, six months to

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the day after he died, the NCAA came forward to say that it will levy "corrective and punitive measures" against the school. The sanctions will be spelled out Monday, the NCAA said without disclosing further details.

NCAA President Mark Emmert hasn't ruled out the possibility of shutting down the Penn State football program in the wake of the scandal, saying he had "never seen anything as egregious."

The Paterno family issued a statement saying the statue's removal "does not serve the victims of Jerry Sandusky's horrible crimes or

help heal the Penn State community." "We believe the only way to help the victims is to uncover the full truth," said the family, which vowed its own investigation following the release of an investigative report by former FBI Director Louis Freeh that found that Paterno and three other top Penn State administrators concealed sex abuse claims against Sandusky.

U.S. Poverty On Track To Reach 46-Year High

WASHINGTON (AP) — The ranks of America's poor are on track to climb to levels unseen in nearly half a century, erasing gains from the war on poverty in the 1960s amid a weak economy and fraying government safety net.

Census figures for 2011 will be released this fall in the critical weeks ahead of the November elections.

The Associated Press surveyed more than a dozen economists, think tanks and academics, both nonpartisan and those with known liberal or conservative leanings, and found a broad consensus: The official poverty rate will rise from 15.1 percent in 2010, climbing as high as 15.7 percent. Several predicted a more modest gain, but even a 0.1 percentage point increase would put poverty at the highest level since 1965.

Poverty is spreading at record levels across many groups, from underemployed workers and suburban families to the poorest poor. More discouraged workers are giving up on the job market, leaving them vulnerable as unemployment aid begins to run out. Suburbs are seeing increases in poverty, including in such political battlegrounds as Colorado, Florida and Nevada, where voters are coping with a new norm of living hand to mouth.

"I grew up going to Hawaii every summer. Now I'm here, applying for assistance because it's hard to make ends meet. It's very hard to adjust," said Laura Fritz, 27, of Wheat Ridge, Colo., describing her slide from rich to poor as she filled out aid forms at a county center. Since 2000, large swaths of Jefferson County just outside Denver have seen poverty nearly double.

Syria: Rebel Group Launches Urban Offensive

BEIRUT (AP) — A new rebel group boasting some 1,000 fighters launched an operation Sunday to capture Syria's largest city, Aleppo, while government troops using helicopter gunships and heavy artillery rolled back opposition gains in the capital Damascus.

The spread of fighting into a second major metropolis displayed the rebels' growing confidence even though they still can't hold ground against the government's heavy weapons, pushing Syria's civil war toward a new phase of destructive urban combat.

On Sunday, however, a group calling itself the "Brigade of Unifica-tion" announced in an online video that it was launching an operation in Aleppo, Syria's most populated city and a key commercial hub that has remained relatively quiet throughout the uprising.

"We gave the orders to march on Aleppo with the aim of liberating it," says Col. Abdul-Jabbar Mohammed Akidi, one of the group's lead-

ers. The push into Aleppo follows weeks of high-level military defections, soaring death tolls, fierce fighting near President Bashar Assad's seat of power and a bomb blast that killed four top players in his regime's efforts to crush those seeking to end his rule. Rebels also captured several border crossings with neighboring Iraq and Turkey. The opposition's momentum put the regime on the defensive for the first time in the 16-month conflict.

Demonstrators Protest Calif. Police Shooting

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Demonstrators stormed a police depart-ment in Orange County, Calif., on Sunday to protest an officer-involved shooting that left an unarmed man dead and led to a violent clash between witnesses and police.

A crowd swarmed the Anaheim Police headquarters' lobby Sunday as Chief John Welter held a news conference to discuss what happened the night before. The protesters chanted "no justice, no peace"

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Dale Severson of Gayville will celebrate his 90th birthday on Saturday, July 28, 2012, with an open house from 3-6 p.m. at 804 Washington, Gayville. The event will be



Severson

Jepsen

hosted by his children and families. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

A card shower will be held. Cards may be sent to P.O. Box 654, Gayville, SD 57031. Dale has seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

REUNIONS

THE THREE J'S

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

SCHOLASTICS

ALEXANDRA WILLCOCKSON

ST. LOUIS - Alexandra Willcockson, daughter of Lisa and Robert Willcockson of Yankton, earned an undergraduate degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

Willcockson graduated with a bachelor of arts in biology with a minor in women, gender and sexuality studies from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Willcockson was among the 784 December graduates recognized during the December Degree Candidate Recognition Ceremony, which was held Dec. Heart Hospital, Yankton. he weighed 8 pounds, 6.5 ounces.

Grandparents are Al and Marlene Sime, Britton, and Tom and Becky Coleman, Boulder City, Nev. Great-grandparents are Verne and Bonnie Hanson, Yankton.

IVOREE HENSELER

Kailee Henseler of Yankton announces the birth of her daughter Ivoree Mae Henseler, born July 11. 2012, at 11:19 a.m. Her weight was 7 pounds, 7 ounces and she was 18 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Tweeter Henseler, Yankton, and Kevin Henseler of Crofton, Neb. Grandparents are Ken

MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of

July 23. Menus are subject to change without

Summer Food Service

At Webster School

The Center — Yankton

notice. All meals are served with milk

Monday - Round Pizza

Friday - Chicken Burger

Tuesday - Baked Ham

Friday - Baked Potato Bar

Tuesday - Popcorn Chicken

Wednesday – Hard Shell Taco Thursday – French Toast Sticks

Monday - Beef Vegetable Soup

Wednesday — Lazy Pigs In Blanket Thursday — Beef Roast

Tabor Senior Citizens Center

No Menus Available

3 in Graham Chapel on the Dan-

forth Campus. The university's

ment ceremony was held May

18 in Brookings Quadrangle on

campus. Mike Peters, the 1981

Pulitzer Prize winner for edito-

rial cartooning and creator of

Mother Goose & Grimm, deliv-

honorary doctor of humane let-

ate of Yankton High School in

Willcockson is a 2008 gradu-

ered the Commencement ad-

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Yankton.

the award-winning cartoon strip

151st all-school Commence-

Henseler, Yankton, and Enid Crockford, Vale.

and lack of equipment and experience, but Allen said they were showing themselves to be increasingly capable on the battlefield. Getting them into the lead is an essential goal of the next 29 months, he said.

'We haven't even recruited the whole Afghan national security force. That's not going to happen for another couple months, but by Oct. 1, we hope to be at 352,000." he said. "We don't finish completely fielding the Afghan forces until December 2013. So just at that level alone there is significant work remaining to be done.'

About 90 percent of coalition operations now are partnered with Afghan forces, and Afghan forces are in the lead more than 40 percent of the time, he said.

"We want to get that number higher, and that will come from bat-

tary formation, and it's typically a weakness in new formations and new armies. So we are putting a lot of effort into teaching them how to plan, execute, recover from the mission and then re-cock and go back out again.'

By the end of this year and into next year, Allen would like to see 5,500 personnel working in police and army advisory teams, but now the mission has 20 percent fewer advisers than it seeks.

"I don't know if we will make up all of that," he said, "but it's an ongoing request and I don't miss an opportunity to emphasize that we really do need these folks.'

As the Afghan forces gear up, the exit of foreign troops continues.

The drawdown of 23,000 U.S. troops this year, now slightly more than half completed, will accelerate in the coming few months, he said.

AIDS Conference Sees A Critical Turning Point For HIV

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's largest AIDS conference re-turned to the U.S. on Sunday with a plea against complacency at a time when the epidemic is at a critical turning point. "We can start to end AIDS," one expert said.

There is no cure or vaccine yet, but scientists say they have the tools to finally stem the spread of this intractable virus — largely by using treatment not just to save patients but to make them less infectious, too.

"Future generations are counting on our courage to think big, be bold and seize the opportunity before us," said Dr. Diane Havlir of the University of California, San Francisco, a co-chair of the International AIDS Conference.

The Obama administration calls the goal an AIDS-free generation, and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said what was "once a far-off dream, now is in sight.

But the challenge that more than 20,000 scientists, doctors, people living with HIV and policymakers will grapple with this week is how to make this promising science a practical reality. What combinations of protections work best in different regions, from AIDS-ravaged poor countries to hot spots in developed countries like the U.S.?

With HIV increasingly an epidemic of the poor and the marginalized, will countries find the will to invest in the most vulnerable?

And where's the money? The world spent \$16.8 billion fighting AIDS in poor countries last year, but that's still \$7 billion a year shy of the amount needed to get the 15 million people most in need of treatment on drugs by 2015, the United Nations says. Eight million take them today.



and "cops, pigs, murderers" as officers stood by and watched

Welter said two officers were placed on paid leave after one of them fatally shot 24-year-old Manuel Diaz.

He said the officers approached three men in an alleyway when they ran away. One of the officers chased Diaz to the front of an apartment complex where the shooting occurred.

Welter would not say what led the officer to shoot Diaz, citing an independent investigation by the county's district attorney office. Police said Diaz was a known gang member.

Mayor Tom Tait said he will ask the state attorney general to assist in the probe.

"Transparency is essential. Whatever the truth is, we will own it," Tait said.

'Dark Knight Rises' Reportedly Earns \$160M

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "The Dark Knight Rises" was on track to earn \$160 million, which would be a record for 2-D films, over the weekend following a mass shooting at a Colorado screening of the Batman film.

Citing box office insiders, The Hollywood Reporter, Los Angeles Times, New York Times and other media outlets reported Sunday that the latest Batman sequel earned \$160 million to \$162 million.

That amount would best the \$158.4 million debut of "The Dark Knight" in 2008 and give "Dark Knight Rises" the third-highest domestic weekend opening ever, after the 3-D films "The Avengers" with \$207.4 million and "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows — Part 2" with \$169.2 million.

The Hollywood Reporter also cited box office sources who said "Dark Knight Rises" earned \$70 million from nine of the 17 countries where it debuted over the weekend, including the United Kingdom, Australia, South Korea and Spain.

Sony, Fox, Disney, Paramount, Universal and Lionsgate joined "Dark Knight Rises" distributor Warner Bros in publicly withholding their usual revenue reports out of respect for the victims of the deadly shooting early Friday and their families.

Box-office tracking service Rentrak also did not report figures following the Aurora, Colo., shootings that killed 12 and injured 58 at a midnight screening of the new Batman sequel on Friday.



Mr. & Mrs. Leon Steffen

Leon and Linda Steffen will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on eptember 2, 2012, in Crofton, NE. Public is welcome to an anniversary dance at the Crofton Auditorium at 7 p.m. Admission is free-will donation.

Leon and Linda were married on October 21, 1967, at Bow Valley, NE. They have 3 daughters: Lori, Independence, MO, LeAnn, Belle Fourche, SD, Lisa and son-in-law, Dusty, St. Joseph, MO; grandsons: Cody and Caden, Belle Fourche, SD; and Darren, St. Joseph, MO. They live near and work in Eureka Springs, AR at the Great Passion Play.

The anniversary dance will also be celebrating, Wendy and Aaron Glaziner, Nathan and Juli Stratman, Darrel and Audra Kidd, Art and Kristi Hill, Tim and ois Steffen, Kim and Kevin Johnson, Chris and Arlene Werner.