

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
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, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Whist, 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, 605-664-6582
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, 605-668-5205
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 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

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.
VFW Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m., 209 Cedar Street

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

THIRD WEDNESDAY

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

Sirens

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"Mr. Preheim wanted them eliminated altogether," said Stern. "He made a presentation showing that it was an outdated tool, that everybody today lives with wrist-watches and cell phones."

Stern said Preheim made his bid to silence the city's two sirens in November. The council tabled the issue until its Dec. 5 meeting to give the community some chance to give input.

"By and large, the input was to keep it," Stern said.

He was ambivalent at the time, but Stern floated a motion to shut down the sirens. The motion died for lack of a second.

"It's going to continue to blow," he said. "But I tended to agree that this was not something that was a necessity anymore." The council never tackled the potential public health issue of a siren of more than 100 decibels going off thrice daily.

"We never got that scientific about it," he said. "We just made the decision based on feedback."

The local newspaper, the Freeman Courier, received different feedback. More than two-thirds of the 138 readers responding to an online poll said the sirens should be discontinued.

An editorial supporting Preheim's quest called the ongoing use of the blaring sirens "archaic."

"I work and live far enough away that sometimes I don't even hear it," Stern said, but Preheim's point was driven home one warm winter afternoon in December.

"I happened to have my window down while I was driving up to the bank, which was 50 yards away from the siren, and, oh my, I felt sorry for the people who have to live and work in that

environment," he said.

"It is extremely loud," Stern said. "It seemed like it was 30 seconds long and the sound — it would stop conversation."

He sympathized with downtown daycare providers trying to put down their tiny charges for a post-lunch nap.

Preheim said that even as a screaming timepiece, the siren is a failure.

"You can't set your watch by it," he said. "It frequently goes off several minutes after the hour and it slowly gets later and later. Then they reset it and it gets later and later."

The sirens regularly miss the changeover from Standard Time and Daylight Savings Time, he said.

There's a curiously powerful affection for the tradition of the electronic noisemakers. Most residents of area towns use the terms "fire siren" and "fire whistle" interchangeably, with the latter term having a slight preferential edge. The same siren or whistle used to mark time is often used to call volunteer firefighters to a fire.

Hutchinson County Sheriff Jim Zeeb recalled that as a lad growing up in Olivet, if the wind was right, he could hear the sirens going off in the communities of Menno, Olivet and Freeman.

Clarence Simonsen, 96, who retired at 89 after 65 years with the Menno Volunteer Fire Department, and served as its chief for 16 years, said Menno's sirens were an improvement.

"I can't remember if we put it in the '40s or '50s," he said, "but I remember us hoisting the siren up on the water tower."

Before the siren, Menno had a fire bell to signal fire emergencies.

"When there was a fire, we had two ropes on the bell and we would ring it real fast for a fire," Simonsen said.

The siren, however, was a huge improvement.

BIRTHDAYS



JUNE AND VERNE ELLINGSON

June and Verne (Oine) Ellingson celebrate their 90th birthdays, June on March 9, 2012, and Vernon on Jan. 12, 2012.

Greetings may be sent to 300 East 25th Street, No. 2, Yankton, SD 57078.

JOSEPHINE BRAUNESREITHER

Josephine Braunesreither will be celebrating her 97th birthday with an open house on Sunday, March 18, from 3:30-6 p.m. It will be at the VFW/Yankton, 209 Cedar St.

MARGE MACY

Marge Macy, formerly of Burbank and Vermilion, is celebrating her 90th birthday on March 19. Your birthday wishes can be sent to her at 2015 Green St., #114, Yankton, SD 57078.



Macy

GRACE BONERTZ

Grace Bonertz is celebrating her 103rd birthday on March 11, 2012. Greeting cards may be sent to her at 2111 W. 11th St., Riverfront No. 330, Yankton, S.D. 57078.



Bonertz

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"It would reach out farther and bring in more people," he said.

In Menno, as in Freeman and many communities, the siren is used to mark the day's progress, delivering five-second blasts at 8 a.m., noon and 6 p.m.

Visitors have reported being jarred out of bed by the early siren.

The Rev. Larry Regynski, a priest at Holy Family Parish in Mitchell, theorizes that using the sirens to mark the major times of the work day had its beginnings in agricultural traditions.

As a boy growing up in Woonsocket, he heard the Angelus bell being rung for the noonday prayer. The Angelus prayer was a European tradition, and the Angelus bell rang at 6 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. to commemorate the angel's announcement to Mary that she would become the mother of Christ.

Local church bells would also be rung for funerals, weddings and other events, Regynski said.

Today, Woonsocket has a siren that goes off at 7 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Kim Hiemstra, who has lived in Woonsocket for 18 years and works as an office manager for Sanel Communications, has learned to live with the siren. "It's fine with me," Hiemstra said. "You get so you don't even hear it anymore, and it's not really a problem unless you're walking outside when it goes off."

However, the noise can be deafening, she said.

"You definitely know when it is 7 a.m. or noon," she said with a laugh.

Preheim believes that Freeman's two fire sirens are needed for emergencies, but not beyond that.

A 5:55 p.m. fire emergency could easily be mistaken for a 6 p.m. time whistle, he said. A second blast of the siren would, therefore, require some deductive reasoning.

He said shutting down the sirens for any reason except true emergencies would eliminate any possible confusion. Opponents argue that the current regular use of the sirens ensures that the sirens will work when needed.

The city of Mitchell takes care of that by testing its nine sirens at 10 a.m. the first Friday of every month. Ethan and Mount Vernon sirens are tested at 10 a.m. on first Saturdays.

Mitchell doesn't use its sirens to mark time, and several years ago it eliminated confusion that arose when sirens went off for both tornado warnings and severe thunderstorm warnings.

Now the sirens go off for just one reason, said Marlene Haines, communications supervisor for the Mitchell Department of Public Safety.

"If there's a tornado warning for the city of Mitchell, that's the only reason the sirens will sound," Haines said.

Mitchell notifies its professional firefighting staff by using electronic pagers. It does not employ a fire siren, she said.

The Mitchell dispatch center serves some other communities, including 3,900 square miles and a total population of 45,000 people.

Most towns have storm sirens that are specifically dedicated for that purpose, Haines said.

"The Mitchell center has the capability of setting off those other storm sirens in the counties we serve by request of someone in authority," Haines said.

The use of fire sirens for the purposes of marking time is a local decision, Haines said.

That decision should be in favor of peace and quiet, believes Murray Preheim, who vows to continue his quest for peace.

"There's no purpose on God's green earth that those sirens fulfill, except to annoy people," he said.

MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of March 12-16. Menus are subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk. YHS Combo Line meals are served with choice of milk or shake.

Yankton Elementary Schools

Monday — French Bread Pizza
 Tuesday — Chicken Noodle Soup
 Wednesday — Mini Corndogs
 Thursday — Chicken Nuggets
 Friday — Shrimp Poppers

Yankton Middle School

Monday — Footlong w/chili
 Tuesday — Nachos
 Wednesday — Hamburger
 Thursday — Chicken Strips
 Friday — Cheese Quesadilla

Yankton High School 'A' Line

Monday — Burrito
 Tuesday — Chicken Strips
 Wednesday — Lasagna
 Thursday — Roast Turkey
 Friday — Shrimp Poppers

Yankton High School Combo Line

Monday — Chicken Littles
 Tuesday — Tavern
 Wednesday — French Bread Pizza
 Thursday — Soft-Shell Taco
 Friday — French Dip

Yankton High School Salad Bar

Monday — w/Chef Toppings
 Tuesday — w/Casserole
 Wednesday — Yogurt Bar
 Thursday — w/Soup
 Friday — w/Sandwich

Sacred Heart Schools

Monday — Sweet-n-Sour Chicken
 Tuesday — Spaghetti
 Wednesday — Ham
 Thursday — Breaded Chicken Sand.
 Friday — Cheese Pizza

Missouri Valley Christian

Monday — Sweet-n-Sour Chicken
 Tuesday — Spaghetti
 Wednesday — Ham
 Thursday — Breaded Chicken Sand.
 Friday — Cheese Pizza

The Center — Yankton

Monday — BBQ Roast Sandwich
 Tuesday — Chicken Breast
 Wednesday — Salisbury Steak
 Thursday — Baked Ham
 Friday — Corned Beef/cabbage

*Celebrating
40 Years*

Gerald E. and Dianne M. (Hladik) Bahn will celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on March 8, 2012.

Greetings can be sent to 902 Summit St., Yankton, SD 57078.

They have two children: Robyn (David) Graiver of Lincoln, NE, and Lisa (William "Jake") Taylor of Medical Lake, WA.



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Teacher: Christy Hagge

Teacher's Asst (for Mrs. Stevens): Megan McCloud

Teacher's Asst (for Mrs. Hagge): Stacey Dohrman

