

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.

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.

FRIDAY

Alano, 8 p.m., open meeting for all newcomers, Riverview Reformed Church, 1700 Burreigh, Yankton.
Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Quilting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Partnership Bridge, 1:30 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
AA, Alano Group 7 p.m., Big Book Study, 1019 W. 9th St, Yankton.
Bingo, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 (open to the public)

SATURDAY

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294, 7:30 a.m., Fry'n Pan Restaurant. Open session; call 605-665-8448.
Yankton Alcoholics Anonymous, 10 a.m., Women's meeting, non-smoking session, 1019 W. 9th Street.
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.
Weight Watchers, 9 a.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 45 minutes before meeting. For more information, call 605-665-2987.

SUNDAY

AA, Alano Group 7 p.m., discussion, 1019 W. 9th St, Yankton.

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
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Event For Vietnam Veterans Is Saturday In Sioux Falls

SIoux FALLS — The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will host the "Welcome Home Vietnam Era Veterans" event on Saturday, March 28, with an open house from noon-4 p.m. at DAV Headquarters, 1519 W. 51st St., Sioux Falls.

The DAV will provide a light lunch, refreshments and door prizes from 12-1:30 p.m.

Vietnam Era veterans are invited to share memorabilia and pictures. The DAV has a display of posters, prints and 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War posters.

South Dakota had more than 27,000 men and women who served valiantly under difficult circumstances during the Vietnam War and 210 service men made the ultimate sacrifice.

DAV commander Ritch Wilson states, "We salute all Vietnam Era veterans and commend you for serving your country with valor. We would like to thank and honor all Vietnam Era veterans and their families for their service, valor and sacrifice on behalf of a grateful nation."

DVA

Requirement Of Standardized Claim, Appeal Forms Simplifies Process For Vets

WASHINGTON — With the goal of making the application process easier and more efficient for veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) now requires veterans seeking disability benefits to use standardized claim and appeal forms. These standardized forms guide South Dakota veterans to clearly state the symptoms or conditions for which they are seeking benefits and provide the information necessary for the Sioux Falls Regional Office to start processing their claims and appeals.

"Standardized forms will allow the Sioux Falls Regional Office to provide faster and more accurate decisions to our veterans, their families and survivors," said James Brubaker, Director of the Sioux Falls Regional Office. "Standard forms are essential to better serve veterans, build more efficiency into VA's processes and bring us in line with other government agencies such as the Social Security Administration."

The easiest and fastest way for a veteran to submit an application for compensation is online through the eBenefits (www.ebenefits.va.gov) portal. VA encourages veterans to work with representatives of Veterans Service Organization (VSO), or South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs or county representatives, who can assist with filing electronically or in paper form. Standardized forms are a key component of VA's transformation, which will help achieve the Department's goal to eliminate the backlog by the end of this year.

There are two claim actions that now require standardized forms:

1. Veterans' or survivors' applications for disability compensation or pension — Specific forms are designed to capture



information necessary to identify and support benefit claims.

• Veterans filing for disability benefits must now use VA Form 21-526EZ, Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits.

• War-time veterans filing for needs-based pension must use VA Form 21-527EZ, Application for Pension.

• Survivors filing a claim for dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC), survivor's pension, and accrued benefits must complete VA Form 21-534EZ, Application for DIC, Death Pension and/or Accrued Benefits.

2. Notices of Disagreement with any aspect of VA's decision on a disability claim — The standardized Notice of Disagreement form is used when a claimant wishes to initiate an appeal.

• Veterans disagreeing with a VA compensation decision should use VA Form 21-0958, Notice of Disagreement.

• Veterans and survivors will not be required to use a standardized notice of disagreement form to initiate appeals of

pension or survivors benefit decisions at this time.

VA recognizes that some veterans may need additional time to gather all of the information and evidence needed to support their claim and therefore established a new intent to file a claim process. Applicants may notify VA of their intent to file a claim in order to establish the earliest possible effective date for benefits if they are determined eligible. An intent to file a claim may be submitted in one of three ways:

1. Electronically via eBenefits or with the support of a Veterans Service Organization (VSO) through the Stakeholder Enterprise Portal.

2. Completing and mailing a paper VA Form 21-0966, Intent to File a Claim for Compensation and/or Pension, or Survivors Pension and/or DIC)

3. Over the phone with a VA call center or in person with a public contact representative.

Veterans may appoint a duly authorized representative, such as a VSO, who can notify VA of a claimant's intent to file using any of the methods listed above. VA will provide an individual up to one year from the date they submit their intent to file a claim to complete the required application form. Veterans may wish to use this one-year period to gather evidence necessary to support the claim so that evidence can be submitted along with the application form.

VA's move to standardized claim and appeal forms will make the process easier and more efficient for both VA and the veterans, and allow VA to establish a quicker, more streamlined benefits delivery system.

McGovern Hunger Summit Set For DWU

MITCHELL — Speaking on food security and how everyone has the ability to make a positive impact on his or her community, Gary Oppenheimer and Lionel Bordeaux will be this year's speakers for the first-ever McGovern Hunger Summit.

The McGovern Hunger Summit is set for Wednesday, April 15, in the Sherman Center at Dakota Wesleyan University. The conference begins at 9 a.m. and is free and open to the public, though registration is encouraged. Register at www.mcgoverncenter.com/hungersummit.

In addition to the speakers, the summit will also include an Empty Bowls luncheon, sponsored by the Mitchell High School art students, for a donation of \$10, participants can receive a bowl of soup, bread, and a handmade pottery bowl — register online.

This will also be the day the McGovern Center announces its first McGovern South Dakota Hunger Ambassador Award, and releases a student-organized children's book.

The McGovern South Dakota Hunger Ambassador Award will be given to a South Dakotan who goes above and beyond to provide food security to the people of South Dakota — nomination forms are online.

The book, "All That a Moo Can Do; A Moo For You," tells the true story of a boy,

Haptamu, in Ethiopia, whose family received a heifer as a gift and how it changed their lives. The McGovern Center, under the direction of Dr. Alisha Vincent, began Livestock For Life last year — a program designed to gift livestock to needy families in several African countries. The book will be available for purchase for \$20 the day of the event.

Keynote speaker Oppenheimer is a World Food Prize nominee, CNN "Hero," and lecturer and speaker (including a TED presentation). Dakota Wesleyan is proud to invite him to campus to speak at the first annual McGovern Hunger Summit on April 15.

Oppenheimer is the executive director and founder of AmpleHarvest.org. As director of a community garden in 2009, he learned about the wasted food in many plots and created a program called "Ample Harvest" to get the excess food to local food pantries. Realizing this as a nationwide problem, he created a nationwide solution called AmpleHarvest.org to use the Internet to educate, encourage and enable millions of growers nationwide to share their ample harvest with local food pantries in all 50 states.

Oppenheimer is also a 2013 Purpose Prize Fellow, receiver of the Points of Light Tribute award for AmpleHarvest.org, Yahoo! and ABC News "Best Person in the World," Huffington Post's "Greatest Person of

the Day" and "2011 Game Changer," winner of the Russell Berrie Foundation's "Making A Difference" award, winner of the Glynwood 2011 "Wave of the Future" award, winner of the 2012 Elfenworks "In Harmony With Hope" award, Echoing Green semifinalist and founder of the AmpleHarvest.org Campaign now makes his home in the mountains of northern New Jersey after having lived on a boat on the Hudson River in Manhattan since 1978.

Oppenheimer will also speak the following day during the Conference for Leadership, Innovation and Social Change. Register at www.dwu.edu/leadershipconference.

The second speaker for the day is Lionel Bordeaux. Bordeaux has been the president of Sinte Gleska University on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation since 1973. Prior to his tenure as president, Bordeaux served in the Bureau of Indian Affairs office in Washington, D.C., where he worked as an education specialist and counselor and a management trainee for future positions. Bordeaux has served in the Rosebud Sioux Tribal government as a council member for 14 years and chairman of the education and the governmental affairs committees. In 1992, he co-chaired the White House Conference on Indian Education. Among his many achievements,

Bordeaux is a recipient of the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award by the National Indian Education and South Dakota Indian Education Association, the Human and Civil Rights Award for the National Education Association, The J.F.K. Aggrey Medal, the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of South Dakota, and was named one of the top 125 graduates of the Black Hills State University. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from South Dakota State University and Augustana University and was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame, as well as having two presidential appointments.

During his presidency, he led the way for Sinte Gleska to be the first fully accredited, reservation-based, bachelor-degree granting institution for the North Central Association and the first reservation-based tribally controlled institution to award a master's degree. Bordeaux and his wife, Barbara, have four children, 11 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The McGovern Hunger Summit is organized by the McGovern Center and The Third Freedom — the DWU student chapter of Universities Fighting World Hunger. Partners for the event include: South Dakota Extension Agency, Midwest Dairy Council, Feeding South Dakota and Bread for the World.

L&C Homebuilders Scholarship Available

The Lewis & Clark Homebuilder's Association has established a \$500 scholarship to assist a graduating high school senior with expenses in pursuing a degree in a construction related field.

This can include Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning/, Landscaping Design, Building Trades Technology, Civil Engineering, Architectural Drafting, Construction Engineering Technology, Car-

pentry or Plumbing.

A scholarship application can be requested by calling (605) 661-7215 or by emailing lchomebuilders@iw.net. The deadline for submitting applications is April 15.

Mildred L. Lane will celebrate her 91st birthday on Saturday, March 28, 2015. Cards may be sent to 1213 Mulberry Street, Yankton, SD 57078.

LOOK WHO'S TURNING 60!
Cathleen Zimmerman turns 60 on **March 28, 2015**
 Birthday wishes may be sent to her at: 311 N Hawthorne Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57104

THANK YOU
 Thank you! To all of the area businesses that donated to our successful Post Prom Celebration at Crofton High School. We feel very fortunate to be a part of such a caring community!

21st Street Salon, Abe's Detailing, Al Larson Distributing, All Seasons Power Sports, Applied Engineering, Arby's, Arts Garbage, Aschoff Construction, Avera Health, Back & Nerve Center, Baldwin Filters, Bloom N Egg, Braunschro Trucking, Burger King, Cedar County Auto Parts, Cedar Knox PPD, Cedar Security Bank, Cherry Berry, Chestermans, CJ's at the Lake, Crist & Wenande Orthodontics, Crofton Community School, Crofton Elevator, Crofton Family Dentistry, Crofton Lakeview Golf Course, Dairy Queen, Digital Dreams, Direct Biologicals, Doyle Stevens Construction, DSM Apartments, Echo Group, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Farmers Pride, First Chiropractic, Floor Tec, Folker Bros Garage, Gehls Gerstner Oil Co., Glen Guenther Repair, Godfathers, Goeden Steel, Great Plains Communication, Great Plains Underground, Grossenburg, HyVee, JC Penny's, JJ Benji's Screenprinting, John Conkling Dist, Jon C Bauman DDS, Kartrax Family Fun Park, Kennedy, Pier & Knoff, LLP, Kenneth Tusha DDS, Kevin's Plumbing, KK93, Knox County Cattlemen's Assoc, Koch Tramp Plumbing, Kolberg, Koletzky Implement, Inc., Kopetzki's, Ace Hardware, Kuchta Auction, Leader Angus, Lewis & Clark Lodge, Lewis & Clark Mini Mart, Lily Crest, Lindas Angel Crossing, Luken Memorials, Inc., Minervas, Modern Woodmen of America, Moody Motors, Pack N Ship Pepsi Co, Photography by Jerry, Reflections, Riverside Autobody, Roger Shieffer Construction, Service Master, Sharp Shears, Shore to Shore Realty, Special T's, Sports Stop, State Farm Insurance, State Farm, Steckler Eye Care, The Collision Center, Thompson Propane, TMA/Tire Muffler Alignment, Town & Country Insurance, Truxedo, Unique Tan, Vishay Dale Electronics, Vision Care Associates, Wagner, Kuntz & Grabowski, Walmart, Western Office, Wiebelhaus, Williams and Company, WJ Ranch, Wynot Insurance, Yankton Ag Service, Yankton Area Arts, Yankton Drug Co, Yankton Mall, Yankton Medical Clinic, PC, Yankton Surgical Associates, Yesterday's Café

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