

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, 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.

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

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

BIRTHDAYS

JOANNE BERINGER

JoAnne Beringer of Vermillion will celebrate her 80th birthday Monday, May 28, 2012. A card shower is requested by her family. Greetings may be sent to 24 Walker St., Vermillion SD 57069.



Beringer

the Majestic Bluff, Gathering Place, Yankton. There will be an open house from 1-3 p.m. No gifts, please; visits throughout the year would be greatly appreciated.

FERNE SCHNIDER

Ferne Schnider of Yankton will celebrate her 95th birthday on May 26, 2012. She requests a card shower. Greetings may be sent to: 302 Greenview Dr., #3, Yankton SD, 57078.



Schnider

REUNIONS

KNODEL-ZEEB

Descendants of Knodel and Zeeb will meet for their 20th annual potluck on June 3 at Memorial Park in Yankton. Coffee will be provided. If there are any questions, contact Delaine Knodel-Geuther at 605-928-7402.

SCHRAMM-FROHREICH

The Schramm-Frohreich reunion will be held Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2, 2012, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Westside Park, Yankton. A potluck dinner will be served. For more information, contact Betty Walker at 665-2247.

MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of May 21-25. Menus are subject to change without notice.

The Center — Yankton

Monday — Chili
Tuesday — Ham ball
Wednesday — Liver and onions
Thursday — Roast beef
Friday — Breaded Shrimp

Tabor Senior Citizens Center

Monday — No meal
Tuesday — BBQ ribs
Wednesday — Liver with onions
Thursday — Chicken fried steak
Friday — No meal

Video Auctions Change Landscape Of Cattle Sales

BY HEATHER MURSCHER
Black Hills Pioneer

WHITEWOOD — A video cattle auction at Thompson Livestock nestled on a ranch outside of Whitewood draws sellers from all over the Tri-state region — who end up trading more than 2 million head of cattle in any given year.

"This is a huge business especially when to think about the fact that we cater to at least 7,000 buyers," said Tommy Thompson, who began working with Superior Livestock Auction nearly 30 years ago to bring satellite auctions to the Black Hills.

The first of its kind in the area, Thompson believes it was one of the best business decisions he's ever made.

"It was something that was very new at the time, but we had a hunch this was something that was going to be successful so we jumped in," Thompson said.

Headquartered in Brush, Colo. Superior Livestock Auction broadcasts their auctions throughout the world — which allows his customers to get the most competitive bids as possible. During their busiest times, they can be trading upwards of 200,000 head of cattle — a positive for both the buyer and the

seller. In 2012 alone, they have 44 auctions scheduled that will take place in Texas, Wyoming, Iowa, Colorado and Nevada.

Jerry Ista, a rancher from Hulett, Wyo., has worked with Thompson for more than 10 years.

"I actually prefer a satellite auction because in many cases we are happy with the sale," he said. "And because the buyers themselves pick up the cattle. There (are) no freight expenses."

And, if the cattle don't sell or don't go for the right price, the seller can pull their cattle from the auction and sell them at a later auction at no cost to them.

"If you don't like the market that day then you don't have to sell. Whereas when I used to bring them to a sale barn in town you never knew how well they'll do," Ista said.

Ista also said because you don't need to transport the cattle to the sale barn — it's less stressful on the animal.

So how do they get the cattle on camera? Berch Negaard, who represents Thompson Livestock as one of their agents, said his job is to capture the cattle in their natural environment.

"I actually go out to the ranch and make a video so the buyer can see how the cattle

have been raised," Negaard said. "It's great and the exposure we get is unbelievable."

In addition to the video, the seller must also consign their cattle in the official Superior Livestock Auction catalog a week prior to the day of the auction. All of the sellers' information is then compiled together in order to allow the buyer to garner any additional information. Pertinent information, such as weight, breed, the type of feed used and the delivery date are included.

Thompson said this time of year they average about two satellite auctions a month and two Internet auctions a month — which are usually held on a Friday. Starting in June there are auctions almost every day because that is when the market really kicks into high gear.

During the busy months, Thompson's office bustles with sellers who are about to find out their fate — which is being streamed through a large screened television in the corner of the room. Each sale is separated by a lot number — and in many cases it only takes seconds for the sale to go through.

"We like it when there's a crowd," said Thompson. "It means business is good and that's what we want."

Abdnor Remembered At Funeral As 'The Real Deal'

BY CHET BROKAW
Associated Press

PIERRE — Sen. John Thune said Saturday his life changed when the late Sen. Jim Abdnor took him under his wing, gave him a job and inspired him to enter public service.

Abdnor prompted many people, including the young people he hired and mentored, to value loyalty and integrity, Thune said in his eulogy at Abdnor's funeral. About 250 people attended the service, which was held in a church just across the street from the South Dakota Capitol building.

"If it wasn't for Jim Abdnor, there's no way I could be doing what I'm doing today," said Thune, who is now in his second term in the U.S. Senate.

Abdnor died Wednesday of natural causes after suffering from Alzheimer's disease for the past two years. He was 89.

Abdnor was best known nationally as the South Dakota Republican who ousted Democratic Sen. George McGovern from the Senate in 1980.

But those who spoke Saturday cast Abdnor as a humble man who loved talking with people, serving as a mentor and adopting them into what was seen as an extended family.

"Jim Abdnor was the real



Abdnor

deal," Thune said. "He treated the guy who cleaned his office the same way he treated the president of the United States."

Abdnor was born in 1923, the son of Lebanese immigrants. He farmed near Kennebec, taught school and coached before serving six terms in the state Legislature and one term as lieutenant governor.

He won four terms in the U.S. House before defeating McGovern, the 1972 Democratic presidential candidate, in 1980. When Abdnor sought re-election to the Senate in 1986, he survived a bruising Republican primary challenge from then-Gov. Bill Janklow, but he was defeated in the general election by then-U.S. Rep. Tom Daschle.

Saturday's funeral was attended by Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson, Republican Rep. Kristi Noem, Gov. Dennis Daugaard, former Govs. Mike Rounds and Walter Dale Miller and many elected officials from South Dakota.

The 90-minute funeral drew tears and laughter as friends and relatives told stories about Abdnor's legendary bad driving, good dancing and ability to strike up a conversation anywhere — coffee shops, streets and sport-

ing events.

Herb Sundall, a longtime friend of Abdnor's from Kennebec, said Abdnor was never known as a great public speaker, but could win someone's vote after a brief conversation.

"There were better speakers, better orators, but one-on-one nobody was ever better," Sundall said.

Abdnor never married and never had children of his own, but he was close to his nephews and nieces. One nephew, also named Jim Abdnor, said the former senator taught his relatives how to drive and amazed them with his ability to dance all night.

"He was everybody's favorite uncle," the nephew said.

Bishop David Zellmer, head of the South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, delivered the sermon. He said Abdnor was rooted in the state, its people, his family and his faith.

"We are better people, a better state" because of Abdnor, Zellmer

said.

Thune related his oft-told story of how he first met Abdnor. It was the day after Thune had played in a high school basketball game, where he had made five of six free throws. But then-Rep. Abdnor said, "I noticed you missed one last night."

Abdnor kept in touch and eventually hired Thune as an aide in his Senate office after college.

Thune drew laughs when he relayed a story about how he hit a bad shot during a golf outing with Abdnor.

"It drills him right in the chest. Without missing a beat, he looks down and says, 'I've got it,'" Thune said.

The senator choked up as he told about the last time he saw Abdnor — they watched the NCAA men's championship basketball game.

"For Jim and me, it ended like it began. Just a couple of small-town guys sitting and watching a ball game, like we had so many times before," Thune said.

BIRTHS

CARSON DOOLEY

Cynthia Meyer and Jeff Dooley of Dakota Dunes announce the birth of their son, Carson Jeffrey Dooley, on April 16, 2012, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Sioux City, Iowa. He weighed 3 pounds, 0.2 ounces.

Grandparents are Alvin and Paula Meyer of Marysville, Kan., and Larry and Bonnie Dooley of Yankton.

Grandparents are Mary Ann and the late Mark Kathol and Robert and Mary Jo Bruening all from Yankton.

LACHLAN KESSLER

Rob and Laura Kessler of Harrisburg would like to announce the birth of their son, Lachlan Matthew, born May 8, 2012, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. He weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Lachlan joins siblings Tate, Ella and Jack.

Grandparents are Kenny and Susie Kessler of Viborg and Bob and Marilyn Lyngstad of Volin.

Great-grandmothers are Colleen Slagle of Yankton and Dorothy Heine of Hartington, Neb.

MASON KATHOL

John and Mary Ellen Kathol of Manlius, New York announce the birth of their son Mason Paul, born May 1, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. He weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Mason joins siblings Emma, 6, and Brayden, 4.

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60th Anniversary

Art & Dolores Peitz will be celebrating their 60th anniversary on May 26, 2012.

They have 7 children: Jeanne (deceased), Doug (Deb) Peitz, Donna (Chuck) Riser, Debbie (Ken) Gerken Greg (Ruth) Peitz, Gary Peitz, Dave (Candyce) Peitz and 17 grandchildren.
Greetings may be sent to:
2905 Adkins Drive, Yankton, SD 57078
A family celebration is planned for a later date.

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