

## School Board Candidates Advance

From P&D Staff Reports

WAUSA, Neb. — The field is set for the Wausa school board race in the November general election.

Six candidates advanced out of the seven-member field in Tuesday's primary election. The district includes voters in Knox, Cedar and Pierce counties of northeast Nebraska.

Those candidates advancing to the general election and their primary election vote totals are Mark Dawson 205, Derek Cunningham 173, Chad Vanness 167, Michael Kumm 161, Brian Wakeley 135 and Kristal Thorell 118.

The seventh candidate, Dawn Baue, received 89 votes.

## Habitat For Humanity Stud-A-Thon Set

First National Bank South Dakota has partnered with Habitat for Humanity and KYNT Radio to host the second Annual Habitat Stud-A-Thon. KYNT's Scott Kooistra will broadcast live from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. today (Thursday) and Friday to raise awareness of the need for affordable housing and to raise money for Habitat's 38th home to be located at 903 Pearl Street.

"I'm excited about the broadcast on AM 1450 KYNT to promote Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County," Kooistra said. "I want to pass along a big thanks to First National Bank South Dakota for being our major sponsor, and invite everyone to stop by 4th and Broadway to say hello (and of course, make a donation to Habitat!)."

Get involved with the Habitat Stud-A-Thon by purchasing a 2X4 stud for \$50 each; by motivating your place of work, church congregation or organizations in which you are involved with to raise money to purchase studs for the 38th Habitat home to be built in Yankton County. Purchased studs can either be picked up at First National Bank South Dakota the days of the event or Habitat can deliver them to you for decorating. The decorated studs will be built into the home and remain in it permanently. The deadline to get your stud(s) entered into the best decorated competition will be Thursday, July 10.

You can purchase a stud by going to [www.habitatyanktoncounty.org](http://www.habitatyanktoncounty.org) and clicking on the donate button.

## Rockin' Ribfest To Be Held June 7

The Rockin' Ribfest event to be held Saturday, June 7 in historic downtown Yankton is in need of volunteers for: Information booth 1 to distribute tokens, wrist bands, T-shirts and koozies; Information booth 2 to distribute tokens and wristbands; and Pop and Water booth to sell refreshments and keep the cooler filled.

To sign up, call Boller Printing at 665-2263 or contact Karen at Royal Sport Shop at 661-0110 or e-mail at [kathy@bollerprinting.com](mailto:kathy@bollerprinting.com) or [karen@royalsportshop.com](mailto:karen@royalsportshop.com).

## Annual Preservation Celebration Set

VERMILLION — The Clay County Historic Preservation Commission will present the fifth annual Preservation Celebration on Friday, May 16, at the W.H. Over Museum in Vermillion.

This event is free and open to the public.

## Carda

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commission, he said the first order of business will be finalizing the 2015 budget.

"We're in the budget process now," Carda stated. "That's a challenge for us every year. As a commission, we've worked together really well on a lot of things — development, Yankton Area Progressive Growth and trying to move the community forward. I think we're up for it."

The other challenge is

encouraging more community involvement in local government, according to Carda. He cited the 13 percent turn-out of the last election.

"It's getting people to come to meetings and listen to the media about what is happening," Carda said.

He hopes to play a role in getting more people engaged.

"I hope people can approach me and talk with me," Carda said.

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at [twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage](https://twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage). Discuss this story at [www.yankton.net/](http://www.yankton.net/).

# P&D Shines In AP Contest

From P&D Staff Reports

The *Yankton Press & Dakotan* won several awards — including eight first-place prizes — in the Associated Press 2014 Great Plains News and Photo Contest, the results of which were announced Wednesday.

The contest includes daily Associated Press members from South Dakota and Nebraska.

The *Press & Dakotan's* first-place awards were:

- Photo General News — Randy Dockendorf, "An Army of Help"
- Photo Spot News — Nathan Johnson, "Fatal Morning Accident"
- Website — Beth Rye, Gary Wood, *Yankton Press & Dakotan* website
- General News — Randy Dockendorf, "Santee Sioux Honors Code Talker"

- Personal Column — Kelly Hertz, "A Few Elusive Words"
- Headlines — Randy Dockendorf, Randy Dockendorf headlines
- Spot Sports — James Cimburek, "The Devils Do It"
- Feature — Nathan Johnson, "Elusive Dog ..."
- Second-place award winners included:
  - Sports Action Photo — Robert Nielsen, "Riverboat Days 2013"
  - Headlines — Derek Bartos, Derek Bartos headlines
  - Spot Sports Story — Jeremy Hoeck, "Boots Leaves ..."
  - Enterprise — Derek Bartos, "Workplace Bullying ..."
  - Spot News — Nathan Johnson, "Transit Changes Create Rough Ride"
  - Sports Feature — Randy

Dockendorf, "MMC Coach's Cancer Battle ..."

Earning third-place citations were the following:

- Photo Feature — Kelly Hertz, "In the Balance"
- General News Story — Robert Nielsen, "E-Cigarettes Rise In Popularity, Controversy"
- Editorial — Kelly Hertz, "A 'Lost Winter' At the Legislature"
- Spot News — Randy Dockendorf, "Officials Rescue 8 Stranded ..."
- Sports Column — Jeremy Hoeck, "Commentary: Cornemann, Jacks Maintain ..."

The *Press & Dakotan's* owner and publisher is Gary Wood.

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## C-SPAN

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the effort, said teacher Curtis Sage. The students sought to study how Congress does — and doesn't — function. The class became both intrigued and bothered by the deadlock, focusing on the theme "Government Gridlock" for their video.

"We studied the history of gridlock, but we also wanted to provide a solution," Sage said. "We came across 'No Labels' in our research. It's a grassroots group of some congressman. It's not associated with a political party. It's based on the merits of what's good for constituents."

A simple idea? Maybe. Hard to put into action? Definitely.

The FHS students chose a newscast format for their documentary. Waldhauser and Grant Preheim served as on-air reporters, while Justin Eisenbeis provided the voice-over for segments. The rest of the team included Matthew Peterson, Nicole Saarie, Trevor Schaeffer and Maria Starnier.

Working on their entry, the students received a huge — and unexpected — real-life example of gridlock, Waldhauser said.

"We wanted to tie everything in with current events," he said. "Then, the (federal) government shutdown happened just as we got started with this (video)."

During one video segment, State Rep. Kyle Schoenfish (R-Scotland) noted the 15-day October shutdown brought consequences for farmers and

"We didn't have (Department of Agriculture) price reporting for livestock or grain markets," he said. "It was a big headache."

The government is broken because of rigid beliefs on both the left and right that don't allow for consensus, Eisenbeis said in his segment. When drafting the Constitution, the Founding Fathers feared that political parties would produce eventual gridlock, he added.

Filibusters can drive gridlock, Eisenbeis said, noting then-U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina conducted a 24 hour, 18 minute filibuster against the Civil Rights Act of 1957.

"Does that sound familiar?" Eisenbeis asked, cutting to U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and his modern-day filibuster reading of "Green Eggs And Ham."

Gridlock can occur for various reasons, Eisenbeis noted. Washington clashed in the 1990s during President Bill Clinton's impeachment proceedings, while the current gridlock between President Obama and Congress focuses on the federal budget and health care reform.

The American people and national interest become overlooked — or outright ignored — in the process, Eisenbeis said.

That's where the "No Labels" organization comes into play.

"No Labels" offers a 12-point plan. Major points include "No Budget, No Pay," bipartisan leadership, filibuster reform and no pledge except for the oath of office.

The Freeman students admit the idea would be a tough sell in today's toxic political atmosphere.

"Gridlock makes it much harder to reach across the aisle," Waldhauser said. "No Labels asks Congress to drop affiliations with parties and look at compromise. It's a starting point."

Eisenbeis agreed. "When you don't let the party influence your decisions, you then focus on the issues," he said.

"And then, you do what's best for the country," Preheim added.

In turn, the political process wouldn't become so dependent on constant fundraising, Waldhauser said. "A lot of voting is affiliated with the dollars that are given to your campaign," he said.

In the video, FHS teacher Seth Loofbourrow believes ending rigid party loyalty would change Washington's way of thinking. "It allows us to be more creative and willing to come to a consensus," he said.

Waldhauser proposed taking on another political sacred cow by eliminating the electoral college. "When they first started the electoral college, it was because people were less informed. Now, it makes sense just to have the popular vote," he said.

And speaking of informed, the Freeman students note the radical shift in today's communication, with the Internet and social media. Political parties and other organizations will need to use those methods to reach today's younger generation, the students said.

Now that they're turning age 18, the Freeman students are finding the issues taking on even more meaning as they cast their first votes.

"When it came to our video, we tried to show a relevant issue and add some humor," Waldhauser said, adding the Freeman teams received a "shout out" on Twitter from C-SPAN.

Sage believes the gridlock message clicked with the C-SPAN judges, transcending Freeman's modest resources for producing a video compared to other entrants.

"We maybe didn't have

the funding and technology of other schools in the competition," he said. "But I think our content was really, really good. It's unique, and it's how we presented it. It intrigued the judges."

Sage believes the C-SPAN project has provided his students with insight into gridlock. "I hope they have a better understanding of how things work or how things don't work," he said.

So will the Freeman trio of on-air talent pursue politics or a government career?

Not likely, at least for now. Eisenbeis plans to study broadcast production at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Waldhauser plans to major in English at the University of Minnesota with an eye toward law school. And Preheim plans to study music production and music management at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

But the C-SPAN project has left a lasting impact, Eisenbeis said.

"I hope it encourages others to become more interested in government, and they'll be more informed," he said.

Each winning C-SPAN video is available at <http://www.studentcam.org> and may be used in a broadcast with attribution to C-SPAN.

For more information on the No Labels effort, visit online at NoLabels.Org.

You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at [twitter.com/RDockendorf](https://twitter.com/RDockendorf). Discuss this story at [www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net).

## OBITUARIES

### Bernice Hastert

Bernice A. Hastert, 97, of Alton, IA, passed away on Monday, May 12, 2014.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 17, 2014, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton, IA. Visitation will be anytime after 4 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2014.

There will be a parish rosary at 5 p.m. and a vigil prayer service at 7 p.m. all at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton.

Bernice was a woman of warmth, friendliness and strong faith.

Survivors include her four children including daughter, Nancy Willert and son-in-law Richard Willert, of Yankton.

For obituary and online condolences: [www.fischth.com](http://www.fischth.com)  
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### John 'Hondo' List

John "Hondo" List, 60, of Yankton died Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2014, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Yankton with the Rev. Dani Jo Ninke officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Friday, May 16, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the funeral service at church.

To send an online message to the family, visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

### Roger Vik

SPEARFISH — Roger Harold Vik, 78, of Spearfish, formerly of Draper, died

ranchers. Saturday, May 10, 2014, at Fort Meade VA Hospice.

Memorial services are at 2 p.m. CST today (Thursday, May 15,) in the Draper Auditorium, Draper, with Pastor Rick Hazen officiating. Roger will be laid to rest at 2:30 p.m. MST Friday, May 16, at Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis, with Pastor Del

Neumeister officiating. Military rites will be offered by the Sturgis Honor Guard and National Guard.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established and may be sent in care of Black Hills Funeral Home, 1440 Junction Ave., Sturgis, SD 57785.

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	<p><i>Flag Drop Box Dedication Ceremony</i></p> <p><i>In conjunction with Armed Forces Day please join us on</i></p> <p><b>Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>2:30 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home &amp; Crematory</b> 601 W. 21st St., Yankton</p> <p><i>Will reveal and place a flag drop box for the public to retire their weathered American Flags (This flag drop box was beautifully designed and painted by artist Mickey Harris)</i></p> <p>Ceremony will include: * Lowering of old flag * Reflections of the 13 folds by Ernest Bowyer VFW 791 Honor Guard * Flag drop box dedicated by Rev. Rod Veldhuizen * Raising of the new flag * Pledge of Allegiance * Special Guests will be the Patriot Guard Riders to display the flags of all 50 states * Refreshments will be served</p>
 <p><b>PSAHL-KOSTEL</b> FUNERAL HOME &amp; CREMATORY INC. 665-9679 • 1-800-495-9679 <a href="http://www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com">www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com</a></p>	<p><i>Please join us for this special dedication ceremony. You are welcome to bring your flag to retire.</i></p>