

**YSD School Board Meeting Date Changed**

The November meeting of the Yankton District School Board will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, at the Yankton Administration Offices. The meeting was previously scheduled for Monday, Nov. 12.

**SoDak Stamm To Meet Nov. 11 In Kaylor**

KAYLOR — The next Sodak Stamm meeting will be held at Kaylor Sunday, Nov. 11, at 2:30 p.m. This is the final meeting for the year.  
World War II veterans will tell their stories. A reception for them will be at 1:30 p.m. for anyone who can come early. Everyone is welcome.

**MMC To Hold Public Veteran's Day Program**

Mount Marty College will hold a Veteran's Day program at the college's Cyber Café on the Yankton campus and the public is invited to attend. The program will begin at 12:15 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 12, and will feature a speaker and special music.  
There is no charge for the program.  
For more information on this event, contact MMC Media Relations Director, Kristi Tacke, at 605-668-1526 or kristi.tacke@mtmc.edu.

**USD To Celebrate Opening Of New Center**

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota will celebrate the grand opening of its Student Veterans Resource Center with an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13.  
Open to all current military members, veterans and their families, the Student Veterans Resource Center is located at the Temporary Student Center 117D on the USD campus. An open house to view the new office is scheduled from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 13, including the ribbon cutting ceremony and remarks by USD President James W. Abbott at 2 p.m.  
"This is a great resource for our student veterans and for students attending USD who are still active in the military, as well as their families," noted Jason R. Dean, Veterans Coordinator at USD. "The Student Veterans Resource Center represents USD's commitment to our student veterans and provides them with a location necessary for academic and personal growth."  
The USD Student Veterans Resource Center is open to all current military members, veterans and their families. Resources provided by the office include benefits assistance, study space and a setting for veterans to share their military experience with other students on campus.  
For more information about the USD Student Veterans Resource Center, contact the Veterans Services Office at (605) 677-8833 or veterans@usd.edu or visit www.usd.edu/veterans .

**Nominate Supportive Employers For Honor**

ARLINGTON, Va. — Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense agency, is now accepting nominations for the 2013 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.  
The Freedom Award is the nation's highest award for civilian employers that support their employees serving in the National Guard and Reserve. Nominations may be submitted by Guardsmen, Reservists, or family members acting on their behalf, at www.FreedomAward.mil through Jan. 21, 2013.  
Nearly one million Americans serve in the Guard and Reserve, making up almost one-half of the nation's total military. For more than 10 years, these Citizen Warriors have responded to unprecedented national security demands and humanitarian missions spanning the globe. The civilian employers of Guardsmen and Reservists have shared in their service to our nation by standing firmly behind employees, providing essential support and greater peace of mind.  
"Employers of every size and industry continue to go to extraordinary lengths to demonstrate their unwavering commitment to employees serving in the Guard and Reserve," said James G. Rebolz, National Chair, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. "I urge all Guard and Reserve Service members who have benefited from their employer's support to nominate that employer for this most prestigious award. A Freedom Award nomination allows service members to acknowledge and thank their employer for the essential role they play in supporting their military career and in our nation's defense."  
Each year, up to 15 of the nation's most supportive employers are selected as recipients and honored at a ceremony in Washington. Past Freedom Award recipients' supportive measures have included arranging childcare services for deployed employees, sponsoring trips to visit injured employees, and working longer hours to cover the shifts of employees at military training.  
The Freedom Award was instituted in 1996 under the auspices of ESGR to recognize exceptional support from the employer community. In the years since, 175 employers have been honored with the award. Established as a DoD agency 40 years ago, ESGR develops and maintains employer support for Guard and Reserve service. ESGR advocates relevant initiatives, recognizes outstanding support, increases awareness of applicable laws, and resolves conflict between service members and employers. Paramount to ESGR's mission is encouraging employment of Guardsmen and Reservists who bring integrity, global perspective and proven leadership to the civilian workforce.  
For questions or interviews regarding the Freedom Award, contact Beth Sherman, ESGR Public Affairs, at 571-372-0705 or by email at ESGR-PA@osd.mil.

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College sophomores, juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply for Johnson's upcoming spring internship program. College credits and/or a stipend are available. To apply for a state office internship, call toll-free at 1-800-537-0025. To apply for a Washington legislative or press internship during the spring term or beyond, interested students should submit a cover letter, resume, references and a writing sample to:  
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**Fires**

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the South Dakota weekly crop report. In addition, Yankton has received 1.16 inches since Oct. 1, or 1.36 inches below normal, the report said.

Yankton County emergency manager Paul Scherschligt addressed the commissioners about the burn ban during Thursday's meeting.

"The way things are looking, we're not going to get out of this drought quick, and (debris is) piling up," he said. "The National Weather Service (NWS) said (dry conditions) could last until the end of March."

Scherschligt said he has received requests from residents seeking a controlled burn if the county receives rain or snow this weekend.

The NWS forecast for Yankton calls for a 70 percent chance of precipitation for Saturday, with a new snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. However, the forecast also calls for blustery conditions with a west-northwest wind of 15-25 miles per hour with gusts as high as 30 mph.

The Sunday forecast calls for a 30 percent chance of precipitation with a chance of snow before noon, along with blustery conditions.

In seeking the burn ban

changes, Scherschligt said he talked with Yankton fire chief Tom Kurtenbach and assistant fire chief Larry Nickles, along with emailing area fire chiefs.

"I wanted to see if the burn ban could be amended," Scherschligt said. "It would be the responsibility of each fire chief to give permission (for a burn), with no need for written permits. I looked at the forecasts to see if conditions would be OK."

Law enforcement would be notified of any controlled burns, the emergency manager added.

Commissioner Allen Sinclair expressed concerns about the county assuming liability for burns that may get out of control.

Scherschligt said he wasn't taking responsibility for making the call on burns.

"I don't want to be the one to say it's a good day to burn. But (with these changes) we can go day by day," he said.

"As soon as you lift the burn ban, there's going to be a lot of activity. We have cooler temperatures during the day, but there's still dry conditions."

The commissioners noted a fire chief's approval, and the notification of county dispatch, would provide a record without requiring the property owner to get a permit for a burn.

The fire chiefs would look at the weather conditions and take the matter on a case-by-case basis, Jensen told the *Press & Dakotan*.

"I get calls telling me to lift the

burn ban, but 99 percent of the people understand (its need)," he said.

In other business at Thursday's meeting:

• Yankton County has been invited to provide information at a drainage board conference Dec. 10 in Aberdeen. State's Attorney Rob Klimisch, County Drainage Administrator Pat Garrity and Commissioners Sinclair and Garry Moore will represent Yankton County at the conference.

According to Sinclair, testimony will be provided by two counties — including Yankton County — which have enacted a drainage ordinance and by two counties without an ordinance.

Sinclair acknowledged that drainage issues remain controversial and are handled much differently from county to county.

"This (conference) is our chance to tell these folks how we are doing and what we would like to see done if there is a statewide law," he said. "It's a matter of how things are coming and how to make this (drainage law) successful."

Yankton County needs to be part of any discussion regarding a statewide drainage law, Moore said.

"We want to be there to give our opinion, if the state passes a law," he said. "In dealing with drainage, they need to remember that one size doesn't fit all. If a county has an ordinance in place and enforces it, that county should be exempt (from new state regulations)."

• Auditor Paula Jones was absent from Thursday's meeting because of illness. The commissioners anticipated she would attend today's election canvass. The official results must be forwarded to the South Dakota Secretary of State's office by Tuesday.

With Monday observed as the Veteran's Day holiday, the commissioners noted the canvass needed to be held today in order to meet the reporting deadline.

• Commissioner Mark Johnson provided an update about the Bill Baggs Road project. The agreement calls for the city covering 60 percent of the cost and the county covering the remaining 40 percent.

The project would run from Highway 50 north to Alumax Drive with a cost of around \$900,000.

• The commissioners plan to meet with a Johnson Engineering representative at their Nov. 20 meeting to discuss the firm's report on the Highway 366 (Old Highway 50) bridge over the James River by Fleegs' Roadhouse.

• Scherschligt received permission to travel to Pierre for a meeting as the newly-elected vice president of the South Dakota Emergency Management Association (SEMA).

You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at twitter.com/RDockendorf

**Mead**

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Various sizes of windows are available in different prices ranging from \$150 to \$1,000. People who donate in honor of another person as a Christmas present will also receive a complementary Mead Building ornament.

"We've always said we want the project to be something that everybody can be a part of it," Nelson said. "And by offering a variety of donation levels, it be-

comes very possible for many people to be financially involved with the Mead Building."

Individuals who are interested in purchasing a window can call the museum at 605-665-3898. Maps of the building are also available for those who would like to choose a specific window.

Nelson said 75 windows have been purchased so far, and work will begin soon once a window restoration room is prepared. She said much of that work will be performed by volunteers, which the YCHS continues to seek.

"We're always interested in hearing from people who would

like to volunteer their expertise and help the project move forward," Nelson said.

The museum director added that volunteer opportunities also exist for those that do not have experience with repairs. She said the museum is currently making preparations to move into the Mead Building, and help is needed with inventory and several other activities.

Nelson also encourages everyone to stay informed about the progress of the Mead Building project. Weekly updates are included in each Friday's "River City" edition in the *Press & Dakotan*, and people can also see

the repairs in person by visiting the Mead Building on the southern side of the Human Services Campus north of Yankton. Those who visit the building are asked to respect the rules of the campus and any construction barriers.

"Take a look at what's going on," Nelson said. "It's a pretty interesting process."

You can follow Derek Bartos on Twitter at twitter.com/d\_bartos

**OBITUARIES**

**Eldon Brandt**

Eldon James Brandt, was born to William P. and Lillian (Bartel) Brandt on August 28, 1928, in Goessel, Kansas. His mother

passed away when Eldon was very little and his father remarried Anna Ewert, who helped raise him. Eldon grew up in rural Hillsboro, KS, farming with his father, attended school there and graduated from Hillsboro High school in 1947.

Following graduation, Eldon became a part of Voluntary Service through Mennonite Central Committee, and worked in Chaco Paraguay, at an experiment farm in the Mennonite colonies. Eldon was placed among the Paraguayan people to develop land where they could plant wheat. He also helped put together parts to make plows and windmills for their use. There he met his wife, Anny Neufeld, a local girl, who was working at the farm. They married in Paraguay, January 29, 1955, and in April that year, he brought his bride back to the United States and made their home near Newton, Kansas. Later, they moved to Hillsboro, Kansas, where they raised three sons.

In 1964, he quit farming, and began work at the Barkman Honey Company and developed his interests in honeybees and beekeeping. He served on the city council, coached Babe Ruth

baseball, and served in numerous volunteer positions in his church, Tabor Mennonite, near Goessel, Kansas.

In 1982, he purchased a bee operation near Yankton, South Dakota and made a courageous move north to work the bees, bringing in his son, Merle, to work with him. While living in South Dakota, Eldon was active in the South Salem Mennonite Church in rural Freeman, South Dakota. He spent many hours with his grandchildren, who gave him great joy and he loved taking trips, especially to visit Anny's family in Canada each summer. He kept bees until November, 2001, when he suffered a stroke. Eldon passed away October 27, 2012 in the Good Samaritan Center in Centerville, South Dakota.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Anny, son Bruce (wife Melody) of Littleton, Colorado, son Merle (wife Genia) of Yankton, South Dakota, and son Sidney (wife Mary) of Tabor, South Dakota, as well as 4 sisters: Orletta Wiebe, Pearl (John) McConnell, Darlene (Lewis) Haney, Joyce Barkman, and 2 brothers: Raymond (Rosie), and John (Donita). He leaves behind 7 grandchildren: Jason, Garrett, Lance, Gavin, Garner, Wesley, and Ava, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Lillian, stepmother Anna, and a 6 month old brother, Franklin.

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 2, 2012, at Salem Mennonite Church, Freeman.

Memorial monies can be sent care of Eldon's son, Merle Brandt

at 2605 Deer Blvd., Yankton, SD 57078.

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**Lawrence Marbach**

The Rev. Lawrence J. Marbach, 86, of Yankton died Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012, at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, of an extended illness. He was comforted in death by the presence of his brothers, Mr. Jerome Marbach and Mr. Donald Marbach along with his brother priest, the Rev. Ken Lulf.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton. The Most Reverend Paul J. Swain, Bishop, of Sioux Falls will preside at the Mass. Father Marbach's cousin, Reverend Jerome Ranek, will offer the homily. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Sunday evening with a rosary at 7 p.m. followed by a liturgical Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. The Knights of Columbus will provide

the honor guard. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

**Edgar Thornton**

Edgar G. Thornton, 83, died Friday, Oct. 26, 2012, at Bayonne Medical Center, Bayonne, N.J.

Funeral services are pending with Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

**Max Young**

Max Young, 90, of Yankton died Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

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**VETERAN'S DAY**  
Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Avenue of Flags	5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Social Hour
4 p.m. Retirement of Colors (Post Home)	6 p.m. Membership Dinner (free to all 2013 paid VFW & Auxiliary members) Guests welcome, \$9 plate

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