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USD Alumnus Takes Top Role In D.C.

GOP House Chair
Has Early Democrat
Roots In S. Dakota

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WASHINGTON — The House's newest and perhaps most powerful committee chairman is a 60-year-old Texas Republican who began life in a family of stalwart Democrats from South Dakota and lost his father at age 12 in a courtroom shooting.



Brady

Rep. Kevin Brady, whose bulldog-looks belie a softer manner, took the helm of the Ways and Means Committee last week. That puts the 19-year House veteran at the forefront of key issues Congress will tackle heading into the 2016 election year, including taxes, trade and benefit programs such as Medicare and Social Security.

Brady's Chamber of Commerce career before entering Congress molded a mainstream conservative viewpoint, yet he is well regarded by harder-line conservatives. But he has a tough act to follow: the popular Paul Ryan, R-Wis., who led the committee until becoming speaker last month after a revolt by hard-line conservatives pushed former Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, to resign.

Brady, who falls short of the oratory spark and reputation for generating ideas that Ryan enjoys, has latched himself to the 45-year-old.

"We're going to follow the speaker's lead," Brady said in an interview last week. He said House Republicans "want us to tackle the big issues, and they want to be involved."

Involvement has been a major demand of the House Freedom Caucus, around 40 hard-core conservatives whose frustration with being muscled aside by Boehner fueled their antipathy for him. Ryan, R-Wis., is working with conservatives on giving lawmakers more say on legislation and other decisions.

Brady says he, too, is willing to accommodate them, though no Freedom Caucus members serve on Ways and Means. So far, he has won praise from members of the group.

"Very, very positive," Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C., said of Brady, adding that several conservatives floated Brady's name as a potential speaker in the chaotic days after Boehner resigned.

"I don't think the chairman will come under pressure" from the Freedom Caucus "because we'll have the opportunity to offer amendments," said another member, Rep. Rod Blum, R-Iowa.

Some conservatives remain wary.

Adam Brandon, CEO of FreedomWorks, complimented Brady but said his group of anti-regulation conservatives wants to make sure he does not pursue a narrow agenda "dreamed up by some lobbyists."

Democrats consider him someone they can work with.

"Kevin and I don't agree probably on any public policy. But he's not an unpleasant person," said Ways and Means veteran Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash.

Brady, from a solidly Republican district north of Houston, headed the trade subcommittee until 2013. That's when he took over the health subcommittee and helped lead many of the House's GOP's repeated, unsuccessful efforts to roll back President Barack

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Up For Grabs



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Sully Buttes' Cody Nelson, 32, leaps over the top of Scotland's Bryan Vaughan for a long reception during their Class 9A semifinal football game on Saturday in Onida. Sully Buttes jumped out to a 22-0 halftime lead and held on for a 22-12 victory. The Chargers will play Canistota in the South Dakota State Football Finals on Thursday morning at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. For more on the game, see Page 8.

Honoring Heroes



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

The City Kidz program presented a patriotic performance Sunday with two shows at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre. The show was originally presented during Riverboat Days, and encore performances were scheduled to honor veterans for Veterans Day. The show was sponsored by the City of Yankton Parks & Recreation Department, Yankton Elks No. 994 and the South Dakota Elks Drug Awareness Program.



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

This life jacket station has been erected near the boat ramp at Yankton's Riverside Park.

Safety Attire For The River

Life Jacket Station
Installed At Riverside
Park Boat Ramp

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The Missouri River can be dangerous for the people boating and fishing on its banks, which is why a number of entities have come together to help encourage water safety with a new life jacket station.

The station, located at the boat ramp at Riverside Park near the baseball stadium, was the result of a collaboration between Yankton County Search & Rescue, the City of Yankton, Yankton County Emergency Management and private businesses in the city.

Cara Conrad-Koupal, public relations representative with Yankton County Search & Rescue, told the Press & Dakotan the idea has enjoyed a lot of support.

"It's in partnership with the City of Yankton," Conrad-Koupal said. "They gave us the permission to use the public space in Riverside Park to install the station. The concept has had support from the (U.S. Army) Corps of Engineers. Sapa (Extrusions) helped as a sponsor to purchase the materials for the life jacket station itself and Kopetsky's Ace Hardware donated the first life jackets to go up on the station. One of our volunteers did the labor to build the station."

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MMC Event Set To Use Music To Address Human Trafficking Issue

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David Zach, lead singer of Lincoln, Nebraska-based alternative Christian band Remedy Drive, wanted to do just a bit more than what's normally asked of musicians — and that's when he heard of a group known as The Exodus Road.

"Just about two years ago, I met a guy named Matt Parker who founded the Exodus Road," Zach said. "He was looking for a band to talk about what they do and try to raise awareness and raise funds to rescue girls out of red-light district brothels. Talking to him, almost exactly two years ago, I felt like I don't want to be another musician, speaker or preacher that talks about things — I want to be involved. I want to actually be doing something."

From there, Zach became involved in The Exodus Road's mission of combatting human trafficking around the world — and he will be presenting some of this experience, along with a concert by Remedy Drive this coming

Thursday at Martty College (MMC).

An acoustic concert, entitled "I am Not a Commodity: Our Fight Against Human Trafficking" will be presented for free at Marian Auditorium. The performance and a separate forum on human trafficking are presented by the Benedictine Institute of Leadership, Ethics and Social Justice and MMC's Office of Events and Outreach. A free-will donation will be accepted with proceeds going to organizations in South Dakota fighting human trafficking. There will also be a question-and-answer session following the concert.

In addition to the concert, MMC will host a Noon Forum on the topic, "Our Fight Against Human Trafficking" Thursday in the South Dining Room of MMC's Roncalli Center.

The panel is scheduled to include Zach, Kevin Koliner (US Attorney's Office of South Dakota), Kimberly Kaveny (Tapestry International Ministry) and Lisa Heth (Pathfinder Project). The forum is also free to the public

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