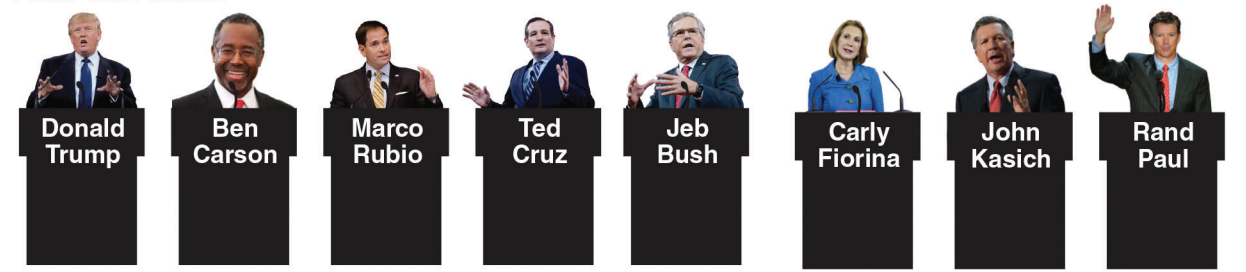


Republican debates

Fox Business announced the lineup for the primetime debate on Nov. 10, as well as the earlier debate.

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Next GOP Debate Puts Fox Business Moderators In Spotlight

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NEW YORK — Fox Business Network's Maria Bartiromo, one of the moderators for Tuesday's Republican presidential debate, says that while she wants to help viewers understand the differences between candidates, she's not looking to start brawls.

The fourth GOP debate — and first since a CNBC session left candidates grumbling about the journalists asking questions — takes place Tuesday night in Milwaukee. Bartiromo, FBN's Neil Cavuto and *Wall Street Journal* editor-in-chief Gerard Baker will guide the two-hour discussion starting at 9 p.m. EDT.

It's also an opportunity for the relatively little-noticed business network, which will try to push its coverage in front of as many viewers as possible. "You want to draw out the differences, but I don't think you need to draw (them) out taking somebody's head off and having a fight," Bartiromo said on Monday. "That does make good television but it's not really helping the viewer."

A tone was set from the beginning of the CNBC debate, when candidates were asked to reveal their greatest

weakness and moderator John Harwood asked Donald Trump if he was running "a comic-book version of a presidential campaign."

The Republican National Committee reacted by pulling its sponsorship for an upcoming NBC News debate and some campaigns tried to wrest control of the debate process from the committee. There was a backlash, with President Obama wondering how the candidates would be able to face the nation's adversaries if they thought debate moderators were too tough.

Bartiromo said she believed that her former employers at CNBC exhibited a hostility toward and disdain for the candidates. She said it was a useful reminder that the purpose of debates is to educate voters.

She said she wants to talk about the economy and believes the biggest issue for voters on this topic is how to create new jobs.

The debate is designed to focus on economic issues, but Bartiromo said potential presidents must prove themselves adept at addressing a wide range of issues. Questions surrounding Ben Carson's claims of past incidents in his life have been front and center the past few days — leading Carson to strike

back at the media — and Bartiromo said Fox won't be reluctant to bring the topic up. She talked to Carson about it on her daily show Monday.

She helped moderate a GOP candidates' debate in 2012, when she was one of CNBC's biggest stars. She expects it will be valuable experience for Tuesday night.

"It helps you to remember that anything can happen," she said. "You have to be able to think on your feet. You have to be able to react to unforeseen comments, unforeseen events."

The previous GOP debates set viewership records for Fox News Channel, CNN and CNBC. That's a virtual certainty Tuesday for FBN, although it would be a surprise if it reached the 14 million who tuned in to CNBC last month.

FBN is available in some 82 million homes in the United States, or a little more than three-quarters of the TV households. FBN will stream the debate online, and is trying to put the debate before a few million more TV viewers by "unbundling" the network. Some service providers, most notably DirecTV, place Fox Business Network on a more expensive programming tier, and FBN is urging those companies to let everyone with basic service see it.

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"Normally, it's someone calling saying they're selling this particular piece and it's going to cost something or nothing," Schramm said. "Last year, a company selling coupons branded itself 'Shop Yankton' and people thought it was a local project, but the company was from Iowa. They telemarketed it to consumers and the consumers had to pay so much to get the coupon book.

"I'm not saying it's a scam," she added, "but it was about how many of these people will buy it without knowing that it's not going to something local, like a sports team?"

There have also been scams where people have tried to sell maps of the town claiming its Yankton's official map. According to Schramm, the only official map of Yankton is done by the Yankton Convention & Visitors Bureau.

For credibility, a scam may claim to be endorsed by the Chamber.

"Generally, if we get behind a business, it is run by someone local," Schramm said. "We would do a news release, have an ad on the radio and put it in our newsletter."

The different types of scams vary depending on the time of year.

"Shop local' ones come around during the spring and summer, vacation guides at the beginning of the year and during the holiday season, scams will try to tug at people's heart-

strings by saying the money will go for this or that cause," Schramm said.

The best way to know if these companies are legit is to check them out online, said Schramm.

"You can also tell if they call and need an answer right away or if they need you to verify something," she added. "If they are a legitimate company, they shouldn't be asking you to verify your Social Security number. They called you, so they should already know that."

The best advice for avoiding a phone or online scam is to be diligent and aware, according to Schramm.

"If someone gets an email or a phone call from someone they don't know, or if someone walks in and tries to sell them something that has to be sold right away, they should call the Chamber, the police department or the Better Business Bureau," Schramm said. "We then call the attorney general's office and ask about the alleged scam."

The attorney general's website also offers information about consumer alerts and scam avoidance advice.

For phone calls, Schramm advises getting as much information about the caller as possible before contacting the Chamber.

"Try to get a call-back number, the person's name and the company they work for. The caller usually hangs up by the third question," she said. "If it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is."

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According to the housing study, 50 percent of new home construction in Yankton is priced at \$250,000 or higher, and 20-25 percent of prices are between \$200,000-\$250,000.

"We have builders that are doing those kinds of projects," Specht said. "The needs that aren't being met are 25-30 percent of our market, which are homes that are \$200,000 or less."

YAPG purchased 30 acres of land on the west side of West City Limits Road from Bob Law Inc., with an option to purchase up to 190 acres in the near future. The state's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) allowed the group to use the future tax money from those properties to pay for the land infrastructure and land purchase, which equated to approximately \$3.3 million.

This includes 47 residential lots with 73 units. Twenty-nine of those lots will be single-family homes. Fourteen lots will be reserved for duplexes and four lots will be fourplexes.

"YAPG should not be in the business of building houses, but we have taken over that role because nobody else has been able to do it," Specht said. "Within the next couple of weeks, we will see some of those houses and those lots start to come on the market."

Twenty of these lots were purchased by Kelly Nielson from Nielson Construction in Harrisburg. This company will have seven building plans for buyers to choose from, along with the location of their lot.

Other construction companies have hired their own property management firms to advertise and sell properties once they are completed. According to Specht, houses are expected to be ready for residents to move in between February and March.

"What we think will happen with this, people will move out of those lower end rental units and move into this," Specht said. "That will force landlords to either tear down their houses or fix them up and make it a little better place."

Also on the agenda at Monday's meeting, activities director Ryan Mors presented suggestions on making additions to the training rule policy for student athletes. The first is in the instance if a student were to commit a training rule violation.

The current rules state that "an individual shall be present on the sideline/bench during activity contests unless otherwise deter-

mined by the coach/advisor or administration."

Mors also wants to include a sentence that allows coaches, advisors or administration to determine whether or not a student should or should not be present on the sideline/bench during a contest.

"The way it is written right now, it leaves it closed and doesn't open the door for us to make an administrative or coaching decision," Mors said. "You read things over and you say to yourself, 'It looks like we are missing something here.' These are things that I think will evolve with the training rules."

The second suggestion Mors presented was a clarification of the instance of a third-offense training rule violation. According to the current rules, a student's suspension can be reduced from one full calendar year to 84 consecutive days if he/she participates in certain programs. But the rule does not specify a specific number of contests that the individual would have to miss if their suspension was reduced.

"Let's say a person is not participating in a sport or activity in the spring of the year and they come up with a third offense," Mors said. "If that person doesn't participate in anything again until the fall or winter, there are no activities they have to miss at all."

The committee decided that 84 calendar days is approximately 12 weeks of competition. Mors thought a fair proposal would be to add "or 10 contests, whichever is greater" to the wording.

Both suggestions were approved by the board and will go into effect for students that participate in activities within the 2016-2017 calendar year.

"We just want to make sure that our language is consistent," Mors said. "We are pretty fair with our kids, but at the same time handing out consequences that are appropriate for their actions."

Also Monday, Beadle Elementary School first grade teachers Lynn Becker and Linda Stevens outlined the progress with their community work program. This invites community members to come into the classroom to present a description of their job and how important math, reading and writing skills are to a person's occupation.

The school has had city workers, firefighters and artists present this past year. Their goal is to have a minimum of two presentations a month all to introduce kids to the workforce and encourage them to think about their own future careers.

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the many crimes have been committed."

Den Herder said they also spent time clarifying the section relating to animal offenses, particularly around responsibility for violations.

"In many cases, the purpose of the cleanup was to make sure that the person who was harboring or holding the dog, or cat or whatever the animal is upon their property is responsible if we can't ascertain who the proper owner of the animal is," he said.

He added that on at least one occasion, the old language may have let an alleged ordinance violator get away.

"We had an effort to enforce in which a person got out of the particular charge because a judge found that the ordinance required us to prove who the owner of the animal was, which the judge acknowledged may be an impossibility in some circumstances," he said. "It holds the owner of the dog, the property owner or the

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tenant responsible for many of these charges."

Den Herder said the new language also adds an offense for biting.

"We added a charge for biting," he said. "Previously there wasn't one, so if an animal had bitten somebody, we then had to prove that the animal was in fact dangerous before we could issue a citation to the property owner or the animal owner who was responsible for that dog or whatever the animal might be."

The "disturbing the peace" section relating to consistent dog barking was also retooled in order to make the burden easier on enforcers.

"We modified and simplified the elements necessary to prove disturbing the peace," he said. "It was a 15-minute charge and that's now been reduced to 10 minutes of continuous or near-continuous barking to make it easier for law enforcement so they don't have to sit there and record or witness it for so long."

Den Herder said there was also work done on animal neglect violations — particularly where animals are left in cars in extreme heat.

"To aid in enforcement of neglect of an animal in situations where an animal is left in a hot car, that particular case was cleaned up in a way where we added a per se violation,"

he said. "Neglect of an animal was fairly general before and a ticket could be issued where the animal control officer found that an animal was in danger in how it was inside a vehicle and there was an authorization for the control officer to break into the car if they felt the health or life of the animal was in jeopardy. The judge found that that particular crime required a veterinarian or some other expert to prove that the animal's life or health was in jeopardy and as a result, would prefer more objective criteria."

The new language sets an exterior temperature threshold of 75 degrees or higher where a citation can be issued to the vehicle owner if an animal is left unattended in a parked vehicle for any length of time with its engine off.

In other business Monday, the commission:

- Announced the retirement of Public Services Director Kevin Kuhl, effective Jan. 4.
- Approved a lease agreement with the Yankton Area Senior Citizens Center.

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