

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
Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Daily Reprieve, noon, open meeting non-smoking, 1019 W 9th St.
Interchange, noon, 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, 12:45 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
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
Pinochle, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Bingo, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685. (Open to the public)
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

THIRD TUESDAY

Yankton Area Banquet, 6 p.m., United Church of Christ, Fifth and Walnut

WEDNESDAY

Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Nurse, 10 a.m.-noon, The Center, 605-665-4685
Quilting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Daily Reprieve, noon, non-smoking open session, 1019 W. 9th St.
Whist, 12:45 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

THIRD WEDNESDAY

NAIFA-Lewis and Clark, noon-1 p.m., Minerva's.
Partnership Bridge, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

BIRTHS

ELIZABETH GOEKEN

Nathan and Michelle Goeken, Utica, announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Grace, born Oct. 2, 2012, at 3:33 p.m. Elizabeth weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Frank and Joanie Kloucek, Scotland, and John and Susan Goeken, Utica.
 Great-Grandparents are Erwin Kotalik, Yankton, and Joyce Novak, Yankton.

CARMEN BEYENHOF

Brittany Mullady and Dana Beyenhof, Yankton, announce the birth of their daughter, Carmen Alaina Beyenhof, born Sept. 12, 2012, at 6:10 p.m. Carmen weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19.5 in long.

Grandparents are Rebecca Mullady, Mitchell; Darren Cox, Salt Lake City, Utah; Wayne

Beyenhof, Luverne, Minn.; and Dawn Alalund of North Carolina.

CONOR MULLOY

Amy (Otteman) and Sean Mulloy of Yankton announce the birth of their son, Conor Patrick Mulloy, born Sept. 18, 2012, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton. The baby weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce and was 21 inches long.

Conor joins Aiden, age 2 1/2. Grandparents are Gerri Otteman, Yankton; Dan Otteman, Yankton; and Cheryl and Marlin Mulloy, Yankton.

Great-grandparents are Jerome and Viola Suing, Hartington, Neb.; Laverne Kast and the late Alfred Kast of Hartington, Neb.; the late Flavian and Lauretta Mulloy, Yankton; and Grace Kappel and the late Ralph Otteman of Sioux Falls.

BIRTHDAYS

CLARINE FEJFAR

Clarine Fejfar of Yankton will celebrate her 80th birthday on Oct. 30. A card shower will be held and greetings can be sent to 804 East 18th Street, Yankton, SD 57078.



Fejfar

ROBERT MOORE

Robert Moore of Yankton will celebrate his 85th birthday on Oct. 27, 2012. A card shower is being held in his honor. Cards can be sent to 813 Park St., Yankton, SD 57078. Robert has 15 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.



Moore

TWYLA MEHLHAF

The family of Twyla Mehlhaf invites you to join them in celebrating her 80th birthday. The event will be held at the Zion Reformed Church, 220 S. Pine St., Menno, from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28. No gifts please.

If you are unable to attend, you may send greetings to Twyla at 43543 284th St., Freeman, SD 57029.



Mehlhaf

JEAN CHRISTENSON

Jean Christenson will be celebrating her 75th birthday on Oct. 22, 2012. You can send your well-wishes to 910 Picotte, Yankton, SD 57078.

PRESS&DAKOTAN

Expired Farm Bill Costs Dairy Farmers Money

BY TOM LAWRENCE
The Daily Republic

MITCHELL (AP) — The stalled farm bill may cost small dairy farmers in the state hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost government subsidy payments, and it could double the cost of a gallon of milk in stores.

The Milk Income Loss Contract program ended Sept. 30. It was a safety net providing payments when national milk prices drop in contrast to feed costs. When the new farm bill did not pass this year, and the old one expired, the MILC program halted and was not replaced.

Roger Scheibe, executive director of South Dakota Dairy Producers and director of industry outreach for the Midwest Dairy Association, said dairy farmers will see the difference in their bank accounts.

"I would say in South Dakota, there's probably about 250 producers directly impacted by this," Scheibe said. "It's definitely going to hurt their revenue stream."

The federal government, in an effort to maintain dependable production and reliable prices for milk, has long offered milk subsidy programs. Without a farm bill by the end of this year, an old permanent law would take effect. The Congressional Research Service says the government would be mandated to set crop and milk prices at "parity" — the purchasing power of those crops in 1910-1914, when, according to a 1930s study, a farmer's earning power and purchasing power were equal.

MILC, and other dairy support programs, have prevented imposition of parity. But it could be imposed in 2013 if a new farm bill isn't passed.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said that could raise the price of milk in stores to \$6 a gallon (milk was selling for \$3.50 Monday at a Mitchell grocery store). The prices of milk, cheese and butter are all on the increase.

The dairy industry is undergoing dramatic changes, with far fewer dairy farms than in the past. There are about 51,000 dairy producers

in the nation and about 350 remaining in South Dakota.

Most of the milk comes from large dairies; about 65 percent of the milk produced in South Dakota comes from 15 percent of the dairies, according to dairy advocates. But the smaller dairies, where dozens, not hundreds, of cattle are milked still produce and sell milk in South Dakota.

They also received MILC payments, but that ended when the farm bill expired. Most other food and farm programs will continue uninterrupted through at least the end of the year because they're based on the crop year or appropriations were already made for them.

The loss of the price support program comes at a difficult time, with feed prices spiking due to the drought and cattle producing less milk if they are fed less. Dairy farmers are selling cattle for slaughter. Nationally, the entire American dairy herd is expected to drop by 1.1 percent to 9.11 million head in 2013, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Fewer cows means less milk, which is already translating to higher prices in stores for milk, cheese and butter. According to dairyreporter.com, that is expected to continue.

Farm Service Agency Program Director Lynn Stoltenburg, who is based in Huron, said MILC checks for August are still being issued and September payments will be sent out in November.

"We're always basically two months behind," Stoltenburg said.

The FSA examines feed costs and compares it to milk prices to determine what subsidies will be awarded during the fiscal year, which runs from October to September.

In the 2009 fiscal year, the FSA dispersed \$7 million in South Dakota. In 2010, more than \$1 million was handed out, while in 2011 milk prices were up and no payments were issued, he said. During the 2012 fiscal year, \$3.2 million was distributed.

Stoltenburg said the FSA has distributed about \$235,000 per month in the past four years. If no

new safety net program is put into place, and dairy farmers are not reimbursed retroactively, that means South Dakota dairy producers could theoretically lose around \$700,000 in the last three months of this year.

Jim Neugebauer, who milks about 60 cows on a farm on the Davison-Douglas county line 22 miles southwest of Mitchell, said it will have an impact on him.

"Well, it's not going to be good," Neugebauer said. "It's going to hurt, but we're going to survive."

"It was a feed adjuster that brought us extra money. It's not like it will stop us. It's like your gas, adding \$1 on top of it."

Unlike the large, "factory farm" dairies that operate almost like a plant, with numerous employees and hundreds of cows, smaller operations maintain the look and feel of traditional dairy farms.

Neugebauer operates a farm with several buildings scattered throughout the property. He milks six cows at a time in tight quarters.

A TV is mounted in the milking area so Neugebauer can watch it while he waits for the milkers to drain the white liquid from his Holsteins. On the roof of a barn, the slogan "Got Milk?" is painted in huge white letters.

Marv Post is the chairman of the South Dakota Dairy Producers and milks 60 cows near Volga in Brookings County.

"I can only speak for myself. It won't affect me," Post said. "It's not a large amount."

Post said his payment for August was \$1,600, while he made \$20,000 in gross dairy sales. He said he realizes there may not be payments for some time.

"Right now there is no safety net for the dairy industry," he said.

Post said the MILC program will likely be replaced by a margin insurance program similar to crop insurance.

"If the cost of production was greater than \$4 below the cost of milk, it would kick in," he said.

Another component in that proposed milk stabilization program to assist producers is a mandate to cut production for a period to reduce supply and increase the price.

Praise

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residents to fly their flags at half-staff through Friday, the day of McGovern's funeral.

"I was saddened to learn of the death of Sen. McGovern," he said. "George McGovern was a self-made man who served our nation, in war and in peace, with courage and conviction. He worked hard on behalf of South Dakota, and made history as the only South Dakotan to be nominated for president."

Sister Ann Kessler, a retired Mount Marty College history and political science professor, first met McGovern in the 1960s. Through her teaching career and involvement in the Democratic Party, she developed a friendship with McGovern.

Seeing him speak this past summer, Kessler told the *Press & Dakotan* he still had the spark that made him such an admired leader.

"He was just as humorous as could be," she stated. "He made everybody laugh and was wonderful."

Kessler cited McGovern's organization of the state Democratic Party in the 1950s as one of his legacies.

He became the executive secretary of the South Dakota Democratic Party in 1953 at a time when Democrats held no major offices and few seats in the Legislature.

"The Democrats today owe him so much because he organized the party at that time," Kessler said.

He also remained concerned about the lives of Americans in the middle and lower classes throughout his career, she added.

"He didn't really compromise his values. That's why I was so impressed with him," Kessler said. "He stuck by his Christian values throughout his campaigns and official life."

It was in 1972 that Bernie Hunhoff, now a District 18 lawmaker, became involved in politics for the first time while working on McGovern's presidential campaign.

The current House minority leader recalled that his father, a farmer, was fond of McGovern, too.

"Dad was pretty much apolitical, but he liked McGovern because he saw farmers as not just people who grew crops and raised livestock, but people who were feeding the world," Hunhoff said. "Dad really respected and understood that. I think McGovern was the first, and maybe only, politician I ever really heard my dad talk about because he connected with him in that way."

In 1974, Hunhoff was working in the Washington, D.C., office of then-Rep. Frank Denholm (D-S.D.).

"One of my jobs that summer ... was to usher people over to the McGovern office," he said. "Almost every day he was in Washington, we would take people over there. I saw him greet people day after day. He was always gracious. It was like he was a small-town pastor or store owner welcoming people

with a sweet smile. He was never in any hurry."

Over the years, Hunhoff was able to stay in contact with McGovern.

"If he had never been in politics, I believe he would have risen to be one of South Dakota's most famous and effective citizens," he stated. "No matter what road he would have taken in life, he would have been a great success and served humanity."

Veteran television reporter and former Yankton resident Tom Brokaw told the *Press & Dakotan* McGovern was a great man.

"George McGovern led a life all South Dakotans should be proud of — World War II hero, teacher, member of John F. Kennedy's administration, congressman, senator, presidential candidate and life-long humanitarian."

"With his friend, Bob Dole, he passionately believed America's agricultural bounty — food — could win America friends and relieve unnecessary suffering the world over. And though he traveled widely, he always returned to his prairie roots, making his home in Mitchell and teaching new generations of South Dakotans."

President Kennedy made McGovern the head of the Food for Peace program, which sends U.S. commodities to deprived areas around the world. From 1998-2001, he served as U.S. ambassador to the Rome-based United Nation's food agencies.

McGovern also worked with former Republican Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas to create an international

The program would only be for producers who voluntarily participate in it, and Post said he will not, since he doesn't want to be forced to reduce production.

"In other words, I'm not in favor of management control on this farm," he said. "I would ride the market up and down, whatever it would be."

David Skaggs, the South Dakota Department of Agriculture's dairy development specialist, said he hasn't paid close attention to the political debate but feels nothing is set in stone.

"They're exploring it but it's all over the board," Skaggs said.

South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture Walt Bones said there is only one way to repair the damage.

"Other than enacting a new farm bill, nothing that I know of," Bones said in an email response to questions.

The expiration of the MILC program will impact the smaller producers more than the larger producers, Bones said, because the MILC payment has a cap determined by volume. The larger producers meet that cap in a short time, he said, and max out their payment.

"The smaller producers can get a payment every month and not reach the cap," Bones said in the email. "So while most of the larger producers have reached and received their payment, the smaller dairymen may miss out on some of the later-year payments."

Bones is a co-owner of Turner County Dairy, a large dairy operation in southeast South Dakota. He said the dairy reaches its cap in about two weeks.

Rep. Kristi Noem said passing the farm bill is the only solution.

"Getting a farm bill done remains my top priority, and that is the single best way to support our dairy producers," Noem said in an email to *The Daily Republic*. "The bill we passed out of the House Agriculture Committee included an uninterrupted, continuous safety net for dairy, and I will work to include retroactive coverage for those experiencing disruptions in the final version of the farm bill."

food for education and child nutrition program.

In a statement, Dole said 31 million children participate in the school lunch program.

He called McGovern a "humble, compassionate and caring man" who looked out for the people who needed a helping hand. Dole added that the world "is a better place because of his generous spirit."

Former South Dakota Sen. Larry Pressler, a Republican who served in Congress while McGovern was in the Senate, said the late senator was always kind to him.

Pressler said McGovern "was, in many ways, the greatest South Dakotan of this era, and will go down as one of the greatest senators we have had."

A public viewing of McGovern is planned for 1-6 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls. Members of the McGovern family will be at the viewing from 5-6 p.m.


A prayer service will follow at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday at Mary Sommerford Hall at the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science in Sioux Falls.

A private burial will take place at a later date at Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage



Invest in South Dakota's Newest Value Added Agricultural Business!

South Dakota Pulse Processors is hosting investment presentations for South Dakota residents to learn more about a South Dakotan owned pulse (field peas, lentils & chickpeas) processing plant, planned for Harrold, SD. The meeting will provide information regarding the scope of the project as well as the investment opportunity to area producers and other South Dakota investors.

This project would provide for the first pulse processing facility in South Dakota, which will help provide additional crop rotation options for area producers. The plant will have the capability to process various pulse crops into finished product, both ready for export and packaged and ready for retail sale.

Meetings will be held from Oct. 23 to Oct 25th. Please visit our website at www.sdpulseprocessors.com or call 605-582-6706 for more information.

Presentations will be held:			
Date	Time	Location	Community
Oct. 23	2:00 pm	Kelly's Inn - 1607 E Highway 50 -	Yankton
Oct. 23	2:00 pm	Dakota Prairie Playhouse – 820 N. Washington	Madison
Oct. 24	7:00 pm	Best Western Ramkota - 1901 9th Ave SW	Watertown
Oct. 24	7:00 pm	Best Western Ramkota - 3200 W. Maple St.	Sioux Falls
Oct. 25	2:00 pm	Highland's Conference Center - 2000 Highland Way	Mitchell
Oct. 25	7:00 pm	Riverside AmericInn - 312 Island Dr.	Ft. Pierre

You should read the prospectus carefully before investing. Investments will only be accepted in accordance with the terms of a written prospectus that will be distributed at the meeting. All investments involve risk. This offer is only available to South Dakota residents.

This investment is open to everyone who is a SD resident and meets the requirements in the prospectus. It does not require the investor to be a producer or deliver pulse crops to the plant!

Hallelujah Fest Set For Oct. 31

The 18th annual Hallelujah Fest — a fun, wholesome and safe place for your kids to go on Halloween — will be held at the Yankton City Hall on Halloween night. This free event runs from 6-8 p.m.

There's all kinds of fun games and activities including face painting, cookie walk, football toss, fishing pond, golf, duck pond, a puppet show, the pumpkin story and much more. Also,

there will be candy, popcorn and prizes for everyone, along with door prize giveaways throughout the evening. Many great prizes have been donated by local businesses. Everyone is welcome and everything is FREE.

Hallelujah Fest is a great alternative to Trick or Treating sponsored by area churches.

For more information, contact Cindy Mason at 605-661-2360 or cindy.sesd@iw.net.