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The Rivercity Harmony, Sweet Adelines prepare for annual fall show "Swingin' to the 50s" on Sunday Oct. 26, 2014. The group has been active in the musical community for the past 38 years.

Singers Ready To Rock Around The Clock

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The Rivercity Harmony, Sweet Adelines are ready to rock audiences around the clock with their annual fall show on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 3 p.m. at The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton.

This year the acapella group has chosen "Singin' to the 50s" as the theme to its show.

"We are going to perform all those good old songs," said member Phyllis Christiansen. "Everybody is going to be dressed up. Poodle skirts and saddle shoes the whole works."

The group has been an active musical voice in Yankton for 38 years. The Sweet Adelines have performed for many various activities in the area.

"We do a little bit of everything. We sing for birthday parties, anniversaries and a lot in nursing homes," said Christiansen. "It is a nice gift that you can send to a person in the nursing home. It is a wonderful organization."

Guest acapella ensemble Smooth Benediction of Mount Marty College will also perform in the show.

Smooth Benediction is acapella

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Voters In South Dakota, Nebraska Will Weigh In On The Minimum Wage Nov. 4

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Voters in Nebraska and South Dakota are both faced with initiated measures to increase minimum wages in their states when they head to the polls on Nov. 4. While the proposed minimum wage levels are different, the arguments both for and against are virtually identical in both states.

Currently, South Dakota's and Nebraska's minimum wages are set at the Federal level of \$7.25

South Dakota Initiated Measure 18 (IM18) (<http://tinyurl.com/SDBI18>) would amend state law to raise South Dakota's hourly minimum wage for non-tipped employees from \$7.25 to \$8.50 per hour with an annual cost-of-living increase figured yearly.

Nebraska Initiative 425 (I425) (<http://tinyurl.com/NEIM425>) would amend the current state minimum wage from \$7.25 and raise it to \$8 per hour eventually moving \$9 per by 2016.

Much of the debate in the two states centers on what effect raising minimum wage would have on employers and employees.

In a February report titled "The Effects of a Minimum-Wage Increase on Employment and Family Income"

(<http://tinyurl.com/cboMinimumWage>), the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) concluded that unemployment in the United States would rise, but the poverty rate would fall, if the federal minimum wage was raised to \$9 or \$10.10.

"Increasing the minimum wage would have two principal effects on low-wage workers," the CBO said. Most of them would receive higher pay that would increase their family's income, and some of those families would see their income rise above the federal poverty threshold. But some jobs for low-wage workers would probably be eliminated, the income of most workers who became jobless would fall substantially, and the share of low-wage workers who were employed would probably fall slightly.

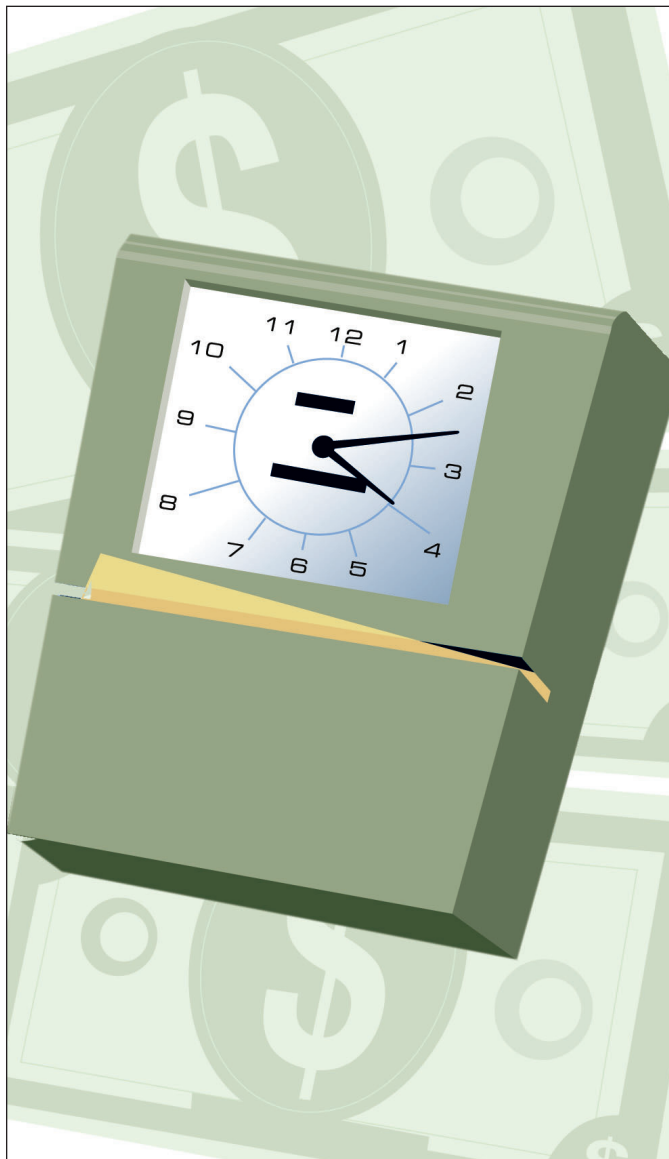


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At the state level, the nonpartisan South Dakota Budget and Policy Institute (SDBPI) released a report in September titled "S.D. Increased Minimum Wage, Initiated Measure 18 Impact Analysis" (<http://tinyurl.com/SDBPI>)

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Verdigre Man Faces Murder Charge

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF
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CENTER, Neb. — A Verdigre, Nebraska, man faces a first-degree murder charge in the shooting death of his wife of 44 years.

Phillip Michael Privett, 66, was arraigned Friday afternoon in Knox County Court in Center. He faces the murder charge in the death of his 66-year-old wife, Linda Privett.

A preliminary hearing has been set for 3 p.m. Nov. 6.

The first-degree murder charge has been filed as a Class 1A felony, which carries a sentence of life imprisonment, according to Knox County Sheriff Don Henery. The state filed a notice it was not alleging any aggravating circumstances, which means it is not seeking the death penalty.

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Sweet Dreams Are Made Of This

Mike Weber of Yankton Hy-Vee explains the types of cupcakes found on this mouth-watering glass pyramid that was on display at the seventh annual Simply D'Vine win tasting fundraiser held Friday night at the Avera Professional Pavilion in Yankton. The display held 250 cupcakes when the evening began. Besides sweets, there was wide variety of food and spirits available at the event, which was sponsored by Avera Sacred Heart Hospital and the Avera Sacred Heart Foundation to benefit the Avera Sacred Heart Cancer Center. There was also live entertainment, as well as live and silent auctions. (Kelly Hertz/P&D)



Decision 2014

Woods Aims For 'New Growth'

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part of a series of profiles on Yankton County candidates running for office in the general election. Today's profile is part of the series on the six candidates for the three 3-year terms on the Yankton County Commission. The election is Nov. 4.

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