

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
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, 605-760-7082.
Cribbage, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Pinocle, 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
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

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
Quilting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Billiards, 10 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Weight Watchers, 10:30 a.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 1/2 hour before.
Explore the Bible, 10:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Yankton Alanon, noon, non-smoking session, 1019 W 9th Street
Nurse, 12:30-3:30 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Pinocle, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Wii Bowling, 1 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
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
Partnership Bridge, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
SHINE, 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

THURSDAY

Table Tennis, 8:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Wii Bowling, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Quilting, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Billiards, 10 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Yankton Sertoma, noon, Pizza Ranch, 605-661-7159
Daily Reprieve, noon, non-smoking open meeting, 1019 W 9th street.

Grandparents' Day



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kathryn and her grandma on Beadle School Team First Grade Grandparent's Day on Monday, Sept. 8.

Beadle First Graders Celebrate Grandparents' Day

Beadle School Team First Grade hosted a Grandparents' Day Celebration on Monday, Sept. 8. Students invited their grandparents and "honorary" grandparents to come into our classrooms. About 100 grandparents attended! The students sang songs, colored name tags and enjoyed the company of

these very special people in our lives. Teachers know the important role grandparents play in our students' education. Grandparents not only provide taxi service when needed, but a lap to crawl into to share our books and let our students practice their reading skills. We had a wonderful celebration!

BIRTHDAYS

CLARENCE SIMONSEN

Clarence Simonsen will be celebrating his 99th birthday on Sept. 17, 2014. A card shower is requested in honor of this milestone birthday. Cards may be sent to PO Box 472, Menno, SD 57045.

BEVERLY LOWE

Look who's turning 80! Beverly E. Pike Lowe will be celebrating her birthday on September 22, 2014.



Lowe

RAYMOND SOUKUP

"Dad you haven't changed much over the years!" The family of Raymond A. Soukup requests a 90th birthday card shower. His birthday is on Sept. 21, 2014. Soukup's address is PO Box 761, Wagner SD 57380.



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Nebraska

Horse Groups Not Giving Up Court Ruling

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A ballot measure to allow machine betting on previously run horse races may have died in court this year, but supporters are already looking ahead to press the issue in 2016.

Horse owners and racing groups are pondering their options now that the Nebraska Supreme Court has stripped the issue from this year's ballot. The groups met days after this month's ruling to discuss their options, and will convene again in a few weeks.

"By no means are we stopping," said Todd Veerhusen, president of the Nebraska Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association. "We are not giving up on this. That, I can promise you."

While their plans aren't firm, supporters might try to place the issue on the 2016 ballot through a citizen-led petition drive. Backers of a minimum wage increase took a similar approach and succeeded in placing their issue on the ballot after a minimum wage bill died in the Legislature this year.

They might also try to reintroduce it in the Legislature next year, although it passed this year with 30 votes — the narrowest margin possible — near the end of the session.

Supporters are confident the measure would have passed if it had gone to voters, given its promise of property tax relief.

"We're going to back up a little bit, take a look at some options, and see what direction we should go from here," said Gene McCloud, a Grand Island businessman and race-horse owner who supported the measure. "But we have to fight. We have to continue to fight for our industry."

The measure would have given voters the chance to approve wagering on previously run horse races shown on video screens at Nebraska's five licensed race tracks. It also called for tax revenue from both live and replayed horse races to go toward education, property tax relief and a compulsive gambling treatment program.

Opponents said the machines would effectively open the door to casino gambling because they run as fast as regular slots and can be just as addictive.

The machines allow players to view background information about the horses' records, such as the winning percentage of their trainers or jockeys. They're scrubbed of information that players could use to identify the race, such as a date or location, or the names of horses or jockeys.

In its Sept. 5 decision, the Supreme Court said the measure violated Nebraska's constitutional provision against asking voters to cast one vote on two unrelated issues. The justices said the question of whether to legalize a new form of wagering didn't have a "natural and necessary" connection to the issue

of spending tax revenue on education and property tax relief.

Horse owners and racetrack employees said they're concerned Nebraska will continue to lose business to other states that offer larger purses.

Tracks in Iowa and Minnesota subsidize their horse-racing purses with gambling revenue, which increases the size of the potential winnings for horse owners. That attracts more horses and trainers and creates business for suppliers of hay and feed, McCloud said. Voters in neighboring Colorado will decide this year whether to allow casino-style games at horse racing tracks in three counties.

Without the machines to help fatten its race purses, Fonner Park in Grand Island will struggle to compete against larger operations in nearby states, said Hugh Miner, the park's executive vice president and CEO.

"It's just a shame that the door was slammed on a technicality," Miner said. "But we have to accept it and move on."

Pat Loontjter, director of Gambling with the Good Life, said the court ruling helped avoid a difficult campaign for gambling opponents, who are usually outspoken when issues make it to the ballot. But the ruling will do little to stop gambling groups from pushing the issue again, she said.

"Greed drives that industry," she said. "They will never give up. Ever."

Attorney General Candidate Made Call To Try To Help Heidemann

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Republican candidate for attorney general sought to intervene on behalf of former Lt. Gov. Lavon Heidemann as Heidemann's sister sought a protection order against him, according to a published report.

Doug Peterson, the GOP candidate for attorney general, called the attorney of Heidemann's sister, Lois Bohling, after she applied for the protection order. The Omaha World-Herald reported (<http://bit.ly/1nTkfJi>) Saturday. Both Peterson and Bohling's attorney confirm that they had a conversation, though they dispute what was said.

Bohling's attorney, Steve Mercure, told the newspaper that Peterson threatened to file a defamation lawsuit if Bohling proceeded with her request for the protection order. Peterson denies that, saying he only called Mercure to ask if Bohling had received a letter from Heidemann — a client and friend of his — had sent to her and his two brothers. The letter, he said, had suggested family counseling.

Heidemann resigned from office Tuesday and withdrew as GOP gubernatorial candidate Pete Ricketts' running mate after a judge granted Bohling a domestic abuse protection order.

Bohling said in a sworn statement that her brother grabbed her wrists and pushed her out of their mother's bedroom during an August dispute over farmland and their 84-year-old mother's care.

"The letter is him declaring to his brothers and sister that he's stepping away from all of this (farmland dispute). And then at the end, I think he said it would be best for the whole family if they looked into counseling," Peterson said.

Peterson said he ended the call after he was told that Bohling didn't believe she needed family therapy.

Peterson also said he never discussed Heidemann's situation with Ricketts before calling Bohling's attorney.

Peterson added that he told Heidemann he was not comfortable representing Heidemann in a protection order case.

Heidemann then hired Gene Summerlin, with Husch Blackwell — a law firm with offices around the country and in London. Steve Grasz, Ricketts' campaign attorney, also works for Husch Blackwell.

Summerlin called Mercure on Sept. 5, three days before the protection order was issued, to see whether the two sides could come to a mutual agreement, according to the newspaper. Mercure said he did not object to Summerlin's request to seal the court record on the order from public view.

But Mercure objected, he said, when Summerlin asked if Bohling would agree to both siblings getting a protection order. Summerlin confirmed that the two discussed such an order.

Mercure told the newspaper, "I indicated to him that that would not be acceptable because my client had done nothing wrong, and there was nothing mutual about it."

Noms Sought For South Dakota Retailer Of The Year Award

PIERRE — The South Dakota Retailers Association is inviting customers to nominate their favorite retail store or restaurant for the South Dakota Retailer of the Year Award.

The prestigious award is presented annually to a business owner or manager who runs a top notch business, and plays a positive role in their community.

"There are so many businesses across the state that deserve recognition," says SDR Awards Executive Director Shawn Lyons. "This is a good way for customers, colleagues and vendors to shine

a spotlight on the businesses who go out of their way to make sure their customers have a great experience, and are active in community events."

Individual business owners and managers are eligible for the award, as well as partners, and families who run a business as a team.

Previous recipients of the Retailer of the Year Award include hardware stores, restaurants, grocery stores, clothing stores, flower shops, appliance stores, gift shops, pharmacies, implement dealers, book stores, and other businesses that play a vital

role in the every day life of communities across the state.

Nominations may be mailed, emailed or faxed by Oct. 31. Nomination forms and instructions are available from the SDR Awards website at www.sdra.org/Education-Events/RetailerofYear. Rather than using the official form, nominations for the Retailer of the Year Award may also be submitted by letter to SDR Awards at PO Box 638, Pierre, SD 57501, by fax at 605.224.2059 or by email at donna@sdra.org.

A committee of retailers will then select the recipient, who will be honored at the

SDRA Awards Banquet in Pierre in January. The event is attended by legislators and state officials, as well as by business people from across the state.

Nominees who are finalists for the Award will receive a Certificate of Distinguished Service by mail.

For more information, contact the South Dakota Retailers Association in Pierre at (605) 224-5050 or toll-free at 800-658-5545, visit the Association's website at www.sdra.org/Education-Events/RetailerofYear or email donna@sdra.org.

War

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Secretary of State John Kerry "over the coming days" will discuss whether any allied nation has pledged ground troops. "And what he has said is that others have suggested that they're willing to do that," McDonough said.

Pressed again on possible pledges of combat troops, McDonough seemed slightly less hesitant. "You will hear from Secretary Kerry that countries are saying that they're ready to do that," he said.

Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott said Sunday his nation is preparing to contribute 600 troops and up to 10 military aircraft to the campaign against the Islamic State group extremists.

For the last week, Kerry has traveled across the Mideast, to Turkey and finally Paris, to pin down nations on what kind of support they will give to a global coalition. But Kerry has refused to detail what countries have committed. He said some nations are still deciding whether their contributions will target foreign fighters or financiers

helping the militant group, send more humanitarian aid to Syrian and Iraqi refugees, mount a propaganda campaign to decry the extremists' brand of radical Islam or join a military mission.

Kerry cited reports that France is prepared to use air power against the Islamic militants. On Monday, Paris will host international talks seeking a strategy against the militants in Iraq, where they have overrun vast swaths of territory in the country's north and west.

But the militant group's safe haven is in Syria, among numerous Sunni rebel factions that have fought for more than three years to unseat President Bashar Assad.

Several Arab countries offered to conduct airstrikes against the Islamic State group, according to a State Department official traveling with Kerry who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity to discuss diplomatic developments during his trip.

Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, suggested Sunday that enlisting greater help from Mideast allies might not be so difficult. McCaul, who chairs the House Homeland Security Committee, told CBS' "Face the Nation" that he recently met "with the prince of Jordan," who "said he is ready today to put his troops into Syria to fight ISIS. So I don't

know why we wouldn't consider that option of all the Arab nations." McCaul's staff said he was referring to Prince Feisal Bin Al-Husseini.

Congress plans votes, possibly this week, on Obama's request for authority to train and equip moderate Syrian rebels to fight the Islamic militants in Syria. Leaders of both parties have generally expressed support for the plan.

But some lawmakers worry that U.S. arms given to Syrian rebels might wind up being used against Americans or their allies in that violence-torn nation enduring a three-way war.

"I don't think arming the rebels in this instance is necessarily going to be productive," Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., said on "Face the Nation."

"We spent years training the Iraqi forces," Gillibrand said, "and ISIS was able to cut through them like butter."

McDonough, on "Fox News Sunday," defended the idea of training and arming Syrian rebels. Since the U.S. is not sending ground troops, he said, "we ought to make sure that the Syrians are taking this fight, which is their fight, to ISIL."

Kerry is scheduled to testify to congressional committees Wednesday and Thursday. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel will address the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday.

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