

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.

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.
Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters, noon, Benedictine Center; open session 605-665-6776
Pinochle, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Dominos, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Weight Watchers, 4 p.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 1/2 hour before.
Weight Watchers, 5:30 p.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 1/2 hour before.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS #SD 45), Weigh-in 5:30-6:30 p.m., meeting 6:30-7:30. RTEC building, 1200 W. 21st St. For more information call 605-665-3738 or 667-9274.
Yankton Area Banquet, 6 p.m., United Church of Christ, Fifth and Walnut
Celebrate Recovery, 7 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Youth Room #4, 2407 Broadway, Yankton, 605-665-5594
Freeman Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., non-smoking closed meeting, City Hall, 3rd and Poplar, Freeman.
Yankton Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30 p.m., open session, 1019 W 9th St.
Yankton Alanon, 8:30 p.m., 1019 W 9th Street

THIRD THURSDAY

HSC Friendship Club, 5 p.m., October: Legacy Bar and Grill, Newcastle, Neb. 605-665-5956.
Catholic Daughters (Court Willard 967), 7 p.m., at Sacred Heart Catholic Church/Community Gathering Space, Yankton (September through June).

LAST THURSDAY

Yankton Connecting Artists, 7 p.m., GAR Hall Gallery, 508 Douglas, Yankton. For more information, call 605-857-0896.

FRIDAY

Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m., 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 meeting, 1019 W 9th Street.
Bridge, 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
Vermillion Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., non-smoking closed session, 16 1/2 Court St, Vermillion
Porchlight, 8 p.m., non-smoking closed session, United Church of Christ, 210 W 5th Street

SECOND FRIDAY

Parkinson Support Group, 1:30 p.m., Avera Professional Pavilion, Room III. (No meeting in December). For information, call 605-665-7158
Scrapbooking, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton.

FOURTH FRIDAY

Scrapbooking, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton.

SATURDAY

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294, 7:30 a.m., Fry'n Pan Restaurant. Open session; call 605-665-8448.
Weight Watchers, 9 a.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 1/2 hour before.
Each Day a New Beginning, 10 a.m., non-smoking closed session, 1019 W 9th Street
Daily Reprieve, noon, non-smoking closed session, 1019 W 9th Street.
Vermillion Unity Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. closed session, Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark, Vermillion.

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 a.m., closed meeting, 1019 W. 9th Street
Tyndall Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., non-smoking, 1609 Laurel St., Tyndall
Vermillion Unity Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., closed meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark, Vermillion

FOURTH SUNDAY

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), 3 p.m., Peace Presbyterian Church, 206 E. 31st St.

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

U.S. Hits ISIS In Both Syria And Iraq

BY RYAN LUCAS
Associated Press

BEIRUT — U.S. fighter jets and bombers expanded their aerial campaign against Islamic State targets Wednesday, striking the militants in both Syria and Iraq even as the extremists pressed their offensive in Kurdish areas within sight of the Turkish border, where fleeing refugees told of civilians beheaded and towns torched.

President Barack Obama, speaking at the United Nations, vowed an extended assault and called on the world to join in.

"The only language understood by killers like this is the language of force, so the United States of America will work with a broad coalition to dismantle this network of death," he told the U.N. General Assembly in a 38-minute speech. "Today, I ask the world to join in this effort."

In Syria, hard-line rebels aligned with a faction fighting to oust President Bashar Assad, but considered too radical by the U.S., packed up their heavy weapons and evacuated their bases over fears the Obama administration would target all fighters deemed a potential threat to the United States.

Wednesday's strikes marked the second day of a broadened U.S. military operation against the Islamic State group, after a barrage of more than 200 strikes on some two dozen targets in Syria a day earlier. That campaign, which the White House has warned could last years, builds upon the air raids the U.S. has already been conducting for more than a month against the extremists in Iraq.

The ultimate aim of the Obama administration and its Arab partners is to destroy the Islamic State group, which through brute force has carved out a proto-state in the heart of the Middle East, effectively erasing the border between Iraq and Syria. Along the way, the extremist faction has massacred captured soldiers, terrorized religious minorities and beheaded two American journalists and a British aid worker.

On Wednesday, Algerian extremists aligned with the Islamic State group declared in a video that they had beheaded a fourth hostage — a Frenchman seized in Algeria on Sunday — in retaliation for France joining the aerial assault against the militants in

Wednesday airstrikes

U.S. and coalition aircraft launched five airstrikes early Wednesday against terrorist targets in Iraq and Syria



Iraq. French President Francois Hollande said France would not be deterred by the act of "barbarity."

"This particular group ... they don't strike only those who don't think like they do. They also strike Muslims. ... They rape, they kill," a visibly upset Hollande told the U.N. General Assembly. "It is for this reason that the fight the international community needs to wage versus terrorism knows no borders."

Meanwhile, U.S. allies lined up in support of the aerial campaign. The Dutch government announced it would send six F-16 fighter jets along with 250 pilots and support staff to strike at Islamic State targets in Iraq, while British Prime Minister David Cameron's office said Parliament had been recalled to debate Britain's response to a request to support the airstrikes.

U.S. and coalition forces hit a dozen targets in Syria that included small-scale oil refineries that have been providing millions of dollars a day in income to the Islamic State, the U.S. Central Command said. Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates took part, along with U.S. aircraft.

Earlier, U.S. strikes damaged Islamic State vehicles in Syria near the Iraqi border town of Qaim, the U.S. Central Command said. It also reported hitting two Islamic State armed vehicles west of

Baghdad, as well as two militant fighting positions in northern Iraq.

In a separate statement, Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Kirby said the strikes in eastern Syria hit a staging area used by the militants to move equipment across the border into Iraq.

Despite the start of the coalition campaign, Islamic State fighters continued their advance against Syrian Kurdish militiamen around the town of Ayn Arab, known to Kurds as Kobani, near the Turkish border, where refugees fleeing into Turkey reported the beheading of captives and the torching of homes.

A Kurdish militiaman fighting to protect the city said Islamic State militants were less than half a mile (one kilometer) from the outskirts Wednesday.

Weary refugees arriving in Turkey described atrocities at the hands of the Islamic State militants. Osman Nawaf, 59, said he saw about 50 bodies hanging headless in the village of Boras when he passed it on his three-day walk from a village on the outskirts of Kobani.

The fighting near Kobani could be seen from hilltops in Turkey. Kurds from Turkey and Syria cheered on the Kurdish fighters from one hilltop, while the fighters signaled back with mortar fire. Halil Aslan, a 48 year-old

local villager in Turkey, recounted seeing Islamic State tanks roll into a village on the Syrian side.

"They shelled the place with tanks and mortars," he said. "We could hear them falling on those hills."

A video posted online showed what appeared to be Islamic State fighters toting assault rifles and fanning out across a dusty field in the Kobani area. A later clip showed a field cannon firing a shell toward a town located across a rolling expanse of brown fields, followed by a puff of smoke in the distance. The video appeared genuine and corresponded to other AP reporting of the events.

In the opening salvo of the air campaign inside Syria on Tuesday, the U.S. also hit al-Qaida's Syria branch, known as the Nusra Front. American officials said the strikes targeted the so-called Khorasan Group, a cell within the Nusra Front made up of hardened jihadis they said pose a direct and imminent threat to the United States.

On Wednesday, the Nusra Front said it was evacuating its compounds near civilian areas in Idlib and Aleppo provinces in northern Syria, according to the Aleppo Media Center activist group. The decision followed a U.S. airstrike on a Nusra Front base in the village of Kiar Derian that killed around a dozen fighters and 10 civilians, activists said.

Another Syrian rebel group, Ahrar al-Sham, was also clearing out of its bases, according to the Observatory. It said the group issued a statement calling for fighters to limit the use of wireless communication devices to emergencies, to move heavy weapons and conceal them, and to warn civilians to stay away from the group's camps.

Ahrar al-Sham has been among the most effective forces fighting to oust Assad in Syria's civil war, and has also been on the front lines of a 9-month battle against the Islamic State group. But the U.S. has long looked askance at Ahrar al-Sham, considering it too radical and too cozy with the Nusra Front.

An activist in Idlib who goes by the name of Mohammed confirmed the Ahrar al-Sham evacuations. He did not know of any strikes against the group, but said the fighters thought they would be targeted by the U.S.-led coalition because of their ultraconservative Islamic beliefs.

FBI Report: Mass Shootings Occuring More Often

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of shootings in which a gunman wounds or kills multiple people has increased dramatically in recent years, with the majority of attacks in the last decade occurring at a business or a school, according to an FBI report released Wednesday.

The study focused on 160 "active shooter incidents" between 2000 and 2013. Those are typically defined as cases in which a gunman in an attack shoots or attempts to shoot multiple

people in a populated area.

The goal of the report, which excluded shootings that are gang and drug related, was to identify common themes and to help local law enforcement prepare for or respond to similar killings in the future, law enforcement officials said.

"These incidents, the large majority of them, are over in minutes. So it's going to have to be a teaching and training of the best tactics, techniques and procedures to our state and local partners," said James F. Yacone, an FBI assistant director

who oversees crisis response and was involved in the report.

According to the report, an average of six shootings occurred in the first seven years that were studied. That average rose to more than 16 shootings per year in the past seven years of the study. That period included the 2012 shootings at a movie theater in Aurora, Colorado and at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, as well as last year's massacre at the Washington Navy Yard in which a gunman killed 12 people before dying in a police shootout.

Dave Says

Tithing And Giving While Getting Out Of Debt

BY DAVE RAMSEY
www.daveramsey.com

Dear Dave,
Do you recommend that people continue tithing and giving while getting out of debt?

—Sarah

Dear Sarah,
If you're tithing, that would refer to you being a Christian or of the Jewish faith. To the best of my knowledge, those are the only two religions where tithing is taught as a part of the faith. The word literally means "a tenth," as in a tenth of your income.

If you are an evangelical Christian, what does Scripture say? It says to take the tithe off the top before you do anything else. You keep doing it always, not from a legalistic perspective, but because it's part of God's instructions on the best way to live. It gives you a baseline for giving and generosity.

Then, get yourself and your household cleaned up and in good financial shape before engaging in other acts of giving, which are called offerings. This is the normal process that Scripture outlines. But remember, God is crazy about you and loves you very much. When you give, it's the act of being unselfish and putting others first.

—Dave

TWO FREE SPIRITS

Dear Dave,
What's your advice to a couple when they're both Free Spirits with money?

—Steve

Dear Steve,
Being a Free Spirit just

means you don't major in details. You're not the number cruncher, and you don't wear a pocket protector. But being a Free Spirit doesn't mean you can't be a grown up. Maturity isn't what I'm talking about here, and neither is initiative. I'm just talking about your personality style, and how you address life in general.

In my house, I'm the Nerd and my wife is the Free Spirit. I'm a naturally detail-oriented person who likes a solid, well-reasoned plan. My wife enjoys a plan, and she doesn't mind sticking to one, but that's not her default button. It doesn't mean you're not a grown up just because your default button doesn't go straight to spreadsheets. And just because you're like that doesn't mean you can't lay out a game plan and say, "Hey, we make too much money to waste it all. We

have too much coming in every month to be deep in debt and broke!"

Being a Free Spirit just means you have to concentrate a little harder on the details, because those kinds of things just aren't your nature. I mean, you have to pay attention to enough of the basic details if you want to win with money, but that's true with almost any endeavor.

Want to know something else I've noticed about Free Spirits? In most cases, they're extremely generous people. When they care about something or someone, they really care. And the fact that you're thinking about these things leads me to believe you're going to be all right. Just be intentional, Steve. Do it with a goal and a plan in mind, and do it on purpose!

—Dave

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