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# A Week United

## Local United Way Set To Announce Funding Goal

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United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton is encouraging the community to help make a difference in the area with its annual Live United Week.

Lauren Hanson, executive director for United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton, told the Press & Dakotan that the week of festivities is about educating the public and celebration.

"Live United Week is a week where we bring awareness about what United Way is all about," Hanson said. "We celebrate partnerships with our agencies, volunteers and companies in the community that participate (as) our donors. We're just kind of celebrating working together to make our community a better place."

The week kicked off last Friday night at the Yankton Bucks football game where volunteers handed out information and miniature footballs for kids. Businesses

across town have also been encouraged to put "Live United" on their marquees.

Tonight (Tuesday) marks the campaign kickoff and donor appreciation event at the Avera Professional Pavilion. The event will include refreshments and the announcement of the 2015 campaign goal. The public is invited to the event.

Last year's campaign goal was \$500,000. Wednesday will mark the group's "Big



ROB NIELSEN/P&D  
Tara Bartekoske, Carolyn Becker and Barb Olson of United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton were on hand at Crane Youngworth Field Friday night to help kick off the group's annual Live United Week.

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## Wagner Honors Heroes



ROB NIELSEN/P&D  
Representatives from Commercial State Bank of Wagner ride in the 115th annual Wagner Labor Day Parade Monday morning. This year's theme was "Honoring Our Heroes," to honor the soldiers of Wagner's 155th Engineering Company of the South Dakota National Guard, which recently shipped out for deployment in Kuwait.

# Bravo Battery To Showcase Changes

## Annual Open House Slated For Saturday At Armory

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Community members and National Guard families alike will get a chance to see how the South Dakota National Guard's Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion 147th Field Artillery unit operates — and how it's changing — during the Yankton Armory's annual open house this Saturday.

The open house is set for Saturday, Sept. 12,

from 12:30-4 p.m. The armory is located at 1000 W. 31st St.

Sgt. Rob Buechler told the Press & Dakotan that there will be a number of activities for everyone.

"We will have some of our weapons systems out for the public to view," Buechler said. "They'll be unloaded, so if they want to play around with them, they can, too. There will be soldiers there to answer questions about the

weapons systems. We'll also have vehicles out for the public to view and the kids can clamber in and out of them if they want to and put the helmets on."

Sgt. Brooks Schild of Bravo Battery told the Press & Dakotan that people will also have a chance to see armory upgrades made to facilitate a piece of the battery's history.

"In September, on the 12th, we're going to get our first female soldier ever that's been

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## Death Penalty

# Stakes Are Raised For Foes In Nebraska

BY GRANT SCHULTE  
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — When the Nebraska Legislature abolished the death penalty three months ago, opponents of capital punishment hailed the vote as a sign that red-state conservative lawmakers increasingly view the punishment as expensive, inefficient and morally questionable.

Now, they face a much more daunting task: persuading voters to see it the same way.

Supporters and opponents are preparing for a campaign that will test the notion that sentiment in Nebraska has changed. Death penalty opponents have promised a vigorous campaign, but even some of their coalition members acknowledge they could struggle to sway voters.

"I do think it's an uphill battle because it's such an emotional issue," said Bryan Baumgart, a former Douglas County Republican Party chairman who has fought to repeal the death penalty. "It's a lot easier to play to emotion than it is to present facts and reason. Our challenge is going to be to make sure we provide Nebraskans with the same information that the Legislature received."

Nebraskans for the Death Penalty, which was heavily financed by Republican Gov. Pete Ricketts and his father, announced last month it had gathered 166,692 signatures from all 93 counties — nearly three times the minimum number needed to place the issue on the November 2016 ballot.

The petition drive began after

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## Labor Day 2015

# Obama Pushes Paid Sick Leave

BY JOSH LEDERMAN  
Associated Press

BOSTON — Courting unions on Labor Day, President Barack Obama denounced Republicans for a "constant attack on working Americans" and said he was using his executive power to force federal contractors to give paid sick leave to their employees.

Obama was met with resounding applause at a major union rally and breakfast in Boston on Monday when he said he had signed the executive order aboard Air Force One as he flew in to mark Labor Day. He said Republicans who claim the mantle of middle-class

protectors are talking big, but they "have to walk the walk."

Obama said opponents of his economic policies "won't let facts or evidence get in their way."

"You just wait, you look up at the sky and prosperity will come raining down on us from the top of whatever high-rise in New York City," he said sarcastically. "But that's not how the economy works." He added that the GOP's mindset has been "wrecking the economy for a long, long time."



Obama

The Labor Day gesture to workers' groups came as Obama works to smooth over tensions with the labor movement over his trade agenda. Major unions are opposing Obama's push for sweeping new trade deals with Asia and Europe, with some threatening to work against Democrats who voted to support those talks in Congress. Unions have warned that the deals could lead to the widespread job elimination. Obama has signed a law providing money to retrain workers if their jobs get shipped overseas.

Under the executive order, em-

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## Out Of The Wild



ROB NIELSEN/P&D  
The Wilderness performs during the Old Roads Music Festival Saturday afternoon. The 2015 lineup included 16 bands and more than 12 hours of music.

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