

Letter to Editor

Goaltending in basketball and healthcare

Goaltending is an act that unfairly obstructs attainment of a desired goal.

The Northwestern Wildcats earned their first ever invitation to the NCAA basketball tournament this year. With five minutes remaining in their second game, Northwestern was only five points behind Gonzaga. Northwestern clearly had the momentum. Then a Gonzaga fist reached into the center of the cylinder to punch a Wildcat dunk up and out. Goaltending wasn't called so the two-point dunk basket didn't count. Gonzaga quickly scored four more points after a technical foul was called against Northwestern's coach for sideline shouting. The point spread should have been three but had quickly increased to nine points. The Wildcats never recovered.

Gonzaga's goaltending occurred during a moment of heated competition. Republican obstructive acts are clearly strategic and well planned. Obamacare originally provided a "risk corridor" for reimbursing companies for insurance losses. Until 2015, this was primarily funded by taxing the richest of the rich. When Republicans gutted this "risk corridor" in 2015, the reimbursement fund fell by \$2.5 billion. Many participating insurance companies were forced to raise prices and/or move out of a state. With Republicans there is always more to the story.

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The YANKTON COUNTY
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IN A MINUTES NOTICE

Part seven

Yankton Co. spends less per person than similar counties

Editor's Note: This is the seventh story in an Observer series titled "In a Minutes Notice." These articles highlight important information in meeting minutes and other public notices in newspapers. Part seven calculates Yankton County's dollars-per-person appropriations, compared to seven other South Dakota counties in the same population range.

Yankton County's current per capita spending is lowest in a review of eight 2017 budgets from South Dakota counties of similar size.

Yankton County has a population of 22,702 residents, according to 2015 U.S. Census Bureau estimates. Yankton County's 2017 budget is \$13,587,535, which means county services are delivered at a cost of **\$599** per resident.

Davison County (pop. 19,858) has a 2017 budget of \$12,218,000, which amounts to **\$615** per county resident.

Clay County (pop. 13,964) has a 2017 budget of \$9,721,576, which equals **\$696** per resident.

Beadle County (pop. 18,372) has a 2017 budget of \$13,358,291, which equals **\$727** per resident.

Meade County (pop. 26,986) has a 2017 budget of \$20,604,883, which equals **\$764** per resident.

Lawrence County (pop. 24,827) has a 2017 budget of \$19,485,027, which equals **\$785** per resident.

Hughes County (pop. 17,555) has a 2017 budget of \$15,827,323, which equals **\$902** per resident.

Union County (pop. 14,909) has a 2017 budget of \$14,686,021, which equals **\$985** per resident.

Road/Bridge spending low: Yankton County has the smallest 2017 road and bridge budget of the eight counties listed above.

Highway department appropriations include: Meade County, \$7.29 million; Lawrence County, \$6.12 million; Beadle County, \$5.02 million; Hughes County, \$4.73 million; Union County, \$4.30 million; Davison County, \$3.61 million; Clay County, \$3.58 million; and Yankton County,



Yankton County budget hearings are conducted in June and July at the Yankton County Government Center.

\$3.45 million.

Yankton County's 2017 highway department budget is down from \$4.29 million in 2016 and \$4.14 million in 2015. It was initially approved at \$4.07 million for 2017, but county commissioners made cuts after voters rejected a special property tax levy for roads and bridges in November.

If the levy had passed, Yankton County would rank sixth instead of eighth in the eight-county comparison of 2017 highway department budgets.

Million-dollar milestones: It took 61 years for Yankton County's government budget to grow from \$1 million to its current level in the \$13 million range. Following are milestone years in Yankton County's budget history:

- 1954: \$1 million** (\$1,082,557)
- 1977: \$2 million** (\$2,044,660)
- 1984: \$3 million** (\$3,007,035)
- 1999: \$5 million** (\$5,046,780)
- 2010: \$10 million** (\$10,954,854)
- 2015: \$13 million** (\$13,628,807)

Source material: 2017 budgets for Yankton County, Meade County, Lawrence County, Beadle County, Hughes County, Union County, Davison County, and Clay County; Yankton County budgets from 1954-2017; 2015 U.S. Census Bureau population estimates.

MIDWEST OIL

	55 or 30 Gallon Drum	5 Gallon Pail
XHD 30W	\$8.08 Per Gal.	\$48.45
XHD 10-30	\$7.75 Per Gal.	\$46.10
XHD 15-40	\$7.75 Per Gal.	\$46.05
XHD 10W	\$7.67 Per Gal.	\$42.55
Heavy Med. Hyd. Oil	\$7.14 Per Gal.	\$43.75
Medium Hyd. Oil	\$6.96 Per Gal.	\$42.85
UTF Fluid	\$7.01 Per Gal.	\$42.25
	30 Gallon Drum	5 Gallon Pail
Gearlube 80-90	\$8.56 Per Gal.	\$48.55
Gearlube 85-140	\$9.07 Per Gal.	\$53.40
ATF Dexron III	\$7.08 Per Gal.	\$43.75

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ConocoPhillips

T5X 30W		SHD II 15-40 or FLEET 15-40	
55 Gal. Drum	\$9.49/gal.	55 Gal. Drum	\$10.00/gal.
30 Gal. Drum	\$10.49/gal.	30 Gal. Drum	\$11.00/gal.
5 Gal. Pail	\$10.79/gal.	5 Gal. Pail	\$11.30/gal.
12 Qt. Case	\$11.40/gal.	12 Qt. Case	\$12.08/gal.

HG FLUID		POWER TRAN	
55 Gal. Drum	\$8.54/gal.	55 Gal. Drum	\$8.54/gal.
30 Gal. Drum	\$10.49/gal.	30 Gal. Drum	\$10.49/gal.
5 Gal. Pail	\$9.84/gal.	5 Gal. Pail	\$9.84/gal.

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10 Pack Tubes	\$24.50 Per Pk.		
5 Gal. Pail	\$89.25 Per Pail		

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30 Gal. Drum Superlube 518 30W	\$11.67 Per Gal.
30 Gal. Drum Superlube TMS 15-40	\$12.42 Per Gal.
30 Gal. Drum Qwiklift HTB	\$11.70 Per Gal.
Case 4-10 Packs Bluegard Grease	\$108.50 Per Case
10-Pack Bluegard Grease	\$27.25 Per Pk.
2 x 2 1/2 Container 518 30W	\$12.06 Per Gal.
2 x 2 1/2 Container TMS 15-40	\$12.88 Per Gal.

Prices Effective thru April 30, 2017

UNITED BULK LUBRICANTS

Universal Tractor Fluid	\$6.40 Per Gal.
15-40 CJ 4	\$8.46 Per Gal.

DIESEL EXHAUST FLUID

55 Gal. Drum:	2.5 Gal. Jug:	Tote:
\$2.50 Per Gal.	\$4.58 Per Gal.	\$2.30 Per Gal.

Prices Effective thru April 30, 2017

Mobil

	55 Gallon Drum	5 Gallon Pail
Mobil Delvac 1300 15-40	\$11.23 Per Gal.	\$12.92 Per Gal.
Shell Rotella 15-40 CJ-4	\$11.35 Per Gal.	\$12.73 Per Gal.

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