

Wire Me Awake conference to be held March 5 at USD

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Next week the Muenster University Center (MUC) will be a gathering place for area entrepreneurs and students interested in getting ideas, learning new things and networking.

On March 5, the MUC will be the site of the third Wire Me Awake conference, which aims to promote various aspects of entrepreneurship.

"We do that by showing some success stories of people who've done tremendously well, and we also hope to have some track discussions where people can actually contribute so they're not just being told what to do, they're also helping others," said Ben Hanten, conference organizer and co-founder.

In addition to being the site of the conference, USD – the Beacom School of Business, specifically – is its primary sponsor.

Hanten said this developed after the previous Wire Me Awake, which took place last October.

"We actually put together the third one on very short order because of the school's schedule," Hanten said. "Our first couple of years, we had about 160 people attend. We've still got about a week left of ticket sales, but we're hoping that our University of South Dakota event might be pushing about 300 attendees."

"This will be definitely our biggest numbers, and because of our partnership with the U, we've been able to attract a lot more students," he said.

USD's involvement also enabled the conference to host a student business competition that offers \$4,000 to its first-place winner, \$3,000 to the second, \$2,000 to the third and \$1,000 to the fourth.

"Really, that is something that's not only getting a little attention from the schools, but somebody could basically win a

free semester of college out of that," Hanten said. "But it's cash, it's not a scholarship, so it's kind of nice."

Among the main activities are three speakers, Jeffrey Hayzlett, Jenny Blake and Dario Meli.

A Sioux Falls native, Hayzlett hosts "C-Suite," the number-one primetime show on Bloomberg Television.

"He is going to be speaking about what it takes to survive in a business going forward in 2014 and beyond," Hanten said.

Blake is a former Google employee and author of the book, "Life After College." "Her goal is to speak specifically to students about crafting (their) goals and (their) missions right after college," Hanten said.

Meli is co-founder of a company called Hootsuite and currently works at Quietly in Canada.

"His message is to say that the world of start-ups isn't limited to Silicon Valley and San Francisco,

and he's going to show why places like South Dakota, Canada and others might be positioned better ... for start-ups," Hanten said.

Wire Me Awake's offerings continue into the afternoon with a trio of breakout group discussions.

Individuals who are interested in attending Wire Me Awake can find ticket information at the event's official Web site, <http://wiremeawake.com/>.

"We don't necessarily have a deadline, but we might have a sellout this year, which we've never had to worry about before," Hanten said. "We are limited to 350 (attendees), and that includes all speakers, judges and volunteers, so we probably have less than 50 tickets left."

"Part of that is the MUC is limited on space, and the other thing is (the afternoon breakout sessions) will have much more impact if they have 30, 40, 50 people in the room, and not 150," he said.

Wire Me Awake has been held in the past at the National Field Archery Association headquarters in Yankton, and was organized by Hanten, Chad Ekroth, Dan Specht and Thomas Ritchie.

Hanten said that while it might sound clichéd, he feels the biggest things attendees get from the conference are networking opportunities.

"We really hope that people who are starting off in business, people who are interested in starting a business, and people who have expertise can connect," he said. "We really hope we can accelerate some people's plans for businesses."

"This doesn't have to be just for entrepreneurs," he said. "This might also be a recharge for people who are working at a normal business job and trying to look at innovative ways and new approaches in business that will only help everyone."

Common Core battles reach an end in House

By Bob Mercer

State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE – The last battles in the Legislature over Common Core ended in victory Tuesday for supporters of the new academic standards for math and English language.

The House of Representatives voted 45-24 against an anti-Common Core resolution brought by Rep. Stace Nelson, R-Fulton.

House members also refused 42-27 to debate one of the pieces of legislation from the leader of the Common Core opposition, Rep. Jim Bolin, R-Canton.

Bolin wanted to let parents withhold their children from participating in achievement tests such as those related to Common Core.

Every piece of legislation that sought to derail or analyze Common Core standards has lost so far this year. There are two-plus weeks remaining in the 2014 session, but lawmakers can't introduce any more bills without suspending the rules.

The state Board of Education adopted the Common Core standards for math and English in November 2010. Public schools throughout South Dakota are using them this year, and opponents began protesting at state board meetings last year.

Tuesday marked the deadline for all bills to pass or fail in their house of origin. Bolin managed to get one of his Common Core bills passed before the afternoon ended.

House members agreed the state board needs to slow down and provide more time for public comments in the future, when the board considers multi-state changes for academic standards in South Dakota.

Under Bolin's bill, the state board would need to observe intervals of at least 60 days between public hearings in Aberdeen, Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Pierre. The state board would need to provide public notice of each hearing at least 14 days in advance.

House members voted 59-9 in favor. HB 1075 moves to the Senate next.

No one spoke against it. Bolin said it would become unnecessary if the House

adopts another measure that has already passed in the Senate.

Bolin referred to SB 64, one of several Common Core-related bills sponsored by Sen. Ernie Otten, R-Tea.

Otten's measure would prohibit the state board from adopting any additional multi-state standards until July 1, 2016. It doesn't contain Bolin's 60-day interval requirement but it would set a stricter 30-day public notice requirement.

Otten also would require that a quorum of state board members be at each of the four required public hearings.

The Senate adopted Otten's bill 28-6 on Jan. 23 and the House Education Committee endorsed it 14-1 on Feb. 5. The House has deferred action on it since then.

Otten has a second Common Core-related bill pending in the House too. SB 63 would place sharp restrictions on the use and sharing of individual students' information. It is supported by the state Department of Education.

That bill won approval in the Senate 34-0 on Jan. 23. The House committee amended one piece of the bill and endorsed the amended version 12-0 on Feb. 7. It now awaits a decision by the full House.

If the House committee's amendment stays on the bill, it will need to return to the Senate for a decision on whether to agree or further negotiate.

The Nelson resolution Tuesday drew opposition from Republicans and Democrats. Two of the Republicans, Rep. Mike Stevens of Yankton and Rep. Jacqueline Sly of Rapid City, said the statement was filled with inaccuracies.

One of the Democrats who argued against it was Rep. Julie Bartling of Gregory. "We are better than this. South Dakota is better than this," Bartling said.

Nelson responded to the Republicans that the resolution was based on a resolution approved in April 2013 by the Republican National Committee.

"Why on God's green earth would we gamble on the future of our children? It's unconscionable," Nelson said.

March is Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

"Ability at Work" is the theme for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month 2014.

South Dakota's Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Network comprised of South Dakota Advocacy Services, South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities, and Center for Disabilities at Sanford School of Medicine at USD, and other related organizations celebrate Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in March, and invite you to consider the true meaning of this year's theme, "Ability at Work!"

South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard has signed a proclamation declaring March as

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness month in South Dakota.

Statewide, and across the nation, organizations devoted to serving individuals with developmental disabilities are planning special events in March to raise public awareness of the many abilities people have, regardless of disability.

"Ability at Work" encourages people to understand that when people with disabilities are welcomed into local neighborhoods, workplaces, houses of worship, and schools everyone wins.

"This is a time when our organization focuses on encouraging the public to better understand the

individuals we serve," said Robert J. Kean, executive director of SD Advocacy Services.

"During Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, we encourage people to learn more about people in this community who have developmental disabilities and to recognize that all of us have talents and abilities that we can offer to make this a better place to live," commented Arlene Poncelet the Director of the SD Council on Developmental Disabilities.

"We are fortunate to have in our state a diverse group of South Dakotans who each bring unique talents to the table that should be celebrated," said

Wendy-Parent Johnson, Center for Disabilities executive director. "Being aware is just the start, and the more every one of us understands that we are all in this together, we'll move beyond awareness and recognize everyone's current and potential contributions at work, at school, and in the community."

Kean, Poncelet, and Parent-Johnson encourage everyone to get acquainted with someone who has a developmental disability.

"You'll learn that everyone has something to offer and that when we are all together our communities are stronger, we accomplish more, and everyone wins!" said Kean.

FOR THE RECORD

Cases Disposed 2/14-20/2014

Krystal Lynn Halter, 20 Willow St. #201, Vermillion; Municipal – furnishing alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Lori Ann Schultz, 215 Louis Ave. Apt. 8, North Sioux City, SD; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

William D. Cook, Jr., 1107 W. 14th Street, Yankton; Violation stopped vehicle wired/amber/yellow signals/lights, \$54.00 plus costs

Terri Lynn Petersen, 807 Cottage #23, Vermillion; Allow dog to run at large, \$50.00 plus costs

Timothy Paul Bellis, 1840 Constance Drive, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Shelby G. Chester, 306 Sellars St., Quinby, IA; Prohibition of use of electronic message, \$54.00

plus costs
Laurie Jo Larson, 854 Eastgate Drive, Vermillion; Speed on four-lane in rural areas \$39.00 plus costs

Salli A. Nothdurft, 907 St. Andrews Drive, Beresford; Speed on four-lane in rural areas, \$19.00 plus costs

Tanner Todd Akland, 47160 304th Street, Beresford; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, \$204.00 plus costs; Speeding on other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Michael Philip Lawrence, 2005 Locust Lane #8, Yankton; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$54.00 plus costs

Tamie Renae Nielsen, 29574 451st Ave., Irene; County speeding, \$39.00 plus costs

Amanda Marie Louise Hazel, 509 W. 3rd St., Laurel, NE; Alteration of

license plates, \$54.00 plus costs; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, \$204.00 plus costs
Zachary L. Berndt, 3234 Park View Blvd., Sioux City, IA; Speeding on other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Tisha Dee Hofer, 2916 Broadway Ave. #201, Yankton; Speeding on interstate highway, \$39.00 plus costs

Danielle Lee Stevenson, 813 W. Main Street, Vermillion; Fail to stop for emergency vehicle, \$54.00 plus costs

Keith Edward Lane, 425 N. Indiana Ave., Sioux Falls; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs
Briana Nicole Kotalik, 501 McCook St., Gayville; County speeding, \$160.00 plus costs

Claudia Roselene Russell, 1301 Meadow View Rd., Yankton; Speeding on other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

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The Citizens of the Township of Vermillion in the county of Clay, South Dakota and who are qualified to vote at Township elections, are hereby notified that the Annual Township Meeting for said Township will be held at Clay County 4-H Center, 515 High Street, in said Township, on TUESDAY, the 4th day of March next, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., for the following purposes:

To elect one Supervisor for the term of three years; one Township Clerk, one Treasurer, each for the term of one year; one Constable for the term of two years.

To let bids for snow removal, road maintenance and gravel for township roads for the upcoming year. Bids may be sent to:

Michelle Hauck Township Clerk
2719 Falcon Court
Vermillion, SD 57069

and to do any other business proper to be done at said meeting when convened.

Given under my hand this 15th day of February A.D., 2014.

Michelle L Hauck, Township Clerk

Have IRA questions? Let's talk.



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