

## COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

The Community Notebook 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, PO Box 56, Yankton, SD 57078, or e-mail to newsroom@yankton.net.

### Thursday

**Youth Alive**, 7:45 a.m., YHS Library.  
**Table tennis/darts**, 8:30 a.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.  
**Wii bowling**, 9 a.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.  
**Ladies Billiards**, 10 a.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.  
**Sertoma**, noon, Waterfront.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous Daily Reprieve**, noon, 12-24 Club, 1019 W 9th.  
**Toastmasters Club No. 6217**, noon, Sacred Heart Hospital, (605)668-8326.  
**Thursday cards**, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.  
**Dominos**, 1 p.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.  
**Cribbage**, 1 p.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.  
**Senior Bowling**, 1:30 p.m., Centennial Lanes, Croton, (402) 388-4640.  
**Weight Watchers**, 5:30 p.m., 23rd St. Suites, 904 W. 23rd, 1-800-651-6000.  
**TOPS No. SD 45**, 5:30-6:30 p.m. weigh-in; 6:30 p.m. meeting, RTEC, Room 134, (605)665-3738 or (605)667-9274.  
**Yankton Area Banquet**, 6 p.m., United Church of Christ, Fifth and Walnut.  
**Celebrate Recovery**, 7 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, 2407 Broadway, (605)665-5594.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous ALANON**, 8:30 p.m., 12-24 Club, 1019 W. 9th.  
**Overeaters Anonymous**, Thursday Evening, (605)665-0443.

### Friday

**Exercise & Current Events**, 8:30 a.m., Pine Lane Estates, 2905 Douglas Line Dancing, 9:30-11 a.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.  
**Foster Rehabilitation Support Group**, 10-11 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Room 105, (605)260-1980.  
**Exercise & Current Events**, 10:15 a.m., Pine Lane Estates West, 2903 Douglas Ave.  
**Instructed cardio class**, 11-11:45 a.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous Daily Reprieve**, noon, 12-24 Club, 1019 W 9th.  
**Contract bridge**, 1 p.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.  
**Parent's Night Out**, 5:30 p.m., Calvary Baptist, By Reservation Only (605)665-5594.  
**Bingo**, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.  
**Billiards/Snooker**, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.  
**Porchlight Alcoholics Anonymous**, 8 p.m., United Church of Christ, 210 W. 5th St.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous Alano**, 8:30 p.m., 12-24 Club, 1019 W. 9th.

### Saturday

**Speaker's Voice Toastmasters**, 7 a.m., Fry'n Pan Restaurant.  
**Yankton Toastmasters**, 7:30, Fry'n Pan Restaurant.  
**Weight Watchers**, 9 a.m. (weigh-ins 30 minutes before meeting time), 904 W. 23rd, 1-800-651-6000.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous Daily Reprieve Group**, noon, 12-24 Club, 1019 West Ninth. Non-smoking meeting.  
**Games of Choice & Socializing**, 2 p.m., 2905 and 2903 Douglas Ave.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous Daily Reprieve Group**, 6:45 p.m., 12-24 Club, 1019 West Ninth.

### FIRST SATURDAY ONLY

**Friends of the Yankton Community Library Book Sales**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Enter by west door off alley.

### Sunday

**Alcoholics Anonymous Daily Reprieve**, 8 a.m., 12-24 Club, 1019 W 9th.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous Alano**, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., 12-24 Club, 1019 W 9th.  
**Marian Prayer Group**, 1 p.m., Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chapel of St. Joseph, House of Mary Shrine, Lewis and Clark Lake. 665-1119  
**Coffee Time and Visiting**, 2 p.m., 2905 and 2903 Douglas Ave.  
**VFW Auxiliary Bingo**, 6:30 p.m., VFW Club.  
**One Hour Experience**, 6:30 p.m., MUC building USD. 712-251-8860.

## REGION DIGEST

### Fire Destroys Machine Shed Near Olivet

OLIVET — Fire crews from two towns responded to a blaze north of Olivet early Wednesday that destroyed a machine shed on a farm. The fire was reported at 5:05 a.m. When crews arrived on the scene, the shed was fully engulfed. The house was located about 75 feet from the shed, and firefighters concentrated on protecting the dwelling. All the contents within the shed were also destroyed. Firefighters from Menno and Scotland were on the scene for about two hours. Menno Fire Chief John Huber said the fire was caused by an electrical short either in the building or in the equipment.

### P&D, KYNT Candidate Forum On April 8

The Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan and AM 1450 KYNT Radio are sponsoring a candidate forum Thursday, April 8, at Fry 'N' Pan in Yankton. Representatives from the two media outlets will pose questions to candidates for the Yankton City Commission at 6 p.m. Questions will be posed to candidates for the Yankton School Board at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. The event will be broadcast live on KYNT Radio.

### SHINNE Representative To Answer Questions

Marge Becker, a SHINNE representative who deals with the Medicare Part D prescription insurance plan, is available to answer questions by appointment only at The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, at 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday April 2, and Friday April 16. She will also have hours in May also.


### Boy Scouts To Hold Monthly Scrap Drive

Yankton Boy Scout Troop No. 133 will hold its monthly scrap newspaper and aluminum can collection Saturday, April 3. Papers and cans will be picked up at the trailer courts and apartment complexes in Yankton. Also, paper and cans will be picked up at Riverside Acres. Have newspapers and cans secured in sacks or small cardboard boxes and ready to be picked up by 9 a.m. Saturday. Paper and cans may also be taken to the Riverview Park Reformed Church Parking Lot, 1700 Burleigh, between 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday. For more information on the newspaper and aluminum can collection, call 665-0685. The Boy Scouts cannot handle tin or plastic. These need to be placed with the recycling the city picks up or taken directly to the landfill for recycling.

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**Larson-Elwood**  
 Jana Larson and Scott Elwood announce their engagement. Parents of the couple are Terry and Kristi Larson of Rapid City, SD, and Steve and Celeste Elwood of Yankton, SD. The bride graduated from Stevens High School in Rapid City, SD, in 1999. She received a bachelors degree in 2004 from St. Cloud State University. In 2007 she graduated with a Masters in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of South Dakota. She is currently working as a Physician Assistant in Dermatology in Sioux Falls, SD. The groom graduated from Yankton High School in 1997. He received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of South Dakota in 2001. He is currently working as a Commercial Real Estate Appraiser in Sioux Falls, SD. The couple is planning an Aug. 27, 2010 wedding.



**Serfling-Myers**  
 Congratulations Jessica & Adam  
 Terry and Gail Myers of Springfield, SD, are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Adam Lee Myers to Jessica Erin Serfling, daughter of William and Nila Serfling of Chelsea, SD. Adam and Jess met in Suriname, South America, while on a mission with the S.D. National Guard. Their relationship started immediately and soon became inseparable as they grew stronger as a couple. Jess currently works for Sanford Health in Sioux Falls. She is enrolled as a USD Nursing student and is one year from her goal of being a registered nurse. Adam has completed his course of study at the University of South Dakota and is working with the company, Executive Recruiting Consultants. He is looking forward to a promising career as an account executive. The couple will marry at 4:30 on May 14th, 2010 at St. Benedict in Yankton and will reside in Dell Rapids, SD.

### DAVE SAYS:

# Don't Do It For The Gas Mileage

**Dear Dave,**  
 Is it worth the trouble to sell my old car now and buy a hybrid or another car that gets better gas mileage? I'm getting mixed advice from my friends on this issue. — Ted



**Dear Ted,**  
 Hybrids are a really big deal now, aren't they? Lots of people want to get rid of their \$10,000 cars and buy these \$25,000 cars so they can save on gas. Let's take a closer look at this.

So, you're going to spend \$15,000 extra to save on gas. Did you ever think about how long it will take to get your money back? Let's say you go from averaging 15 miles per gallon to 25 miles per gallon, and you drive 100 miles each week. That will save you about \$10 a week at recent, average gas prices. That means it would take almost 29 years to get your money back in this deal. Does this make sense to you? It sure doesn't to me!

Listen, I'm all about saving money on gas. But people have lost their minds if they think it makes sense to go \$15,000 into debt—or spend \$15,000 cash—to save \$10 a week on this kind of deal. The truth is that a lot of people who do this kind of thing aren't

as worried about the environment or saving gas as they are about having that "I'm cool in a hybrid" feeling.

Hybrids are a really new technology and that means they're going to improve rapidly. You don't want to buy a first generation hybrid and then have to go through the pain of trying to sell the thing five years from now. Talk about something that's going to go down in value like a rock!

Now, if you're driving an \$8,000 car that absolutely drinks gas, and you want to sell it and buy some little \$8,000 gas sipper, I'm fine with that. But don't use the gas argument to rationalize buying an expensive new car or even spending a dime more on a different car. Make a lateral move, or better yet a move down in price, and you'll save money from day one!

— Dave

### IS THERE A RECOMMENDED VACATION PERCENTAGE?

**Dear Dave,**  
 Should you skip vacations when you're getting out of debt? Also, once you're debt-free, is there a rule as to what percentage of your income you should use on vacations? — Carl

**Dear Carl,**  
 I think you should put vacations on hold while you're trying to get out of debt. My family and I didn't go on vacation for nearly 10 years while we were getting out of debt. Why? Because we had work to do! We had bills to pay and kids to feed. That's just the way it goes sometimes.

I'm not sure that there's a specific percentage involved on vacation spending. It definitely shouldn't damage your financial foundation, or put you back into debt once you've worked your way out. You don't touch your emergency fund to go on vacation, and you don't stop funding your retirement or saving money so the kids can go to college. You just save up, and pay cash!

In most cases, this kind of plan will almost force your vacation spending to be a reasonable percentage of your income.

— Dave

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

## April 1 – United Way Activities Flourish – No Fooling!

**BY PAM KETTERING**  
 United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton



Kettering

Today is April 1st! We are already at the beginning of the second quarter of 2010! NO FOOLING! During the first quarter, the United Way has held an annual meeting, elected officers and board members, adopted personnel policies, established a Finance Committee, sponsored the Delta Dental Care Mobile, participated in the Yankton Drug Coalition Underage Drinking Public Forum, attended many meetings and much more.

Each of the United Way board members selected an affiliated agency where they would serve as Liaison. The role of Agency Liaison is to keep in contact with their agency, attend one or two of their board meetings during the year, raise awareness of the agency's events with the United Way Board and offer support or

guidance when needed.

2011 is quickly approaching – at least for agencies that are requesting funding for that year. It seems impossible for agencies to look into that

crystal ball and predict the services that the community will expect from them – especially after the last couple of years! Historical numbers, current needs and long range goals assist them in their filling out the application. In a couple of months the campaign goal for 2011 will be established after the Allocation Committee completes reading the applications and reviewing the in-house projects. We survived our first Archery Shoot Off with straight shooting local "celebrities", steady and true archery hunters and VERY

impressive shooting from four archers that showed the audience that a Life Saver makes a very small target, indeed! The Campaign Committee will be meeting very soon to plan the 2011 campaign activities and projecting community support. We are still receiving donor information from last fall's campaign! Volunteers, event dates, publicity, processes will be thoughtfully considered for raising awareness of the services provided for our neighbors in need. Campaign is a year-round activity!

Plans are also being made for the annual Community Volunteer Celebration. National Volunteer Week is April 18 – 24 and many organizations have been working on special programs to express their appreciation for the people that enable their programs to exist. Volunteers are the life blood of 99.9% of non-profit organiza-

tions. They certainly are an essential part of United Way & Volunteer Services and mere words cannot adequately express our appreciation for all that they do – from those people serving on our Board to those that are involved with community projects.

One quarter down – three to go! There are meetings to plan and more meetings to attend. Keeping our Mission Statement: "To promote voluntary giving and services to support human needs in the greater Yankton community" will keep us grounded and guide us as we continue to serve those that need our services. Your support is GREATLY appreciated and your concerns, comments and ideas are always welcome. Share with us by calling us at 665-6766, emailing at unitedway@iw.net, join us on Facebook or stopping by our office at 231 Broadway.

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