

## 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 36, 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, Watertown.  
**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, Crofton, (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.

### FOURTH THURSDAY ONLY

**Connecting Artists**, 7 p.m., GAR Hall, 508 Douglas, (605)286-3957.

### Friday

**Exercise & Current Events**, 8:30 a.m., Pine Lane Estates, 2905 Douglas Lane.  
**Dance**, 9:30-11 a.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.  
**Foster Rehabilitation Support Group**, 10-11 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Room 105, (605)280-1980.  
**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 Group**, 8:30 p.m., 12-24 Club, 1019 W. 9th.

### Saturday

**Speaker's Voice Toastmasters**, 7 a.m., Fryn's Pan Restaurant.  
**Yankton Toastmasters**, 7:30, Fryn's 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.  
**Sunday**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous Daily Reprieve Group**, 8 a.m., 12-24 Club, 1019 West Ninth.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous Alano Group**, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., 12-24 Club, 1019 West Ninth.  
**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.

## Vandalism Is Not Cool, It's A Crime

When pranks and "destructive fun" go over the line, it's not fun — it's a crime. Broken glass, graffiti, theft, arson, willful damage, and on-site substance abuse are all types of problems the City of Yankton Parks Department would like citizens' help in stopping.

These and other acts of vandalism are deliberate assaults on private and public property in Yankton. They cost hundreds or thousands of dollars to repair and they degrade our efforts to provide a high quality of life.

Parks, trails, cemetery, community buildings and other shared public places are the biggest targets of vandalism. Local neighbors and park/trail users are asked to contact the police department when vandalism is taking place so the criminals can be apprehended. Citizens' help is needed to stop vandalism in public places in the community.

If you think vandalism isn't your problem, think again. Here are a few reasons why vandalism hurts everyone.

Vandalism destroys what your tax dollars have created. Each year vandals destroy thousands of dollars' worth of park facilities and equipment funded by tax dollars. A few minutes of destructive "fun" can add up to huge losses for our City's parks. Vandalism takes dollars away

from recreational programs and facilities. Replacing destroyed trees, benches, and picnic tables, removing or painting over graffiti, all involve department labor and material costs. The money that could be spent on new amenities and programs is spent on repairing vandalized items.

Vandalism is not cool. Damaging public property through vandalism is both cowardly and not cool. Individuals who tag or use spray paint for artistic expression on public property are breaking the law and are no "cooler" than the person who breaks a window, destroys a young tree, or pulls down a basketball hoop on purpose. Use peer pressure to encourage people to not vandalize public property.

To help stop vandalism, always call 9-1-1 to report any crime in progress, including vandalism.

If you have information about a crime that has occurred in a park, but that does not require an immediate police response, call 605-668-5210.

Finally, if you want to remain anonymous, you may want to call Yankton Crime Stoppers at (605) 665-4440. Each caller is assigned a code number and not asked for their name for the purpose of insuring anonymity.

## Yankton Parks Are Tobacco-Free Zones

The Yankton Tobacco Education Coalition and the City of Yankton reminds all citizens that Yankton Parks are tobacco-free. The primary reasons for supporting tobacco-free parks are the health risks related to exposure to secondhand smoke, the peer influence on our youth through role modeling, and the environmental impact due to littering.

Our city parks and recreational facilities promote health and wellness. Our city parks have a tremendous number of young

people utilizing them. We need to be positive role models in our parks for our youth and the best way for us to influence them is by setting good examples.

The environmental impact of leaving cigarette butts on the ground is of concern also. Cigarette butts on the ground are unsightly and take away from the beauty of our parks just as any litter does. There are also the potentially deadly effects on toddlers if the butts are ingested.

Do your part to keep our Parks tobacco and litter-free.

## Sobriety Checkpoints Planned For May

PIERRE — The South Dakota Highway Patrol has sobriety checkpoints scheduled in May. They are scheduled in the following counties: Beadle, Brown, Brule, Charles Mix, Clark, Clay, Codington, Custer,

Day, Lake, Lawrence, Lincoln, Lyman, Minnehaha, Moody, Pennington, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Stanley and Sully.

For sobriety checkpoint text message alerts, visit [actcivilized.com](http://actcivilized.com).



### Lane-Haberman

Harry and Elaine Lane of Yankton, SD, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Lane to Broch Haberman, son of Jim and Joan Haberman of Crofton, NE. Stephanie is a 1998 graduate of Yankton High School, a 2002 graduate of SDSU and a 2005 graduate of Northwestern Health Sciences University. She owns Lane Family Chiropractic in Sioux Falls, SD, and Lane Chiropractic and Rehab in Hartford, SD. Broch is a 2002 graduate of Crofton High School. He now works at Country Meadows in Sioux Falls, SD. The couple is planning a May 29, 2010, wedding.

## DAVE SAYS:

# Parent Repeating Past Mistakes Haunts Child

Dear Dave,

My mom filed bankruptcy about five years ago, and I thought that taught her a lesson. She's on disability now, and makes only \$600 a month. On top of all this, she's piled up about \$30,000 in credit card debt again. She's even paid her utility bills and bought groceries with credit cards. I don't know what to do.

— Barbara

Dear Barbara,

She can't file bankruptcy again, because it's still too close to the date of her first filing. It sounds to me like she's going to have to face up to what she's done, and make some serious behavior changes. The kind of stuff she's doing is not only addictive, it's self-destructive. She's trading a moment of pleasure for years of pain while that credit card bill grows into a monster!

Personal finance isn't rocket science. It's 80 percent behavior, and 20 percent math. Plus, there are plenty of agencies out there that help disabled people find jobs, and help them remain active and productive in the workplace. When it comes to work, disabled doesn't always mean unable. It's amazing what people with disabilities can do, but the hard truth is that she's still going to have to



by Dave Ramsey www.davesays.org

find a way to get her income up and cut her outgoing money way down.

Sit down with her, and try to explain what's happening and what she's facing in a kind and loving way.

Walk her through the process of making a monthly budget, too. You may run into some resistance, because parents often have a hard time accepting help from their kids. I call this "powdered butt syndrome."

Once someone has powdered your behind, they don't always want to listen to your advice!

She can turn this thing around, Barbara. But it's going to take some persistence on your part to help make it happen.

— Dave

## LEASING CAR A BAD IDEA!

Dear Dave,

I leased a car about two years ago, and I'm just now beginning to realize that it was big mistake. I'm throwing away tons of money. Is there any way to get out of a car lease?

— Randy

Dear Randy,

Now you see why I call it "fleecing," don't you? Never do a lease! It's the most expensive way to operate a vehicle.

Call the company and ask for the early buy-out or pay-off amount. Then, compare that figure with the value of the car. If the car is worth \$19,000, and the early buy-out is \$21,000, you'll have to scrape together \$2,000 to make up the difference.

If you don't have that kind of cash sitting around, go to your local credit union or bank and get a small loan of \$3,000 to \$3,500. This will get you out of the "fleece," and give you some cash left over to buy a little beater to drive for a while.

Get this done, and pay the loan back as quickly as possible. Then, you can start saving up to pay cash for a really good, used car later!

— Dave

\* For more financial help, please visit [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com).

## Yankton Parks Board Reminds Dog Owners: Be Responsible

The Yankton Parks Advisory Board reminds dog owners to be responsible and obey the local ordinance for dog waste.

The ordinance states, "The person in control of any dog shall be required to remove and properly dispose of any fecal material deposited by said animal on public property or property other than the property of the dog's owner."

Each dog's owner/handler is responsible for picking up and disposing of their dog's waste. This will help keep the park environment and other people's property clean so that dogs, children and adults are happy and healthy. Pet waste left behind can transmit harmful diseases to

other pets and children. Dog feces is one of the most common carriers of the following diseases:

- Heartworms [http://www.doodycalls.com/resources\\_dog\\_poop\\_heartworms.asp](http://www.doodycalls.com/resources_dog_poop_heartworms.asp)
- Whipworms [http://www.doodycalls.com/resources\\_whipworms.asp](http://www.doodycalls.com/resources_whipworms.asp)
- Hookworms
- Roundworms
- Tapeworms
- Parvo [http://www.doodycalls.com/resources\\_dog\\_waste\\_parvovirus.asp](http://www.doodycalls.com/resources_dog_waste_parvovirus.asp)
- Corona
- Giardiasis [http://www.doodycalls.com/resources\\_giardiasis.asp](http://www.doodycalls.com/resources_giardiasis.asp)
- Salmonellosis
- Cryptosporidiosis
- Campylobacteriosis

The Parks Advisory Board believes dog owner's should pick up their dog's waste because:

1. It's a common courtesy. Only irresponsible dog owners leave their dog's waste for others to look at, step in or clean up. In addition to creating a foul odor, leaving your dog's waste encourages other dogs to mark that spot.
2. Dog waste is unhealthy to the animals, children, and adults who come into contact with it. Removing dog feces prevents infestation of your dog from exposure to infective worm eggs and larvae. Dog feces can transmit diseases from your dog to young children and adults who play or work in their yard/dirt when the dog feces is present. Ocular larva

migrans — an eye disease caused by parasitic worms found in dog droppings can cause serious eye damage to young children.

3. Dog waste biodegrades slowly.
4. Dog waste being left behind makes ALL dog owners look bad. Not picking up after your dog tops the list of complaints about dogs.
5. Your actions set example for others. Teach children how to properly clean up after a pet.
6. Are you a good neighbor dog owner? Dog feces and urine can result in lawn burn or dead patches. When it's your dog on your neighbor's lawn, it causes a great deal of hostility — toward you, and your dog.

## Area Authors Discuss Their Books Saturday

Three Yankton authors will be on hand to sign books and discuss their work at Books & Beans at 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 1.

Featured authors are Maxine Schurmann Kinsley, Dob Steckelberg and Julie DeJong.

Kinsley will be signing her book, "The Sioux City to Fort Randall Military Road 1856-1892 Revisited." The softbound, 160-page book was produced by Pine Hill Press (Sioux Falls) and released in 2010. The book examines the history surrounding the military action that became necessary in 1856 to protect prospective settlers. The trail described in the book stretches from Sioux City, IA, through South Dakota's Union, Clay, Yankton, Bon Homme and Charles Mix counties to Fort Randall. An entire chapter of the book deals with the Yankton Sioux and Indian Agency at Greenwood.

Steckelberg will be signing his work, "Follower or Pretender? What Everyone Who Sits in a Christian Church Needs to Know," published by Prairie Hearth Publishing (Yankton). The author says his work is intended to be read by Christians who may struggle with some specific scriptural issues regarding their faith. "I can see no other explanation for this world, this Universe, except that God's intelligent design was behind it," he says.

Steckelberg, completing his degree in Mass Communications at the University of Minnesota. He spent most of his career in Human Resources and has served his church family in numerous

ways, including on various church councils, leading Bible studies, and serving as a lay leader. He currently serves as a member of the planning board of the Yankton Area Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. He has also focused on prayer as a participant in different prayer groups.

DeJong has authored "Nightmares: What if the Monster is Real?" a work that explores childhood sexual abuse. "You knew you could call out to your parents, and they would chase the monster away," DeJong writes. "As you became older, you realized that by opening your eyes or closing your closet door the monster would disappear. As you grew into adulthood, you realized that monster's are not real."

"But what if when you opened your eyes the monster was still there?"

What if when you closed the closet door the monster opened it and stepped out?

In "Nightmares" the monster is real and always lurking, waiting to strike again and again. Even more horrifying is the realization that this is a nightmare you can't wake from!

More information about the authors and signing event is available at Books & Beans 104 W. Third St. or by calling 605-760-3188.



## USD Organization Named National Chapter Of The Year

VERMILLION — It's been a busy year for the School of Law at The University of South Dakota but also a very rewarding one as USD's Native American Law Students Association (NALSA) chapter received the 2010 Chapter of the Year award at the 35th annual Indian Law Conference in Santa Fe, N.M., recently.

In recognition for the chapter's hard work during the 2009-10 academic year, USD's NALSA chapter was recognized nationally for the second time in three years (2008). Chapter of the Year is presented to the NALSA chapter demonstrating exceptional excellence in pro bono legal assistance, membership, community recognition and overall commitment to promoting the mission goals of

National NALSA.

"This is impressive and a well-deserved accomplishment for so many who worked very hard throughout the year," said Lonnie Wright, a second year law student, president of USD's NALSA chapter. "It's extremely rewarding to know that, as a group, we've been recognized for not just events we enjoy being a part of but by benefiting others as well."

USD's chapter was recognized for several achievements, including serving as hosts for the National NALSA Moot Court Competition, pro bono work with the Indian Wills Project, organizing a food drive to benefit the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and coordinating a toy drive for children of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.



Zack Van De Rostyne of Sioux Falls, SD, and Kristi Goodrich of Crooks, SD, announce their engagement.

Parents of the couple are Paul and Linda Van De Rostyne of Yankton, SD, and Mike and Carol Goodrich of Crooks, SD.

A June 2010 wedding has been planned.

Goodrich-Van De Rostyne

# FREE Skin Cancer Screening

TUESDAY, MAY 4TH, 1PM - 4PM

Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. Dermatologist, James Young, D.O., will be offering a free skin cancer screening clinic on May 4.

No appointment is necessary. Patients will be seen on a first come, first serve basis. Limit of 50 patients. Upon arrival at the Clinic please check in at Section N receptionist, upstairs in the expansion.

\*For screening purposes. If further tests are needed, standard charges will be applied.

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