

## SAC Offering Equipment Demonstrations

The Summit Activities Center will be offering free demonstrations on all weight and fitness equipment for both adult and youth ages 12-14 years. The demonstrations will be conducted by Summit Activities Center weight and fitness staff and are open to all SAC members.

A youth weight and fitness demonstration will be held on Saturday, April 13, at 11 a.m. Youth participants, ages 12-14 years, that complete the class will be allowed to use the weight and fitness area at the SAC. Parents of youth participants are required to attend.

An adult weight and fitness demonstration will be held on Saturday, April 20, at 11 a.m.

To sign up for the class or request further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street. Remember to follow the Yankton Parks and Recreation Department on Facebook.

## Nominees Sought For Older Americans Honor

BROOKINGS — May is Older Americans Month. The theme this year is Unleash the Power of Age. To commemorate Older Americans Month, the Administration of Aging is asking for nominees over the age of 60 who are making valuable contributions to their community through civic engagement, creative arts or technological innovation.

Nomination deadline is 11 p.m. April 22.

Visit Unleash The Power In Your Community Challenge webpage at <http://www.olderamericansmonth.acl.gov/challenge.html> for more information. If you know someone you would like to nominate, contact SDSU Extension Gerontology Field Specialist, Leacey E. Brown at 605-394-1722 or email her at [Leacey.Brown@sdsstate.edu](mailto:Leacey.Brown@sdsstate.edu).

## Summer Programs Brochure Now Available

The Yankton Department of Parks and Recreation Summer Programs Brochure is now available on the [www.cityofyankton.org](http://www.cityofyankton.org) website and may also be picked up at the Summit Activities Center.

You may register online for activities directly from the City of Yankton's website. You can view, register, and submit payment for a variety of summer programs and activities. It is quick and easy, and you will receive immediate registration confirmation via e-mail.

Current Summit Activities Center members may register at the SAC on Monday, April 22, during regular business hours. Online registration for the general public begins at 11 a.m. April 23. All online registrations must be paid with a major credit or debit card.

For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street, Yankton, SD 57078. Remember to follow the Yankton Parks and Recreation Department on Facebook.

## NAMI 'Family To Family' Class Being Offered

NAMI South Dakota is sponsoring a "Family to Family" six-week educational course for families touched by mental illness. The course is free. Course will be offered Tuesday and Thursday nights for six weeks beginning April 23 Course hours are 6:30- 9 p.m. The course will be offered at the Yankton Chamber of Commerce Building located at 803 E. Fourth St.

This course is for parents or guardians who have a mentally ill family member. The two presenters have been trained to teach this course.

Students who complete the course will receive a notebook of very informative materials.

Deadline for class registration is April 15 so organizers have time to order your manual.

For further information call 605-661-4434 or e-mail [mamals@iw.net](mailto:mamals@iw.net).

# Bond

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"(State officials) told us that, instead of having the poll worker bringing the ballots and having election workers staying while the weather got worse, the (Knox County) sheriff was to pick up the ballots at the polling site and to lock them," Fischer said.

The sheriff secured the ballots in his office's evidence locker until the election board could count the votes, Fischer said.

However, the process was de-

layed even further when the Knox County courthouse in Center, Neb., was closed Wednesday because of the weather.

The courthouse re-opened Thursday, and the counting board proceeded with its work. Fischer was attending a Knox County board of supervisors' meeting, so the counting board undertook all of the counting.

"We canvassed (Thursday) afternoon, starting at 4:25 p.m. and were done by 4:55 p.m.," Fischer said.

The successful election means Niobrara school officials can move forward with constructing a new high school building. The district will also renovate and improve the

existing elementary school building, gym building and bus barn/shop.

Under the bond, the district will acquire and install necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for the buildings.

With the election now behind, the real work lies ahead, Sandoz said. She anticipates contact with the bond company and architect next week. The bond also includes funding to handle groundwater and other issues that may arise, she said.

The newly constructed and renovated facilities will upgrade educational opportunities and allow for enrollment growth, Sandoz said. In addition, the district is

looking at a 1,000-seat gymnasium that would host more community activities and meet Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) guidelines for hosting regional events.

Thursday's news of the bond measure's passage was greeted with excitement at school, Sandoz said.

"We are extremely excited for the students and staff at the school," she said. "They have been waiting with anticipation for two long days (to hear the election results)."

The elementary students celebrated the bond's passage with root beer floats, Sandoz said.

"We had the slogan, 'Let's cele-

brate the vote and have a root beer float,'" she said with a laugh, adding she anticipates a larger community celebration in the near future.

Sandoz, who graduated from Niobrara High School in 1988, has served as Niobrara administrator for 11 years — the first five years as secondary principal and the past six years as superintendent.

She said she has learned a great deal with the bond issue along with the building discussions that began in 2007.

"On a personal level, my learning curve has been huge (as superintendent)," she said. "You go into school administration never knowing what things will happen. This

has been a major learning experience for me, and I'm really thankful for my hometown."

The new facilities will enhance learning at Niobrara, Sandoz said. "It has absolutely been my goal, since becoming superintendent, to make this as safe and successful a learning environment as we can," she said.

"I am really excited to see the community support these ideas, and we just have a wonderful board and group of parents and community members willing to back the school."

You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at [twitter.com/RDockendorf](https://twitter.com/RDockendorf)

# Cheer

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"My philosophy is, if you want to come and experience this and be a part of this cheer program, we'll find a team for you," he said.

Teams practice twice each week and take part in several competitions throughout the region during the season, which runs from December to April. This season, older teams competed in seven events, while the younger teams competed in four.

Olson said his teams placed high in many of the competitions, including the "Cyclone" team being named the grand champion at the "Baby I'm A Star" event in Sioux Falls in March.

"Overall, we did very well in our second year," Olson said. "Our trophy case is full and we're really excited about the successes the athletes and the program had."

Along with its competitions, River City Cheer performed at halftime at Mount Marty College basketball games.

The program also is heavily involved with many community service projects, Olson said. This past year, the teams were in-

involved with Relay for Life, Project Linus at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital and the Special Olympics state basketball tournament held in Yankton last month, he said.

"We pride ourselves on being a Christian-based program, but we make sure not to push religion on anybody," Olson said.

The coach added that he is excited about the direction of the program, and he hopes it will continue to grow as it gets more exposure in the community.

"That's part of the focus of the (Cheer Extravaganza)," he said. "We want to draw people in and get the name of River City Cheer out there and show what types of opportunities we provide for the kids."

The Cheer Extravaganza program will feature both individual and team performances of tumbling, stunt and cheer routines.

"It's like an end-of-the-year dance recital, only more fast-paced," Olson said.

The event also will serve as a fundraiser for the organization. A fee will be taken at the door, and there will be several raffle drawings and silent auction items.

"It will be a super fun activity with lots going on throughout the night," Olson said.

You can follow Derek Bartos on Twitter at [twitter.com/d\\_bartos](https://twitter.com/d_bartos)

# Storm

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Those without power have been forced to improvise in order to stay warm and entertained.

Chastity Reimer and her 6-year-old daughter, Shila Erickson, made the 15-mile journey from their home near Renner to the mall in Sioux Falls on Thursday morning because they have been without power since 6 a.m. Tuesday.

Reimer, 34, said she bought a generator to keep the refrigerator running, but is frustrated that officials have not given a timetable on when her power will be back up and running.

"Other people that lost it yesterday, it was back up and running,"

Reimer said as she ate lunch at the food court. The two have been playing lots of board games over the past two days, Reimer said.

Nate Kirkpatrick, 9, was also at the mall eating lunch with his grandfather, 59-year-old Dan Kirkpatrick. Nate said he might build a snowman and go sledding, but he doesn't like the cold weather.

National Weather Service reports showed that snowfall totals in western South Dakota were higher than those in the eastern part of the state — reaching 30 inches in Deadwood. Rapid City had nearly that much, and set snowfall records on two straight days.

Rapid City resident Nancy Smith said drifting snow has been a problem on some roads, but that drivers have been patient.

"I see people trying to help each other if they're stuck or driving

very cautiously," she said.

Smith said her daughter, who is in the second grade, is upset at having to take two snow days because it's going to delay summer break.

"But I told her that one year I think we had five snow days that were added on between April and May when I was in school, so it's not unusual," Smith said, adding that a lot of people in the Black Hills are appreciative of the moisture that the snow is providing.

On the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwestern South Dakota, tribal leaders are focusing on clean up and clearing snow

drifts so that they can reach some of the most isolated residents. Parts of the reservation received 24 inches of snowfall, according to the National Weather Service.

"The housing clusters are completely snowed in," said tribal spokeswoman Toni Red Cloud.

Red Cloud said the tribe currently has about 15 snowplows working the roads, but some people are worried they could run out of food before everything is cleared away and they are able to leave their homes.

"It's going to be a long process," she added.

## St. John's Lutheran Preschool

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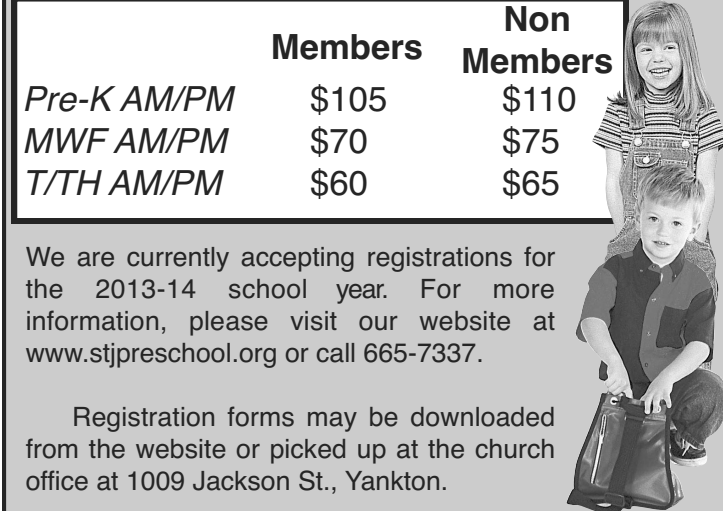
	Members	Non Members
Pre-K AM/PM	\$105	\$110
MWF AM/PM	\$70	\$75
T/TH AM/PM	\$60	\$65

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2013-14 school year. For more information, please visit our website at [www.stjpreschool.org](http://www.stjpreschool.org) or call 665-7337.

Registration forms may be downloaded from the website or picked up at the church office at 1009 Jackson St., Yankton.

## All faiths and denominations welcome

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**Thank You**

We would like to thank the community, friends, co-workers and family for all of your support, cards, financial assistance, flowers and any other assistance you may have offered at the time of **Dennis Tweedy's** death.

A special thank you to the Yankton Police Department, Yankton EMT's, Yankton Coroners office and Wintz & Ray Funeral Home for your professional assistance.

Pastor Wildermuth and the ladies at Trinity Lutheran Church for your guidance, spiritual support and the wonderful service and lunch. You have assisted our loss in knowing that Dennis is once again united with Tami - the love of his life.

We know this thank you is very little for what you may have done to assist in this difficult time but as Dennis' favorite singer, Elvis, would say - "Thank you, thank you, very much."

**Jenny & Aubri Burks**  
**Pearl Tweedy**  
**Mike & Carol Tweedy**  
**Robert & Peg Tweedy**  
**Cheryl & Leander Schroeder**  
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## IN REMEMBRANCE

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