

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The **COMMUNITY CALENDAR** 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, 319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078, or email to news@yankton.net.

THURSDAY

Table Tennis, 8:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Ladies Pool, 10 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Yankton Sertoma, noon, Pizza Ranch, 605-661-7159
Daily Reprieve, noon, non-smoking open meeting, 1019 W 9th street.
Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters, noon, Benedictine Center; open session 605-665-6776
Pinochle, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Dominos, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Weight Watchers, 4 p.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 1/2 hour before.
Weight Watchers, 5:30 p.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 1/2 hour before.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS #SD 45), Weigh-in 5:30-6:30 p.m., meeting 6:30-7:30. RTEC building, 1200 W. 21st St. For more information call 605-665-3738 or 667-9274.
Yankton Area Banquet, 6 p.m., United Church of Christ, Fifth and Walnut
Celebrate Recovery, 7 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Youth Room #4, 2407 Broadway, Yankton, 605-665-5594
Freeman Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., non-smoking closed meeting, City Hall, 3rd and Poplar, Freeman.
Yankton Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30 p.m., open session, 1019 W 9th St.
Yankton Alanon, 8:30 p.m., 1019 W 9th Street

FRIDAY

Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Daily Reprieve, noon, non-smoking open meeting, 1019 W 9th Street.
Bridge, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Bingo, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Open Billiards, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Vermillion Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., non-smoking closed session, 16 1/2 Court St, Vermillion
Porchlight, 8 p.m., non-smoking closed session, United Church of Christ, 210 W 5th Street

SATURDAY

Weight Watchers, 9 a.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 1/2 hour before.
Each Day a New Beginning, 10 a.m., non-smoking closed session, 1019 W 9th Street
Daily Reprieve, noon, non-smoking closed session, 1019 W 9th Street.
Vermillion Unity Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. closed session, Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark, Vermillion.

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 a.m., closed meeting, 1019 W. 9th Street
Tyndall Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 a.m., non-smoking, 1609 Laurel St., Tyndall
Vermillion Unity Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., closed meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark, Vermillion

Back Packs Offered To Low-Income Families

The Contact Center will be taking applications for low-income families needing help with school back packs for their children for the coming school year.

Last year, 161 children were provided vouchers for back packs. This number was up from 2010. This year the Contact Center will be supplying the back pack again for grades K-8.

Families must sign up their children by Aug. 22. They may sign up by coming in to the contact office located in the County Government Center, lower level. Families must have an active SNAP Card to be eligible.

Funding for this project is provided by local donations. Any donations can be sent to the Contact Center, P O Box 675, Yankton, SD 57078.

Those needing help with school supplies can call ROCS-Rural Office of Community Services at 1-877-254-6110 for an application.

'Facebook For Beginners' Class Set For Library

The Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut, will be offering a free "Facebook for Beginners" class on Tuesday, Aug. 7, running from 7-8 p.m.

This class will go over the basics of setting up a Facebook account and utilizing some of its key features such as connecting with friends, photo sharing, and using Facebook chat.

Library officials ask that children under 18 be accompanied by their parent/guardian. Participants are welcome to bring personal laptops to the session.

The class is free of charge but those interested are asked call the library or register in person at the circulation desk by Aug. 6.

For more information, contact the library at 668-5275.

Reminder: Weeds Must Be Cut

The hot and dry weather has meant most of us haven't started up our lawn mowers in a while. Unfortunately just because the grass isn't growing doesn't mean those pesky noxious weeds aren't. They are unsightly and a violation of city ordinance. Weeds must be cut or chemically treated and then cut down.

For more information visit cityofyankton.org or call 605-668-5251.

Fossil ID Day Planned For Neb. State Park

ROYAL, Neb. — The Ashfall Fossil Beds State Historical Park near Royal, Neb., is planning its annual Fossil ID day for Saturday, Aug. 4.

Paleontologist Mike Voorhies will be on-site this day to identify any rocks and fossils that visitors bring into the park.

The park will be open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on that day. Regular admission fees and park permit requirements apply.

For more information, call 402-893-2000.

Yankton Republicans To Meet Aug. 6

Yankton County Republicans will meet Monday, Aug. 6, to continue planning for the Yankton County Republicans picnic on Sept. 16 and for the 2012 election campaign.

All Republicans are invited to attend the meeting at 2507 Fox Run Parkway beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Main Street Center Hosting Ice Cream Social

VERMILLION — The Main Street Center, 320 W. Main, Vermillion, will host an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, Aug. 9, running from 5-6:30 p.m.

The menu will include sandwiches, chips, desserts, ice cream and beverages for a suggested donation.

For more information, contact Crystal McGuire at 605-624-8072 or 320seniors@vyn.midco.net.

Parks Advisory Board Meeting Slated

The City of Yankton Parks Advisory Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, at the Technical Education Center, 1200 West 21st St. This meeting is open to the public.

Library Board Of Trustees Meeting Planned

The Yankton Community Library Board of Trustees will hold its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, in the library meeting room, 515 Walnut.

For further information, call 668-5275.

Author Talk And Signing Slated For Library

The Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut, will be hosting an author talk and book signing with South Dakota author Karen Hall on Friday, Aug. 10. Books, which will be available for purchase at the event, can be signed at 1:30 p.m. or after the 2 p.m. presentation.

Hall is the president of the Black Hills Writers Group and her newest thriller, "Through Dark Spaces: A Hannah Morrison Mystery," is set in the Lead-Deadwood area.

For more information, please contact the library at 668-5275.

Bad Boat Deal Could Hurt Finances

BY DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are on Baby Step 2 of your plan, and we're paying off our debt. I've been trying to sell my motorcycle and listed it for \$5,000 on Craigslist. The other day, a guy offered me \$2,000 cash and a boat for the bike. I've always really wanted a boat, but I'm not sure this is the time. And the money would only make a small dent in our debt. Would this kind of deal be legal in the Dave Ramsey universe?

— Matt

Dear Matt,
It's an interesting deal, but at this stage of the game I think you have to ask yourself what your goal is. If it's to get a boat, then you've accomplished that goal. However, if your goal is to get out of debt, this deal doesn't get you where you want to be. Plus, it could add even more expense and hassle to your life. Upkeep

and maintenance on some boats can really add up.

But this is Matt's universe, not Dave's. In my mind, getting out of debt comes first. There's plenty of time later for you to save up and buy a nice boat after you get control of your finances. In this scenario, you're simply trading one recreational vehicle for another.

If you're on Baby Step 2, it means you've already got \$1,000 in the bank for emergencies and have moved on to paying off all your debt, except for your home. This tells me you guys are motivated, but the idea of a boat has caused your resolve to waver a little.

So, if you're looking for someone to tell you to forget the boat



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and stay on track with getting control of your lives and money, then I'm your guy. Don't do the deal!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
I'm trying to convince my husband to leave his debit card at home when he goes to work. He says he wants it for emergencies, but he's always using it for other things. I'd rather him just carry a very small amount of cash so he's not so tempted. What do you think?

— Haley

Dear Haley,
I understand your concern, but I think you're wrong on this one. I carry my debit card with me everywhere I go, and I want my wife to do the same. What your husband needs to stop

doing is having "emergencies." The translation? Stop the impulse spending!

Now, this could be happening for several reasons. It could be that he's a good guy, but he's just not paying attention to how much he's spending. On the other hand, you guys may not be budgeting for fairly reasonable things-like if he wants to eat out for lunch once in a while.

But even if he's not using it, he should still be carrying a debit card. I mean, what if he has a real, actual emergency? The idea that you shouldn't carry a debit card just because of impulse spending isn't a good plan. Things like that aren't debit card problems. They're either maturity problems or a lack of realistic budget planning.

— Dave

Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

Community Connections

Don't Take Simple Things In Life For Granted

BY PAM KETTERING

Yankton Area United Way

"Take time to smell the roses" is a wonderful quote. I, for one, do not abide by that adage very often. As a matter of fact, more often than not, I take for granted the roses, the clear water flowing, the precious quality of life offered by a caring community, plus so much more!

Also taken for granted are the accomplishments made through networking, collaboration, seeking common goals, building relationships, meetings, workshops, and even those conversations generated because of a "seed" of an idea.

This community offers so many programs that began with a "seed". Remember when Judy Johnson came to town with a passion for soccer? Remember when Church Women United was concerned about the number of latch-key kids? Remember when there were so many people unable to drive to get to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, going to work and inability to find transportation? Remember when there was not a coordinated system for efficient fundraising for nonprofit agencies providing services for critical issues?

As time marches on, we can easily take A LOT FOR GRANTED. HOWEVER, it takes dedicated people to maintain the "saplings" and "mature plants" to ensure the future of the critical services and life-enriching programs. As citizens age, as families move into the community, as youth become wiser than their years, as unforeseen calamities affect our lives, the things we once took for granted become paramount.

As we at United Way & Volunteer Services plan for 2013, we cannot afford to take for



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to the giver as it does to the receiver. As people carry the message of the services providers, they find themselves in a dual role - receiving so much more than they give! They share their time, energy and resources while gaining a much greater understanding of the quality of services, the number of neighbors, the building of futures, and the difference they are making in other people's lives.

When we plan for the annual campaign, people with a wide variety of skill sets are asked to assist with this project. Volunteers are skilled in sales, public relations, marketing, public speaking, critical thinking, organizing, leadership, photography, plus more. Last but not least, volunteers are willing, enthusiastic and passionate about the need for raising awareness of the mission of United Way & Volunteer Services: To promote voluntary giving and services to support human needs in the greater Yankton community.

As we plan the various committees and ask

granted that it will be "business as usual". We have to know how the partner agencies are meeting the needs as service providers or if they are having increased or reduced business. We have to continue building relationships with donors by telling stories of how lives have been touched. We have to communicate, in various applications, how support to the multiple programs affect the quality of life

the people to share their time and ideas, we cannot take for granted that this is the only item on their plate. We cannot express our gratitude enough. They come from busy business as well as personal time that is very precious. From the people serving on the Board of directors and the various committees to those helping with the kick-off event on the football field. Each and every one of these volunteers is making an impact on the campaign.

Time efficiency, resource sharing, community collaboration is the product of this organization, the United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton. The annual campaign is a major fundraising event to benefit all 35+ programs. This annual event grants a reprieve to each of the agencies from planning and implementing their own major fund drive. By combining the expense of this annual event, it is a cost savings for each of the agencies both financially as well as personnel time and energy. By making contacts and sharing information of all the agencies through one visit or presentation, the collaboration of information saves time for the businesses and individuals. We cannot take any on these aspects for granted.

Yes, we are preparing for the 2013 annual campaign. Yes, we are asking volunteers to assist us with each step in this process. Yes, we need support from citizens in the greater Yankton area to enable the continuation of critical services. No, we cannot take for granted that everyone in the area knows the difference they can make in so many lives. Yes, we know there is a big job for us to accomplish in the next few months. Yes, we know there are thousands of caring, supportive people in this greater area. No, we do NOT take you for granted.

THANK YOU FOR CARING!

Premier Exhibitor Program New To 2012 S.D. State Fair

BROOKINGS — New to the 2012 South Dakota State Fair is the Beef, Sheep and Swine Premier Exhibitor program for junior and senior 4-H youth.

"The purpose of this award is to provide an opportunity for 4-H exhibitors to demonstrate their production and management skills and to reward them for the knowledge they have in their livestock projects," said Megan Nielson, SDSU Extension Youth Livestock Field Specialist.

The top 10 youth will be recognized in each species with special awards for first and second place individuals.

Through the Premier Exhibitor program, youth will practice their decision making and communication skills by competing in four events: Industry Interview, Skill-a-thon, Production and Management Quiz, and Showmanship. A panel of judges, representing the South Dakota beef, sheep or swine industry, will ask a few short questions during the industry interview and score youth on accuracy of their

answers and overall presentation skills.

Youth who enter will be contacted by the Premier Exhibitor committee to schedule a time to complete the industry interview. Next, youth will complete the Skill-a-thon and Quiz. The Skill-a-thon will encompass hands-on stations that focus on animal selection, meats, animal health, and nutrition. During the Skill-a-thon youth will complete a 25-question quiz focused on their specie's management and industry issues.

On Aug. 31, the Swine Skill-a-thon will be from noon to 4 p.m. and Sheep Skill-a-thon 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 1, will be the Beef Skill-a-thon from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Finally, youth will receive points for their placing in showmanship. Points from all the sections will be added to determine the total score for Premier Exhibitor.

Youth must be 11-18 (age on or before Jan. 1) and members of South Dakota 4-H to enter Beef, Sheep or Swine Premier Exhibitor divisions.

Youth may only compete in one species and

are required to have animal entries in that division. Example: If a youth competes for Beef Premier Exhibitor they are ineligible to compete for Swine Premier Exhibitor.

To register, contact your local 4-H Youth Program Advisor, the registration is integrated into the State Fair Entry process on iGrow.org. There will be a \$10 entry fee due by the county deadline for State Fair entries. Money generated from entry fees will be distributed on a sliding scale to the Top 10 participants within each Premier Exhibitor.

For a full list of rules and suggested study resources to help youth prepare reference the South Dakota State Fair 4-H Division Handbook on http://igrow.org/4h/south-dakota-4h/2012-state-fair-resources.

If you have any other questions about the Premier Exhibitor or Skill-a-thons, contact Youth Livestock Field Specialist Megan Nielson, megan.nielson@sdsdstate.edu.



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