

New Service Times At Yankton's FUMC

First United Methodist Church, 207 W. 11th St., Yankton, welcomes the public to worship with them during its new service times on Sundays. Contemporary worship is at 8:45 a.m. and Traditional worship is at 10:45 a.m.

Library To Offer Facebook Class

The Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut, will offer a "Facebook for Beginners" class on Tuesday, Aug. 13. 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.

On Tuesday, Aug. 27, the library will offer a "Pinterest for Beginners" class. This class will go over the basics of setting up a Pinterest account and using the key features of repining items, creating boards, and pin etiquette.

Both classes will run from 6:30-8 p.m. and are free of charge. Because each class is limited to 15 participants, library officials ask that you call the library or register in person at the circulation desk at least one day prior to each class.

Children under 18 must be accompanied by their parent/guardian. Participants are encouraged to bring personal laptops to the session.

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

Center Sponsoring WinnaVagas Trip

The Center, 900 Whiting Drive in Yankton, is sponsoring a WinnaVegas Casino Trip on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The bus will leave at 8 a.m. and return by 3 p.m. There is a fee to participate.

For more information, call Christy Hauer at (605) 665-4685 or email director@thecenteryankton.org/.

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search-based information that can help them make those decisions."

He said approximately 15 counties have expressed an interest in the studies, and many of them have taken the formal action needed to proceed.

"At all levels — be it county, state, private industry or individual South Dakotans — the overwhelming majority of the feedback we have received has been very positive," Kostboth stated.

"Especially after people learn that the program we have created is not to sway local control but solely to support it."

Greg Henderson, director of PDIII, asked the Yankton County Commission in early July whether it would be interested in having the research done.

In a 3-1 vote, the commission said it was not interested in having such a study done. Commissioners Donna Freng, Bruce Jensen and Allen Sinclair were in the majority, while Commissioner Mark Johnson dissented, indicating that he wanted more time to consider the subject. Commissioner Garry Moore was not present.

Sinclair was most vocal in his opposition to the study and including the County Commission in the process.

"I don't think that a County Commission should be out there identifying sites for any commercial activity," he said. "It's for the people doing the activity to do their own homework. They should be the ones identifying sites. I'm going to have a real problem endorsing a County Commission activity of this nature."

Sinclair said the County Commission's role is to become involved through the zoning process. Even if it is only giving permission for a study, that could be seen by some as an endorsement of sites identified in the research during a zoning dispute in the future.

"It's a business deal, and the business people behind it, whether they are banks or the Ag Department, can do any type of study they want to do," Sinclair said. "But don't involve the County Commission until you're bringing it to us for a thumbs up or down based on our rules and regulations."

Some commissioners also expressed concern that declining the offer would get the county labeled as "anti-agriculture," a description that makes them bristle.

When presented with Sinclair's arguments, Kostboth said he respected Yankton County's decision not to participate.

"We have no doubt that the Yankton County Commission understands the importance of agriculture as our state's No. 1 industry and in no way feel this makes them anti-agriculture," he stated. "In recognition of the difficult decisions they are faced with, this program was created with the idea of supporting county

commissions by providing research-based information well in advance of them being asked for a thumbs up or thumbs down on a specific project. The ultimate goal is to help commissioners be as prepared as possible and fully aware of the numerous factors involved prior to being approached on such an important decision."

Counties that choose not to participate won't be treated any differently by the SDDA, Kostboth added.

"Our goal is to support counties and local control however we best can," he said. "If a county is not interested in having this work done, we certainly respect that and will continue to be just as committed to supporting them."

Brule, Codington, Hutchinson and Lincoln counties will serve as pilot projects before expanding the program.

"This will be our opportunity to work hand in hand with these commissions to fine tune the program and ensure we are providing the most useful tool for them that we can," Kostboth said. "We will be presenting results of this pilot work and also asking for additional feedback from local leaders at the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners meeting in Spearfish this September."

"After that, we hope to have a final template which will then be used for doing the work in other participating counties. Clay County formally requested this analysis months ago after learning about it when it was still nothing more than a concept, and we are looking forward to working with that commission immediately after the pilot work is completed."

Kostboth said the decision was made to require a formal request from each county commission because it is an important first step in the local control process.

"We only want to do this work in counties where we are asked to do so," he stated.

County and state officials will find the data useful, Kostboth believes.

"We have tried to design this program in a way that focuses on the pros (of such an analysis) by keeping it neutral, unbiased and committed to being a tool that supports local control," he said. "If the information and education from the analysis leads to a county deciding that ag-related development, or any component thereof, is not in their best interest, that is still valuable information for all of us to move forward with."

"The analysis itself is just one step in a process that will need to be followed before sites will ever be discussed with businesses interested in building or expanding in South Dakota," Kostboth added. "No matter how much opportunity may exist geographically at a particular site, it's not a promotable one unless local officials and, most importantly, the respective landowner(s) tell us they would like it to be."

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By Definition, Mid-Life Crisis Cars Should Be Impractical

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

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Dear Tom and Ray:

I am fast approaching my midlife crisis and want to buy a Jeep. I have wanted one for decades, but I am very cautious and always purchased autos with high reliability ratings. I don't want to completely throw caution to the wind, so I really want to know how old of a Jeep (Wrangler/Rubicon) I can get and still have the reliability factor? — Rita

RAY: Rita, Rita, Rita. You're completely misunderstanding the whole concept of a midlife crisis.

TOM: It's supposed to be when you do something stupid, like buy an old Jeep. It's about doing something you've always wanted to do but been heretofore restrained by your good common sense!

RAY: So, buying an impractical car is exactly what you need to do. The whole idea is to see what you've been missing all these years.

TOM: So if you've been lusting after Jeeps for decades while living in your practical world of ultra-reliable Hondas and Toyotas, you need to buy one of those Jeeps and see how the world



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looks when your head is bouncing against a canvas roof.

RAY: My guess is that, since you appear to be a logical, intelligent person, you'll love the Jeep for about three weeks. Then you'll get tired of the noise, the barbaric ride and the lousy handling. But that's fine. A midlife crisis is about exploring your own personality and why you've always made certain reasonable choices. And in most cases, it's about realizing that those choices were pretty good all along!

TOM: And that's fine! What's the worst thing that happens? You buy a Jeep, you have fun with it, you get sick

of it, you sell it and you buy something else. That in itself may be liberating, Rita.

RAY: Maybe what you need to learn in midlife is that making a small mistake is not the end of the world. Unless you flip your Jeep over, in which case it is.

TOM: So be careful out there, and try not to make any mistakes that are irreversible, like investing your life savings in corndog futures. But on small, insignificant things like cars, go ahead and have a little fun.

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South Dakota

School Performance Data Released

PIERRE — The South Dakota Report Card highlighting school performance is now available online. The Report Card, based on South Dakota's new accountability system, measures each of the state's schools on several key indicators and gives each school a score out of a total 100 points.

Thirty-four schools earned classifications of Exemplary, which is the top rating and includes the top 5 percent of schools. Eighteen of those were Exemplary for a second year in a row. The next 34 schools earned Status classifications based on their high-ranking scores, placing them in the top 10 percent of schools.*

"With the new accountability system, we are providing educators, parents and policy makers with a wealth of data," said Secretary of Education Dr. Melody Schopp. "That's the purpose of this process: to provide rich data to schools as they prepare our students for the challenges of college and careers in the 21st century."

High school completion is



one measure that has been added to the accountability system. The new system measures both students who complete high school in four years and students who take longer to complete or earn a GED.

"We want to recognize schools that help higher-risk students finish high school, even if it takes more than four years. This data shows

that a number of our schools are succeeding in this area," Schopp said.

Lead-Deadwood's Career & Tech Ed Campus is one example. The completion rate for students at the school was 80 percent, "which is no small feat," Schopp said.

Student achievement, as measured by the Dakota STEP test, is another key data point. Proficiency rates

on the state assessment have remained steadily in the mid-70s for several years, and that continued this year. Across the state, 74 percent of students scored at the proficient or advanced levels in math. In reading, 74 percent of students also scored at the proficient or advanced levels.

This year, the state is moving to new standards in English and math, and a new assessment will follow. Schopp cautions people not to compare the old and new assessments. "Proficiency levels will look very different when we have a new assessment in place. We are moving to more rigorous standards and to a more complex assessment. The new proficiency rates won't be comparable to those we're used to, but we need to stay the course for the long-term benefit of our students."

To learn more, visit doe.sd.gov and look for the Report Card link.

AG Warns Of Paving, Roofing Scams

PIERRE — Attorney General Marty Jackley is warning South Dakota consumers and business owners about transient paving and roofing scams that are heavily targeting South Dakota citizens.

The attorney general's Consumer Protection Division and local Law Enforcement across the state have received numerous complaints about out-of-state transients going door-to-door promising low estimates because of left over materials from a completed project down the road or needing to keep crews busy between jobs. Consumers and business owners are reporting poor quality jobs at exaggerated prices, often double or triple what was originally quoted.

"Every single year our Consumer Protection Division receives numerous complaints against transient contractors," said Jackley.

"Their main goal is to trick consumers into making hasty decisions in purchasing an inferior product, generally at an inflated price. Catching the consumer or business off guard is their most effective tactic."

Here are a few precautions that may help prevent becoming a victim:

- Do not be pressured into a quick agreement.
- Request a written contact specifying in detail the work to be done and the agreed upon price.
- Be cautious if cash-only terms are required.
- Do not make full payment before the job is satisfactorily completed.
- Ask for local references and call these references to make sure they were satisfied.
- Get bids from local companies to compare prices.
- Consumers have a three day right-to-cancel, which

should be stated on the receipt of contract.

- Sellers must provide the consumer with a copy of the contract or receipt at the time of the sale. This receipt must show the date of the sale, the name and address of the merchant, and a statement to the buyer of his or her right to cancel the contact within three days. After proper cancellation, the seller has 10 days to refund your money.

- Remember that a legitimate offer does not require you to have the work done immediately. Do not get pressured into sale.

- Ask to see their current South Dakota tax license. State law requires all persons selling products or

services to have a current South Dakota sales or contractors' excise tax license. But remember that even though they may have this license it does not mean that you will be able to locate them once the work is complete.

Contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-300-1986 or consumerhelp@state.sd.us with questions or concerns regarding transient contractors.

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40th Anniversary Celebration



Mr. & Mrs. Michael Haas

Sandra and Michael Haas of Yankton, SD will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on August 4, 2013.

Sandra Lechner and Michael Haas were married on August 4, 1973 at Calvary Baptist Church in Yankton, SD.

60th Anniversary Celebration



Mr. & Mrs. Irvin May

Phyllis Sawyer and Irvin May of Yankton, SD were married August 10, 1953 in Bremerton, WA.

Their family requests a card shower to celebrate their 60 years of marriage.

Greetings may be sent to: 3808 Peninah St., Yankton, SD 57078.



Rev. & Mrs. Schulz

The Rev. Leon E. and Carolyn K. Schulz will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 18, 2013.

An open house hosted by their children will be held from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Grace Lutheran Church, 511 South Pine Street, Menno, SD.

Carolyn (Schoon) and Leon Schulz were married on August 17, 1963, in Webster City, Iowa.

They have three children; Sharon (Kevin) Elsing of Sioux Falls, SD; Noel (Jennifer) Schulz of Dakota Dunes, SD and Brenda Schulz of Sioux Falls, SD.

They have five grandchildren; Ripley Elsing; Afton Elsing; Marisa Schulz; Cole Schulz and Tori Schulz.

Greetings may be sent to Box 442, Menno, SD 57045. The couple requests no gifts.