

# Creighton

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meeting the expectations of the patients and their families."

Patients will enjoy the benefits of receiving care near family and friends, Schulte told the *Press & Dakotan*.

"They also don't have the expense of travel, and they don't have to wake up so early to drive (to a regional center) for their surgery," he said. "And you have a 5-minute car ride home after you are done with a visit rather than an hour or two."

The operating room covers the same size and offers the same amenities as those in much larger hospitals, Schulte said.

The new facilities should provide a major boost to recruiting and retaining physicians and other health professionals, he added.

"I think the space is attractive," he said. "Surgeons will want to come out and practice in a rural setting."

Creighton banker Russ Diedrichsen noted the improved hospital facilities helped attract new doctors "whose practice have just taken off."

Diedrichsen chaired the board when the Creighton hospital was operated as a city-run entity. He now serves on the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital board in Yankton as well as on the Avera Creighton Hospital advisory board.

"Things couldn't be any better, and this has been a fantastic partnership with Avera. As an Avera facility, we can continue to provide the best care for the people of the area," he said.

"Now, we see this (new surgical wing) as a step toward recruiting more doctors. The other facility was very old, and we were limited in what we could do. But we think this will make it much easier to attract additional doctors."

The new surgical wing is used for outreach clinics by a variety of general surgeons and specialists for both inpatient and outpatient procedures. The wing also includes a new nurses' station, a recovery area for post-operative care and a waiting room for families of surgical patients.

Other features include two instrument sterilization rooms, a staff lounge and a training room with computers and projectors for staff usage and regional training of Avera employees.

The old surgery area is now being used for medical equipment

storage. However, it will become part of Avera Creighton Hospital's master plan for restoration. It will likely be used as an outpatient area.

Avera served as the construction management, while Radec Construction of Hartington, Neb., handled the construction work and TSP of Sioux Falls served as engineer.

Doug Moser of Radec Construction saw the project as completion of a mission.

"It's great to be part of the project," he said. "We built this new area with the shell space in 2005. We came back to finish the space and fill in the shell."

ASHH vice president Doug Ekren, who attended Friday's ceremony and open house, sees the new Avera Creighton surgical wing as a major step forward.

"This will benefit not only the procedures performed by local staff but also the specialists who come from outside the community," he said.

The willingness to invest nearly \$1 million in health care sends a major message to the 1,200 Creighton residents along with the surrounding service area, Diedrichsen said.

"This will instill confidence in the community about the quality of care and our commitment to them," he said. "When people consider whether to move here, health care is one of the drawing points."

Friday's visitors included Creighton resident Dick Hutchison, administrator from 1962-69 when the Creighton facility was known as Lundberg Memorial Hospital.

"It's very nice and up to date. It's a really great surgical area," he said of the new facilities. "They gave us tours of the old surgical center from 1954. This (new wing) is so much nicer. It's well equipped and so well set up for the traffic flow and patient care."

Avera Creighton registered nurse Barb Nielsen beamed with pride and spoke with excitement about the new operating room.

"We don't need extension cords anymore (in the OR)," she said. "I used to have to come in a day earlier (than surgery) and put in the extension cords and arrange them so that the doctors and nurses didn't fall over the cords."

Nielsen reflected on her 45-year career at the Creighton hospital.

"I didn't think I would ever see this (new wing)," she said. "I didn't think I would live long enough or work here long enough to see this."

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# Corps

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weeks: Reducing the Missouri's flow is necessary because low levels in its upper basin could negatively affect recreation in the upper Missouri while impacting drinking water supplies, animal habitat and hydropower. Darcy added that the corps is legislatively bound to act in the best interest of the Missouri River, with what happens on the Mississippi incidental.

U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill did

not greet the letter warmly. The Missouri Democrat asserted Friday the corps would be to blame if shipping on the Mississippi — a corridor on which everything from grain to coal, chemicals and petroleum products is transported — gets slowed or shut down completely.

"Missouri businesses and jobs depend on our ability to continue commercial navigation along the Mississippi — and the dropping water level can't be ignored," McCaskill said. "The Army Corps is now saying that we can continue navigation without increased flows from the Missouri, and we should hold them accountable if that prediction doesn't pan out."

# News Flash: Is Re-Flash A Scam?

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

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Dear Tom and Ray:

My local automotive-repair shop offers a service in which they will "re-flash" your car's computer. Is that helpful, or just an unnecessary service to generate profits for the shop? Is it something I could do myself with one of those \$150 scan tools from the auto-parts store? The shop claims the "flashing" will remove false engine codes, increase engine performance, improve gas mileage, etc. So what do you think? — Dan

TOM: Gee, I thought that was illegal. Last time my brother flashed someone at the garage, he spent 30 days in jail.

RAY: This is not something you can do yourself with an inexpensive scan tool, Dan. The equipment required to re-flash the car's computer costs several thousand dollars. And there are different machines for different manufacturers.

TOM: The good news is, there's no reason to "re-flash" your computer's memory as a maintenance service.

RAY: The primary reason to re-flash a computer (which basically means updating or reinstalling its software) is that an update has been issued by the manufacturer.



## CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

TOM: If the update is to address a serious drivability or safety issue, you or your dealer will be notified by the manufacturer that there's a software update, and that it's recommended for all vehicles. Dealers often will do that for free, especially if you're in for something else.

RAY: The other reason we'll re-flash a computer is if we already have our machine hooked up to the car for some other reason. It's a very simple procedure, and there may be minor updates that the car hasn't had.

The manufacturer may have tweaked the transmission-shifting algorithm or some other parameters that are not crucial but may bring slight improvements to drivability, mileage or emissions.

TOM: So if your shop has the capacity to re-flash your computer, and they're not going to charge you too much for it, it can't hurt anything, and it might be useful.

RAY: But as long as you haven't received a notification from your manufacturer, there's no need to re-flash anything on a regular basis except your chimney.

Tom and Ray offer a strategy for everyone who's shopping for a car. Find yours in their pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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## Center To Host Pancake Supper

The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton, will host a pancake supper on Wednesday, Dec. 12, running from 4:30-7 p.m.

The menu will include all-you-can-eat pancakes and French

toast along with a single serving of eggs, bacon or sausage.

For more information, contact Christy Hauer at 605-665-4685 or [director@thecenteryankton.org](mailto:director@thecenteryankton.org).

## MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of Dec. 10, 2012. Menus are subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk.

### Yankton Elementary Schools

Monday — Pancakes  
Tuesday — Teriyaki Chicken  
Wednesday — Stuffed-Crust Pizza  
Thursday — Spaghetti  
Friday — Corn dog

### Yankton Middle School

Monday — Italian Dunker w/Sauce  
Tuesday — Teriyaki Chicken  
Wednesday — Nachos  
Thursday — Chicken Sticks  
Friday — Meatball Sub

### YHS A Line Menu

Monday — Teriyaki Chicken  
Tuesday — Burrito  
Wednesday — Chicken Sticks  
Thursday — Italian Dunker w/Sauce  
Friday — Chili w/Cheese

### YHS B Line Menu

Monday — Hamburger Pizza  
Tuesday — Goulash Casserole  
Wednesday — Yogurt Bar  
Thursday — Cauliflower Soup/Cheese  
Friday — Hot Ham/Cheese Sandwich

### YHS C Line Menu

Monday — Hamburger  
Tuesday — BBQ Chicken  
Wednesday — Corn dog  
Thursday — Tavern  
Friday — Turkey Hoagie

### Sacred Heart Schools

Monday — Taco in a Bag  
Tuesday — Chicken Leg  
Wednesday — French Toast Sticks  
Thursday — Chicken Noodle Soup  
Friday — Pepperoni Pizza

### The Center — Yankton

Monday — Salisbury Steak  
Tuesday — Chicken Breast/Gravy  
Wednesday — BBQ Pork Sandwich  
Thursday — Swiss Steak  
Friday — Baled Potato Bar

### Tabor Senior Citizens Center

Monday — N/A  
Tuesday — Roast Beef  
Wednesday — Salisbury Steak  
Thursday — Hot Hamburger  
Friday — N/A



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jack Weeks (right), Vice President & Senior Lending Officer with First National Bank South Dakota, is shown presenting Dionne Hento (left), Rep Payee for the Contact Center, with a check for \$500.

## First National Bank SD Makes Donation To Contact Center

First National Bank South Dakota recently gave back to the Yankton community by donating \$500.00 to the Contact Center. The donation was a part of the bank's celebration of 50 years of serving Yankton, Mitchell, Huron, Woonsocket and surrounding communities.

Jack Weeks, Vice President & Senior Lending Officer with First National Bank South Dakota, presented Dionne Hento, Rep Payee of the Contact Center \$500. The money will be used to purchase items for the Food pantry.

"We feel supporting the community we live and work in is very important, and we are proud to do

just that," said Weeks.

The Contact Center provides a food pantry, emergency assistance, county welfare, payee services and an indigent medical fund to the Yankton area.

First National Bank South Dakota is a full-service banking institution with branches in Huron, Mitchell, Woonsocket and Yankton. In addition to traditional lending and deposit products and services, First National Bank South Dakota offers services in Insurance, Trust, Investments and Planning, real estate and electronic banking through their website at [www.fnbdsd.com](http://www.fnbdsd.com).

## Cookie & Candy Sale

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This heartwarming, true story that takes place in Yankton during the 1940's chronicles the efforts of a young girl determined to find a way to provide her family with a Christmas to remember.

## Christmas Deadlines

**The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closing at noon on Monday, December 24.**

The following deadlines will apply:

Wednesday, December 26 newspaper – Thursday, December 20, 5 p.m.  
Thursday, December 27 newspaper – Friday, December 21, 5 p.m.  
Friday, December 28 newspaper – Monday, December 24, noon  
Wednesday, January 2 newspaper – Thursday, December 27, 5 p.m.  
Thursday, January 3 newspaper – Friday, December 28, 5 p.m.  
Friday, January 4 newspaper – Monday, December 31, noon  
Out On The Town will run Monday, Dec. 24 & Thursday, Dec. 27 – Deadline Wednesday, December 19, 5 p.m.

**There will be no newspaper on Tuesday, December 25, 2012.**

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