offerings. The tithe is off the top, before

you do anything else. That's why I rec-

ommend people put it on the top line of

taken care of your family. The normative

method found is that offerings are to be

taken out of your surplus. In my mind,

while your family is in debt and you're

there is no surplus. Just because some-

thing tugs at your heartstrings or some-

one spews out a toxic sermon on giving

But here's the good news. Once

you've paid off your debt and have a

fully loaded emergency fund in place,

you'll have the rest of your lives to open

up and give like never before. Getting

out of debt means you will gain control

of your most powerful wealth-building

tool-your income. And when that hap-

pens, you can give with extraordinary

with money-spend, save and give. And

when you reach a point where you can

give well, it's the most fun you'll ever

There are three things you can do

doesn't mean that you need to give offer-

busy taking care of your household,

After that, offerings are almost impossible to find in Scripture until you've first

their budget forms.

ings above your tithe.

levels of generosity.

have with money!

COMMUNITY

day. 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 **Wii Bowling**, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 **Billiards**, 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

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

Weight Watchers, 5:30 p.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 1/2

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

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

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

Partnership 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

Each Day a New Beginning, 10 a.m., non-smoking closed ses-Daily Reprieve, noon, non-smoking closed session, 1019 W 9th

Vermillion Unity Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. closed session, Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark, Vermillion.

FIRST SATURDAY

Bingo, Yankton Moose Lodge, 7 p.m. (through May)

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 a.m., closed meeting, 1019 W. 9th

Tyndall Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., non-smoking, 1609 Lau-

Vermillion Unity Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., closed meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark, Vermillion

MONDAY

Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 **Quilting,** 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 **Exercise,** 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Daily Reprieve, noon, open meeting non-smoking, 1019 W 9th St. Interchange, noon, Minerva's Bar and Grill, 605-660-8849.

Cribbage, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

Pinochle, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

Whist, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

Hand & Foot Cards, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

River City Harmony Sweet Adelines, 6:30 p.m. First United River City Harmony Sweet Adelines, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 11th and Cedar, 605-661-7162

Divorce Care, 7 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church Divorce Care For Kids, 7 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church Daily Reprieve, 7 p.m., closed meeting non-smoking, 1019 W 9th

SECOND MONDAY

Yankton Diabetes Support Group, 1 p.m., Benedictine Center,

Yankton School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., YSD Administration Building, 2410 West City Limits Road, 605-665-3998 Yankton Area Writers Club, 7 p.m., Fry'n Pan Restaurant, Yank

Tri-State Old Iron Association Meeting, 7 p.m., JoDeans

Yankton City Commission, 7 p.m., RTEC, 1200 W. 21st Street YHS Booster Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Summit Activities Center

RTEC To Offer Hobby Welding Mini-Course

If you're looking for a new way to showcase your artistic talents, your imagination and your love of creating unique, handcrafted gifts, RTEC's Holiday Hobby Welding mini-course was designed with you in mind.

Holiday Hobby Welding, the fun mini-course that requires no previous welding knowledge or experience, will run from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on three consecutive Saturdays — Dec. 7, 14 & 21, 2013. It will be instructed in the welding technologies lab at the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC) at 1200 W. 21st St. in Yankton.

During these special Saturday morning classes, you'll be introduced to the basics of several different types of welding so you can use your creativity and imagination to produce unique holiday projects for

yourself or for others on your holiday list. By the end of this brief course, you'll learn how to make welded creations that might include animals, yard art, functional household items and even seasonal projects such as

No previous welding experience is needed, making this class ideal for amateurs, hobbyists and curious artists who would like to find a new medium to explore.

snowmen and hearts.

For more information or to register for this weldingmini course, contact RTEC at (605) 668-5700, visit RTEC's web site at www.rtecedu.org or like RTEC on Facebook.

Class size is limited to 10 participants and you'll complete your project(s) just in time for holiday giving. A minimum of six must be enrolled for the class to run.

Dave Says

Slow Down On Mortgage Acceleration

BY DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,

Should I pay a nominal fee to be enrolled in a mortgage accelerator

— Jennifer

Dear Jennifer,

No, you should not. Mortgage accelerator programs are similar to the biweekly mortgage deals floating around out there. Paying on your mortgage biweekly is fine. Paying for the privilege is

In the biweekly mortgage program, you make a half-payment every two weeks. By doing this you will pay off the typical 30-year note in about 22 years. It works because there are 26 two-week periods in a year, and 26 half-payments equals 13 whole payments. It pays off your mortgage early because you're making an extra payment every year. That's what's doing it. There's nothing magical about every two weeks; it's the fact that you're paying extra principal.

Instead of paying your mortgage company an unnecessary "nominal fee," just make an extra payment each year. Or, pay one-twelfth of a payment as a principal reduction with a separate check, in a separate envelope, every month. By doing that, you'll pay off the



Dave **RAMSEY**

as with a biweekly arrangement. If you're just now

taking out a mortgage and your lender can do a biweekly setup at no cost, then that's great. Take them up on the offer. But we're not going to pay them an additional fee so you

can make extra payments on the principal. That's just

— Dave

GIVING BEYOND TITHING

Dear Dave,

My husband and I tithe, but right now we're on Baby Step 2 of your plan and we're expecting a child in a few months. Since we're trying to pay off all our debt except for our home, what should we do about giving beyond our tithe in this situation?

— Carrie

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— Dave

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Beeson Joins Baldwin Filters HR Generalist

Traci Beeson recently joined Baldwin Filters in Yankton as a Human Resources Generalist. Beeson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mt. Marty College and a Master of Science in Administration degree from the University of

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South Dakota. She is currently the President of the Southeast South Dakota Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management and earned her Professional in Human Resources certification in 2011. She was



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over 6,000 lube, air, fuel, hydraulic, coolant and transmission filtration products for most applications, and can be purchased from distributors worldwide. For information about Baldwin products and employment opportunities, visit our website at

www.baldwinfilter.com. **HHS Dog Adoptions** Set For Dec. 7

Heartland Humane Society will have dogs available for adoption at the former Yankton Motor Building this Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10

a.m.-1 p.m. The building is located at 3400 East Highway 50 in Yankton.

"Meet and Greets allow our dogs and cats waiting for adoption to get out into the public and make new friends," said Kerry Schmidt, Executive Director at Heartland Humane Society.

The shelter will be

raffling off a brand new pet house during the event. Raffle tickets are currently being sold at the shelter for \$5 per ticket. A maximum of 50 tickets will be sold.

Schmidt encourages anyone interested in adopting an animal to fill out an application prior to the Meet and Greet. You can pick up an application at the shelter or find it online at www.heartlandhumanesociety.net/.

For more information, contact Heartland Humane Society 605-664-4244.

104th State Oral Interp. Festival Set For Dec. 6-7

WATERTOWN — Students from 87 South Dakota high schools will compete in the 104th annual South Dakota High School Activities Association State Oral Interpretation Festival on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7, at the Watertown Events Center and Watertown High School.

This year's State Interpretation Festival competitors have qualified for the Festival through a combination local school, district and regional competitions. The Festival will feature a combined total of 309 Class "AA," Class "A" and Class "B" entries. The Class "B" State Oral Festival competitors were determined by advancing from one of the 10 district contests to a Class "B" regional contests and advancing from their region contest to the State Festival. The Class "A" State Festival competitors qualified for the State Festival after advancing from one of five Class "A" regional contests. Class "AA" contestants have advanced to the State Festival as a result of intraschool competition in their own schools. The 2013 State Oral Interpretation Festival will showcase competitive performances by 98 entries from 14 Class "AA" schools, 106 entries from 28 Class "A" schools and 105 entries from 45 Class "B' schools.

The State Oral Interpretation Festival, sponsored by

the South Dakota High School Activities Association, brings together South Dakota's best high school oral interpretation speakers in a "festival" setting. During the State Festival the students will compete to achieve a "Superior" rating which is the equivalent of a state championship in their contest event. State Oral Interpretation Festival competition is divided into seven contest events: Non-Original Oratory, Interpretation of Serious Plays, Interpretation of Serious Prose, Poetry Reading, Humorous Reading, Duet Interpretation, and Readers Theatre.

The State Oral Interpretation Festival competition will begin on Friday morning at 10 a.m. The Festival's second and third sessions will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday afternoon and at 7 p.m. Friday evening, respectively.

The Festival will conclude with two sessions at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. The awards for each session's competition will be announced at the conclusion of the session. "Team Excellence" awards, recognizing the high schools whose over all entries excelled during the State Festival, will be presented at the conclusion of competition on Saturday afternoon

The public is encouraged to attend any or all of the sessions of the State Festival.



In honor of the holiday season which is close upon us, nearly 100 angels have found a temporary home on the first floor of the historic Cramer-Kenyon Home at 509 Pine Street in Yankton. They will be ready to receive visitors at a series of Open Houses, titled "Angels Among Us," scheduled for Dec. 13-15.

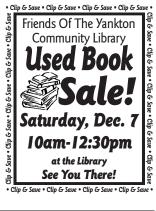
The Board of Directors of the Home invites area residents and visitors to enjoy the beauty of the sumptuously furnished parlors on on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 1-5 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec, bers will greet the guests on behalf of the angels, whose voices are meant more for

This three-day event is a gift to the community in gratitude for the support that has been given to the historical importance of the Eastlake Stick Style House. As was discovered at the recent 125th birthday celebration of the state of South Dakota, the talk of statehood was

fostered by those who dwelt in and visited 509 Pine Street.

As an added attraction. visitors will receive a chance in a drawing to be held at each Open House, the winner of which will take a vintage angel to his/her very own home.

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Thursday, December 5 7:40 am Yankton Conv/Vis (Lisa Scheve) 8:20 am Yankton Chamber

(Carmen Schramm) Friday, December 6 7:40 am World Of Work (Ryan Hage, David Allen) 8:20 am Yankton Area Arts (Jackie Quinn)



Items needed: Clothing, Textiles, **Housewares & Computers** It's good to know that your donations are

helping put people to work. As always your donations are tax deductible.

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