

Church Women United To Hold Meeting

The annual meeting of Church Women United will be held at noon on Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton, to discuss the upcoming events for 2015. A brown bag luncheon, followed by a dessert served the Trinity women, will be held.

Eight churches in Yankton are members, and more are welcome. Christ the King Episcopal Church, Peace Presbyterian Church, Sacred Heart Church, Sacred Heart Monastery, St. Benedict Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, United Church of Christ and United Methodist join together to do various events and give support to programs throughout the year.

Nationally, CWU has been around for more than 70 years. In 1941, it was formed to encourage church women to come together in a visible fellowship to witness to their faith in Jesus Christ.

In Yankton it is open to any church that would like to join. For more information, call Veronica "Roni" Trezona at (605) 660-5612.

SCHOLASTICS

YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

EDITOR'S NOTE: These students were inadvertently omitted last week from the publication of the Yankton Middle School Honor Roll for the second quarter. We apologize for the oversight.

Leann Sasse
Madison Schaefer
Ty Schultz
Anthony Snoozy
Kaitlyn Steffen
Calissa Steinberg
William Whitmire
Erica Wurtz

SHARE Winner



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Yankton SHARE is pleased to recognize our January drawing winner, Chaplain Jan Voelzke, who won the best value package containing fresh produce, pork tenderloin, kielbasa, seasoned steak fries, chopped beef steak and split chicken breast. Pictured are Jan Voelzke and Fran Livingston, Yankton SHARE Volunteer Team Leader. For more information on SHARE or to purchase tickets for the next drawing, contact Fran Livingston 760-4712, Trinity Clark 760-5857 or Deb Johnson 760-3056.

USD Students Participate In Nationwide Accounting Internships

VERMILLION — More than three dozen University of South Dakota Beacom School of Business accounting students are honing their skills and gaining valuable experience thanks to internship opportunities with several accounting firms in the United States.

Jamie Faddoul of Pierre, Bailey Fish of Brandon, Kayla Foreman of Miller, Natalie Gubbels of Norfolk, Nebraska, Shelby Hogue of Brookings, Andrew Johnson of Sioux Falls, Ngoc Le of Sioux City, Iowa, Seth Rom-bough of Miller, and Jared Weber of Parkston are students with accounting internships at Bailly, LLP, in Sioux Falls. Kayla Cuperus of Rock Rapids, Iowa, Brandon Gronseth of Mitchell, Stephen Lewis of Sioux Falls, and Ryan Nepodal of Platte, are interns at McGladrey LLP of Sioux Falls and Shane Vandenberg of Sioux Falls, Morgan Ellefson of Garretson, A.J. Meyer of Williams, Iowa, and Nick Monahan of Wayne, Nebraska, are at KPMG in Omaha, Nebraska. Olesia Martinez of Los Angeles is interning at KPMG in Los Angeles.

Lenora Decker of Sioux Falls and Alyssa Giedd of Crooks are interns at Buss Accounting and Consulting, PC, in Hartford; Jeremy Jansen of Emery, is an intern at Deloitte in Minneapolis, Minn. and Reanna Bertram of Vermillion is interning at Deloitte in Omaha. Lucas Holden of Parkston and Josh Newman of Rapid City are at Jackson Hewitt Tax Services in Yankton, and Ryan Ander-

son of Yankton is at MRHenderson & Co., also out of Yankton. Wenquian Pan of Foshan, China is doing an internship for Garret Tenbroek, C.P.A. of Mobridge Romaine Kocer of Sturgis is an intern at Ketel Thorstenson of Rapid City, while Ashley Pickner of Pierre is an intern with the South Dakota Department of Revenue at Pierre.

Interns at Ness Tax & Bookkeeping Service in Sioux Falls are Christy Hofer of Freeman and Thuy Nguyen of Sioux City; Delana Bovero of Yankton, Sarah Pieper of Norfolk and Abigail Trieb of Yankton are student interns at Williams and Company of Yankton. Sam Pfeiffer of Aberdeen is an intern at Schaap Sternhagen & Co. of Yankton; and Samantha Thuringer of Vermillion is at Quam & Berglin of Elk Point Students with accounting internships at King, Reinsch, Prosser & Co., LLP, of Sioux City are Cody Conover of Anthon, Iowa, and Mercedes Ricke of Sioux City; and Saliesh Pant of Kathmandu, Nepal, is an intern with PwC in Phoenix, Ariz.

"Internships are an excellent opportunity for students to gain experience in their chosen fields and to learn the culture of a company by exposing them to day-to-day tasks of a particular job," stated Venky Venkatachalam, dean of the Beacom School of Business. "It provides our students with an inside look into their prospective career and helps them develop the necessary skills they will need as accountants."

Yankton College Night At Cimpl Arena

Mount Marty College will be recognizing local Yankton College Alumni from the Yankton area at the Lancer home double header basketball games against Grace University on Saturday, Feb. 14. Game times are at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., with doors opening at 1 p.m.

Alumni of both colleges are invited to Lancer Landing (west balcony in Cimpl Arena) for the game, hors d'oeuvres, visiting and viewing of historic memorabilia between the two schools. An introduction of Yankton College alumni will take place on center court at halftime of the men's game. Special Valentine gifts will be presented to those married couples in attendance that mixed it up with one graduating from YC and the other from MMC.

Deserving Mount Marty College students who received a Yankton College Scholarship in the past will also be recognized during the game as receiving the financial aid from the active Yankton College Scholarship Program.

Entrance to the game is free for all those participating in this event with registration for the Yankton College guests at the front entrance of Cimpl arena on game day.

Yankton College was incorporated in 1881 and provided a quality liberal arts education until its closing in 1984. During the years that Mount Marty College and Yankton College co-existed in Yankton, the two private schools naturally found ways to collaborate on their resources.

For more information, contact the Mount Marty College Alumni Office at 605-668-1542 or email alumni@mtmc.edu.

Monopolization And Diversity Are Both Needed In Agriculture

BY DR. MIKE ROSMANN

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Agriculture is an arena of rampant monopolization of agricultural products, markets and gene pools.

Business reports for 2014 indicate three U.S. companies (Tyson, Cargill and JBS Swift) control 90 percent of domestic beef processing and wholesaling. These same three companies, along with Smithfield, control 66 percent of the pork available to consumers.

Tyson, and three other companies oversee the production and marketing of 60 percent of the poultry available to consumers. Three corporate entities dominate the sale of dairy products in much of the U.S.

Four companies (Monsanto, Syngenta, DuPont and Dow) command 80 percent of the U.S. corn seed market and 70 percent of the soybean seed business, according to an October 4, 2013 article in Food Democracy Now.

A 2012 *Heritage Farm Companion* magazine article indicated ten companies, including the US "big four," control three quarters of worldwide commercial seed sales.

Monopolization encourages monocultures. In 2013, for example, 93 percent of soybean seeds planted in the U.S. were genetically modified organisms (GMOs), while 90 percent of planted corn was GMOs and over 90 percent of cotton, sugarbeet and canola seeds were GMOs, according to GMO-Compass.

Monocultures aim to yield uniform products. Monopolies specialize in certain products, market control, undercutting or stifling competition any way possible, and making profits.

This specificity in production of food, processing and marketing is nonetheless spawning new diversity in all aspects of food production, including consumer demand, and even the survival of pests such as antibiotic-resistant bacteria strains and glyphosate-resistant weeds.

The new diversity should not be surprising. A key law of nature is that diversity favors survivability.

Similarly, a key principle of General Systems Theory is the more solutions that are available to solve a problem, the greater the likelihood the best solution



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remain in their native state contain a rich variety of plants, insects, animals and organisms of many kinds.

These prairies are more likely to adapt to threats such as pests and unusual weather conditions than a field planted to a single crop.

Crossbred animals that have two parents with different genetic makeups within the same species usually thrive better than animals that have been selected to maximize only certain traits.

Humans also like diversity. Given a choice, most people prefer variety in their foods and experiences over the same foods and activities.

Most consumers prefer a broad range of options in their diet, which may help explain why heritage seeds, farmers markets, and retail grocers that offer a multitude of choices of similar products in their stores are becoming ever more popular.

The preference for diversity contributes to the popularity of community supported agriculture, which offers customers seasonal variety in their food choices. It also is a factor that increases the likelihood that organic food production is here to stay.

People benefit from diversity in many ways. For example, farm children who have been exposed to a variety of pollens and microbes of all sorts have fewer allergies than children who are protected from these substances by living indoors and using antiseptics frequently.

The principle is further illustrated by how most workers prefer jobs that

will emerge.

So, it can be expected that while the use of glyphosate-resistant seeds makes weed control in crop fields easier in some ways, the survival of weeds that tolerate the herbicide also is favored.

Nature likes diversity. Prairie ecosystems that

do not involve repetitive completion of the same task. A variety of employment experiences is more stimulating and fun.

We might not be thinking about the laws of nature when we make choices that increase our options, but that is what is going on. We humans have a propensity to seek diversity because it increases our probability of surviving as a species.

"We can't control whole systems," says distinguished Iowa State University professor and agricultural ethicist, Frederick Kirschenmann, in *Cultivating an Ecological Conscience*. He goes on to say "our world is a complex adaptive system that is interconnected, interdependent, and constantly changing."

Diversity is key to resilience, Kirschenmann proposes, and resilience is necessary for survival. Unless people, crops, livestock, food production and systems in general are adaptable, they are ultimately doomed to extinction.

So, it's not unusual that monocultures and monopolies generate the need for diversity even though their aim is to produce ever more of the same.

The world would be a mundane and unhealthy place without diversity and we can be glad for diversity's contribution to our agricultural livelihoods, our production of essential food, fiber and fuel, and ultimately our survival.

Monocultures and monopolies have the upper hand over sustainable diversity in agribusiness currently. Wealthy companies and individuals have too much influence over policy makers and governmental rules.

One approach cannot get out of control in favor of the other.

This principle needs to be translated into policies and laws that promote diverse alternative approaches to agriculture as well as an intensive industrial approach. The survival platform should be equal for both approaches.

Contact Dr. Rosmann with your ideas and reactions at: www.agbehavioralhealth.com.

A Closer Look At Births In South Dakota

BROOKINGS — A study recently released by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) indicated that South Dakota is one of six states with an increasing birthrate.

"This is exciting news in an era when the average age of the population is projected to increase rapidly over the coming decades," said Leacey E. Brown, SDSU Extension Gerontology Field Specialist.

According to data found within the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) regions, nearly half the births in 2012 took place in the East Central NASS region of South Dakota which consists of Brookings, Davison, Hanson, Kingsbury, Lake, McCook, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody and Sanborn Counties.

The South West NASS region is home to the second largest group of births in 2012, which includes Bennett, Custer, Fall River, Haakon, Jackson, Pennington, Shannon and Stanley counties.

"These 18 counties host 49.6 percent of the population of South Dakota and account for 67.5 percent of the births in the state."

Brown explained that two other NASS regions in the state showed a striking difference between the percentage of the population housed in the area and the number of births that took place.



"One out of every four people reside in the North West and the South East NASS regions, yet only one out of every 10 births took place in either of those regions," Brown said.

Countries in those regions include: Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay, Corson, Dewey, Douglas, Harding, Hutchinson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Meade, Perkins, Turner, Union, Yankton and Ziebach.

Brown said organizing the birth and population data by NASS regions provides valuable insight about the demographics of South Dakota.

"There is considerable variation within each region. For example, the South West NASS region is home to the county with the oldest median age (Custer: 52.5) and one of the youngest (Shannon: 24.7)," she said.

AGING CONTINUES IN RURAL AREAS

Even though the data presented here is just a snapshot in time, Brown said the demographic trends suggest the population in rural South Dakota will continue to age.

"As this trend continues,

the number of children born in rural communities is not likely to increase without community level intervention to retain and attract people," she said.

Brown said that while younger people are an essential part of rural vitality, the relative number of younger people available across the United States is projected to be smaller as the percentage of the population over age 65 increases.

"With every rural community in America vying for younger people, it is essential for rural communities to develop innovative ways to retain and attract younger people," Brown said. "What is more, adults over the age of 65 provide valuable human capital to rural communities in the form of consumers, business owners, community leaders, mentors and caregivers for children and adults with disabilities."

She said that as a state, South Dakota is at a pivotal moment in history.

"The Baby Boom generation will likely be healthy and active for the next two decades, possibly longer de-

pending on medical advancements that take place. After that time, they may need additional assistance," she said. "Some rural communities may find it difficult to keep Baby Boomers who develop disabilities in their own homes without services such as home health, home maker, respite or meal delivery."

These services, Brown explained, cannot be offered without frontline health professionals, including: nurses, certified nursing assistants, physicians, physician's assistants, physical therapists, etc.

"In addition, volunteers are often relied upon for programs such as Meals-on-wheels or Senior Companions," she said.

In order for rural communities to be prepared to provide services to an increased population of adults with disabilities, Brown said, they need to evaluate the assets which currently exist in their community.

"From there, we can determine what, if any, features need to be developed within the community to help them attract and retain the teachers, business leaders, health care providers, community leaders and volunteers necessary to maintain the vibrancy of rural South Dakota," Brown said.

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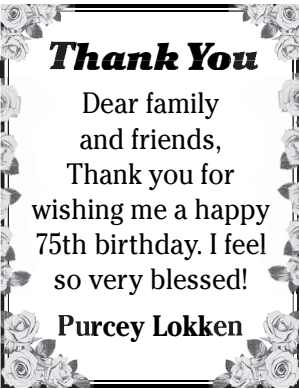
YAA Invites Public To Paint-And-Sip Class

Yankton Area Arts invite the public to GAR Hall on Friday, Feb. 13, from 6:30-9 p.m. for a Paint & Sip class with area artist and instructor Cheryl Peterson-Halsey.

Participants will be part of a social art experience in which each artist will receive professional instruction to ultimately create a 16 x 20 painting to take home.

All adult classes are BYOB events (no hard liquor allowed). YAA will provide all art supplies including canvas/paper and aprons, fine edibles and non-alcoholic drinks, music and the upbeat atmosphere that will surely unleash your inner artist. There is a cost to the

class. Those interested are encouraged to register early by visiting www.YanktonAreaArts.org or by calling 665-9754 for more information. Space is limited.



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