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play by the rules? Do you respect other people, even those with whom you disagree? Do you take responsibility for your actions and the choices that you make? Accepting responsibility for the choices and the decisions that we make are a sign of personal character."

Being a person of character, the senator said, may cost some people a certain level of popularity among their peers.

"You are going to be faced with temptations throughout your lifetime to do it the easy way, to bend the rules, to do things that you know you

shouldn't do," Thune said. "Being a person of character means having the courage to stand up and do the right thing no matter what the consequences."

To be successful, one must also be committed to a life of service.

"You can serve people in a lot of different ways," he said. "Sometimes, it may be helping an elderly person in your neighborhood with yard work or shoveling their sidewalk. Or you may help a younger sibling or a classmate or a friend who is having a bad day. There are so many ways you can serve."

To truly be committed to service means "being willing to serve causes that are greater than yourself," Thune said. "So oftentimes in life, we get preoccupied with 'us.' ... That's not what it's all about. It's about what we are doing to impact the world around us,

how are we serving God, how are we serving our community, how are we serving the people around us every single day?"

Thune also took time to answer questions from the delegates. He was asked why Congress feels it needs to fix the federal budget.

"We are spending so much money, we are literally bankrupting the next generation — and you're the ones who are going to pay for this," he said. "We as a nation are borrowing \$4 billion every single day, and at some point we have to pay it back."

Failure to bring federal spending under control would mean upcoming generations of Americans would experience a lower standard of living and a lower quality of life than previous generations, Thune said.

The federal budget deficit also ultimately means fewer job opportunities

for younger Americans, he said.

"When governments continue to spend at the level that we're spending today, and when we have the amount of debt that we have today, it deprives the opportunity for a lot of people to get a job out there in a struggling economy," Thune said.

A delegate asked the senator if the sometimes-rocky relationship between Republicans and Democrats hurts the governing process in the U.S. Senate.

"I think right now there are deep disagreements on how best to solve problems," Thune said. "Most political debates are an expression of somebody's values and differences in philosophy."

"I still believe that if the American people want to see people work together and get things done, and they express it loudly and vocally enough, that it will happen."

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event remains unchanged as well, with multiple options available.

Along with on-street parking in the area, the parking lot behind the Middle School will be open, as well as the field south of 23rd Street on Douglas.

There will also be shuttle access from the Summit Activities Center to Memorial Park.

On Friday, the shuttle

service will run from 5 p.m.-midnight. It will run every 15 minutes between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and between 9:30 p.m. and midnight. Between 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., it will run every half hour.

On Saturday, the shuttle service will run from 2 p.m.-midnight. It will run every 15 minutes between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. and between 9:30 p.m. and midnight. Between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., the shuttle service will be running every half hour. For more information, visit <http://www.city-of-yankton.org/150/index.html>.

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