

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Living With The Predictable

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Living in Yankton day to day can be quite predictable. In the winter, we expect there will be snow to shovel. In the spring, we plan and proceed to plant gardens, mow lawns, have picnics, fish in the lake or down the river and either drift into the heat of summer or leap quickly into the hot, humid days. We know fall is close behind after celebrating Riverboat Days, kids returning to school and regular routines once again set in place. The seasons are unpredictably predictable. We know we will have the four seasons. We do not know when they will start and evolve into the next season. It is the same situation with events.



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We knew that Yankton was approaching its 150th birthday. Planning the event started long ago by a committed group of people to acknowledge the event. The Yankton Sesquicentennial Celebration was enjoyed by thousands due to the participation of the community. It was a historical event, as was the 125th celebration and 100th celebration -- all very predictable observances.

The very recent 150th historical event had an additional addendum creating much angst and urgency to the community. The forecasts of flooding were imminent and very unpredictable. Not since 1881 has water adversely impacted its presence on its residents, especially those people living on its once predictable flow. Mother Nature may have thrown up an unpredictable curve; however, the assault has been greeted with an army of volunteers.

The citizens of Yankton and the surrounding communities are VERY predictable! When a need is made known, people answer the call. This response for community service is HISTORIC! After the Flood of 1881 the residents "...resolutely turned to the job of rebuilding and cleaning up the mess." -- as stated in Bob Karolovitz's Yankton: The

Way It Was!

The historic values of the people of this community have not changed. The call for people to fill sandbags and assist people to evacuate their homes was made. Caring citizens responded in droves to help those in need. The anticipation of rising water and now the reality of its power and might have volunteers of all ages discovered idle muscles, the value of teamwork, the motivation to reach an urgent goal and the realization that it is critical for citizens to get involved.

The quality of life we enjoy is substantially due to the blood, sweat and tears of concerned caring citizens who answer the call of duty. Take just a moment and consider all of the events, youth activities, interest groups, non-profit organizations, churches, committees, planning groups, walks and runs, tournaments, and the list goes on and on.

There are opportunities available for many skills and passions. The on-going need for people to assist with the invading water continues. Caring people are needed to accomplish the various missions of the numerous non-profit agencies in the greater Yankton area via serving on the Board of Directors. Sports groups need coaches, equipment organizers, side-line support. Web pages need to be created or updated. Riverboat Days need volunteers to keep the event running like a well-oiled machine.

Want to find out what is available? Contact the United Way & Volunteer Services to assist you in connecting with the opportunity to match your interests and time. Email is volunserve@iwi.net, phone is 665-6766, website is yanktonunitedway.org. Become immersed in helping others. We live in historic times and continue to make history -- step forward and add your imprint to the future. Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Getting Back On Track, Out Of Debt

Dear Dave,  
I grew up in a house where my parents always lived below their means. They taught me to live that way, but they never showed me how to make it happen. Now, at 45, I've gotten out of debt and fallen back in several times. I'm sick of this, and I want to get control of my money. How do I break this bad cycle?

— Sandy

Dear Sandy,  
It's frustrating, isn't it? The fact is, you're pretty normal. But who wants to be normal when normal is broke?

It sounds to me like you've had a "Dr. Phil" moment. You've taken a look at your situation and asked yourself how your behavior is working for you. You're also smart enough to know that it's not working and that you want to make a change. That's a great place to start!

When it happened to me, there were three pieces to the puzzle that helped me break the cycle. One was disgust. I realized that what I was doing was stupid, I was tired of living that way, and I made

a conscious decision that things were going to be different. The second thing was fear. I was scared to death that I'd retire broke. Now, don't get me wrong, I don't think you should ever live your life in fear, but a reasonable level of fear can be a great motivator.

The third piece, and I think it's the most important part because it's connected to our spiritual walk, was contentment. We live in a culture that is marketed to more than any other at any time in history. When we have this stuff crammed down our throats all day long, rapid-fire, it can affect our level of contentment.

One of the things I did was to stop going places where I was tempted to spend money. If you go wandering through a store or the mall without a specific plan, you'll lose every time. You wouldn't give a drunk a drink, right? So, don't put yourself in a bad situa-



Dave RAMSEY

tion when it comes to your behavior with money.

When you have to go to the store, make a list of only the things you need, and take enough cash with you to make the purchase. If you can do that—walk in and walk out again without buying a bunch of stuff that wasn't on your list—it's a victory.

Spending money on a bunch of stuff you don't need, and probably don't really want, isn't going to bring you contentment. I think that's the word you need to keep in mind and the thing you should be praying for while you fight this battle. Believe me, it will help!

—Dave

SAVING BEFORE THE MORTGAGE?

Dear Dave,  
Why do you recommend saving before paying off your mortgage? I've always thought of a house as a liability that should be

paid off as quickly as possible.

—Mark

Dear Mark,  
You're off base on this one. The truth is that a house is an asset, and the mortgage is a liability. That's straight from the pages of Accounting 101. There are folks out there who will try to tell you a house is a liability, because it costs you money. In fact, that house will make you more money than it cost when you sell it, so it's an asset!

I've met 70-year-olds with houses that are paid for and no money in the bank. It's a really sad situation. That's why I want people to work on having an emergency fund and 15 percent of their income going into retirement first. Then, take everything above that and put it toward paying off the house as fast as possible.

But don't believe all this stuff about a home being a liability. It's just not true!

—Dave

\*For more financial help please visit [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com).

SCHOLASTICS

THUNE, ROUNDS ADDRESSED SDSU SPRING COMMENCEMENT

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State University's spring commencement was held Saturday, May 7.

A total of 1,442 students completed requirements for graduation and took part in two separate ceremonies.

The names of honor graduates are marked with an asterisk (\*) to designate graduation with Cum Laude, two asterisks (\*\*) to designate Magna Cum Laude, and three asterisks (\*\*\*) to designate Summa Cum Laude.

Area graduates include:  
Bloomfield: Mann, Jared Colton\*, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences

Crofton: Kleinschmit, Rachel Lynn, Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Hartington: Lammers, Jacob Edward, Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Hartington: Crumly, Jared Paul, Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy

Elk Point: McInerney, Samuel Erick, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences  
Elk Point: Hutcheson, Hali Marie, Bachelor of Science in Arts and Sciences

Freeman: Zanter, Jennifer Nicole\*\*, Bachelor of Music Education in Arts and Sciences  
Freeman: Paulson, Brice James, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences

Freeman: Mehlfahf, Tiffany Kay\*, Bachelor of Science in Arts and Sciences

Freeman: Pidde, Brett Robert, Bachelor of Science in Arts and Sciences  
Freeman: Schnabel, Tracey Leigh\*, Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Irene: Rudd, Jessica Marie\*\*, Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy  
Irene: Syllaasen, Robert Kelly, Master of Education in Graduate School  
Iroquois: Keating, Cassie Mae, Bachelor of Science in Education & Human Sciences  
Jefferson: Bosse, Kara Lynn\*\*, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences  
Jefferson: Frankl, Joseph Patrick\*, Bachelor of Science in Engineering  
Lake Andes: Svatos, Riley J\*\*, Bachelor of Music Education in Arts and Sciences  
Lesterville: Dummer, John Paul, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences  
Menno: Dubs, Tera Ann\*\*, Bachelor of Science in Arts and Sciences  
Menno: Hasz, Aerica Jol, Bachelor of Science in Arts and Sciences  
Menno: Luikens, Chase Allen, Bachelor of Science in Engineering  
Olivet: Rokusek, Kristin Kay\*\*, Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Parkston: Weiss, Mallory K\*\*, Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Platte: Samuelson, Kobi Lee, Bachelor of Science in Arts and Sciences  
Platte: Cutler, Chelsea Lynn, Bachelor of Science in Education & Human Sciences  
Platte: Willmott, Katie Dee\*\*, Bachelor of Science in Education & Human Sciences  
Scotland: Mach, Patrick Shawn, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture &

Biological Sciences  
Scotland: Misar, Mark Aaron\*\*, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences  
Scotland: Patocka, Hilary Jean\*, Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Scotland: Misar, Christopher George, Master of Science in Graduate School  
Tripp: Thiesse, Philip Todd, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences  
Tripp: Holmquest, Cynthia Ann, Bachelor of Science in Arts and Sciences  
Tripp: Bietz, Bryan Palmer\*\*, Bachelor of Science in Engineering  
Tripp: Jerke, Adam James, Doctor of Pharmacy in Graduate School  
Tyndall: Schuch, Michelle Ann\*, Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy  
Tyndall: Bares, Valerie Jane, Master of Science in Graduate School  
Utica: Knutson, Shawna Shelby\*\*, Bachelor of Science in Engineering  
Vermillion: Hammond, Paul Chadima\*, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences  
Vermillion: Hubert, Kyle Joseph\*\*, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences  
Viborg: Mellem, Brett Virgil, Master of Education in Graduate School  
Volin: Ekeren, Jesse Glendon\*, Bachelor of Science in Education & Human Sciences  
Wagner: Andersh, Katelynn May, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences  
Wagner: Holzbauer, Brittany Ann, Bachelor of Science in Engineering  
Yankton: Hansen, Emily Mary\*\*, Bachelor of Arts in Arts and Sciences  
Yankton: Carda, Sarah Jean,

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences  
Yankton: Guthmiller, Shaun Aaron, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences  
Yankton: Hansen, Emily Mary\*\*, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences  
Yankton: Lewno, Jesse Roman, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences  
Yankton: Rockne, Jason Michael, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences  
Yankton: Yonke, Blake Ian, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Biological Sciences  
Yankton: Cornemann, Ketty Jayne\*\*, Bachelor of Science in Education & Human Sciences  
Yankton: Stearns, Douglas Dean, Bachelor of Science in Engineering  
Yankton: Nickles, Arica Kay, Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Yankton: Schulte, Wendy Marie, Doctor of Pharmacy in Graduate School  
Yankton: Haffley, Trenton John, Master of Science in Graduate School  
Yankton: Korman, Brian Lee, Master of Science in Graduate School

Due To Space Constraints, the Community Calendar will appear on the Friday Life Page. We apologize for the inconvenience.

**Out On The Town**

**Trivia Question...**

What is the distance from Yankton to The Argo Hotel & Steakhouse in Crofton, NE?

**Answer...**

**14 Miles**

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**KungFu Panda2**

Fri. 7:30 PM • Sat. 7:30 PM • Sun. 4 PM

Students \$2.00 Adults \$5.00

**Idle Hour Theatre**  
Tripp, SD

**VFW** Post 791  
209 Cedar

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Thursday**

5-7pm – Hamburger/Pizzaburger & Fries \$5.00  
6-7pm – Domestic Beers \$1.50

**Friday**

Pork Loin With Sauerkraut or Menu Serving 5:30-8:00

**Saturday**

Blue Moon Serving from Menu 5:30-8:00

**Bingo Wed. at 7:00pm**  
**Sunday at 6:30pm**  
**Happy Hour M-F 4:30-7:30**

Chislic Served Last Wednesday of Each Month

**Knights of Columbus**

**BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY**

**8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Pancakes, Rolls, Eggs, Ham or Sausage, Milk, Juice or Coffee

**KC Hall**

2700 N. Broadway  
Breakfast served second Sunday of the month.

**Everyone Welcome!**

Don't Miss Our **All-You-Can-Eat Broasted Chicken & Pollock Buffet With Salad Bar**

**Every Wednesday 5 to 9pm**

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Each person to receive Play \$25, get \$25 FREE PLAY on your rewards card each day. Plus, \$5 off meal coupon, ride and room.

**\$5.99 Prime Rib Dinner on Mondays!**

All for \$50 each (double occupancy)

Bus will leave from Fry'n Pan Restaurant on June 13th at 1 p.m. (pick-up also available in Vermillion)

For Reservation/Info: **HENNEN TOURS**  
1-800-551-5275  
CELL 507-530-0587

First Annual **Yankton Lions Club Golf Invitational**

**Sat., June 11th**

**Fox Run Golf Course**

Course & Cart \$39  
Entry Fee \$40

**Call 668-5205 For Tee Time**

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328 Walnut Street  
Yankton, South Dakota  
605-665-4711

**RIVERBOATS ROADS & RAILS**

**Transportation Day Saturday, June 11 10am-5pm**

**Dakota Territorial Museum**  
(Westside Park - Yankton)

This **Family Fun Event** explores 150 years of transportation in Dakota Territory:

- Explore REAL Antique Automobiles (Courtesy of Yankton Antique Auto Association) And Stagecoach (Courtesy of Scotland Historical Society)
- Sit in a Covered Wagon
- Watch REAL Blacksmithing (Courtesy of D.W. Duhachek)
- Meet the Granddaughter (LouElla Machin) of Great Northern Railroad Depot Agent
- Watch a Model Railroad Operate (Courtesy of Missouri River Model Railroad Club)
- Ride the "Dakota Special" Mini Train from 10am to 2pm (Courtesy of Curt Bernard of Yankton)
- Learn how to say your name on a REAL Telegraph

**FREE ADMISSION!!**

ALL FREE WILL DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT THE RESTORATION OF GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD DEPOT AT THE DAKOTA TERRITORIAL MUSEUM

PRESENTATIONS: **"HISTORY OF THE RAILS"**  
By Francis Serr  
10am-11am;  
1pm-2pm; 4pm-5pm

Presentations given at the Dakota Territorial Museum Conference Room

**Wednesday, June 8**

**Cadillac Jack Match Play**

Buy \$10 Get \$10 Free

First 25 Customers Starting at 1 & 7pm

**Thursday, June 9**

**GPS Navigation System Drawings**

Every 1/2 Hr. from 9-10PM

**Friday, June 10**

**\$50 Summer Cash Drawings**

Every 1/2 Hr. from 9 to 11 PM

**Saturday, June 11**

**I-Pod Drawings**

Every Hour at 9 & 10PM

**OHIYA BINGO**

**Every Thursday In June Senior Citizen Bingo**

\$3.00 Off Buy-In Purchase, 55 & Older

2-Outdoor Pool Drawings after Bingo

Must be present and playing bingo to be eligible.  
Mgmt. has the right to make changes at any given time.

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**June 11**

**Dinner Buffet**  
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