

COMMUNITY
CALENDAR

The **COMMUNITY CALENDAR** appears each Monday and Thursday. 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, PO Box 56, Yankton, SD 57078, or email to news@yankton.net.

THURSDAY

Table Tennis, 8:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Ladies Pool, 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 street.
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 before.
Weight Watchers, 5:30 p.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 1/2 hour before.
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 Walnut
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 9th St.
Yankton Alanon, 8:30 p.m., 1019 W 9th Street

THIRD THURSDAY

HSC Friendship Club, 5 p.m., June: Whimps, Burbank, 605-665-5956

FRIDAY

Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Cardio Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Daily Reprieve, noon, non-smoking open meeting, 1019 W 9th Street.
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

SECOND FRIDAY

Parkinson Support Group, 1:30 p.m., Benedictine Center.

SATURDAY

Weight Watchers, 9 a.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 1/2 hour before.
Each Day a New Beginning, 10 a.m., non-smoking closed session, 1019 W 9th Street
Daily Reprieve, noon, non-smoking closed session, 1019 W 9th Street.
Vermillion Unity Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. closed session, Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark, Vermillion.

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 a.m., closed meeting, 1019 W. 9th Street
Tyndall Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 a.m., non-smoking, 1609 Laurel St., Tyndall
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
Cardio Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Daily Reprieve, noon, open meeting non-smoking, 1019 W 9th St.
Interchange, noon, open meeting, Minerva's Bar and Grill, 605-660-8849.
Cribbage, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Pinochle, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Whist, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
River City Harmony Sweet Adelines, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 11th and Cedar, 605-661-7162
Daily Reprieve, 7 p.m., closed meeting non-smoking, 1019 W 9th St.

FIRST MONDAY

Yankton Lions Club, 6 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. meeting, JoDeans, 605-665-4694
Heartland Humane Society Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 601 1/2 Burleigh
Yankton Parks Advisory Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., RTEC, 1200 W. 21st Street

SECOND MONDAY

Yankton Diabetes Support Group, 1 p.m., Benedictine Center, AVSHH, 605-668-8000 ext. 456
Yankton Republican Party Executive Meeting, 5:30 p.m., 2507 Fox Run Parkway, 605-260-1605
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., Yankton Library, 605-664-6582
Tri-State Old Iron Association Meeting, 7 p.m., JoDeans Restaurant, 605-665-9785
Yankton City Commission, 7 p.m., RTEC, 1200 W. 21st Street
YHS Booster Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Summit Activities Center Meeting Room, 605-665-4640

THIRD MONDAY

Yankton Golf Advisory Board Meeting, noon, Fox Run Golf Course, 600 W. 27th Street, 605-668-5205
Friends Of The Yankton Community Library, 5:30 p.m., Yankton Library, 515 Walnut
Yankton Lions Club, 6 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. meeting, JoDeans, 605-665-4694.
Yankton American Legion Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m., VFW Building, 209 Cedar Street

FOURTH MONDAY

NARFE Chapter 1053, 10 a.m. at The Center, located at 900 Whiting Drive.

TUESDAY

Table Tennis, 8:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Yankton Community Forum, 8:30 a.m. coffee, 9 a.m. meeting at Hillcrest, 605-664-5832
Ladies Pool, 10 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Weight Watchers, 10:30 a.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 1/2 hour before.
Yankton Alanon, noon, non-smoking session, 1019 W 9th Street

Child Support In The Budget?

BY DAVE RAMSEY
www.daveramsey.com.

Dear Dave,
My husband and I can't agree on how we should handle the child support payments I receive. He thinks it should be put in the pool with our household budget money, but right now I keep it in a separate account. Who's right?
— Leslie

Dear Leslie,
I'm sorry, but in my opinion you're wrong on this one. My guess is you got burned in the past somehow when it comes to relationships and finances. If this is the case, I don't blame you for having your momma bear claws out, because these feelings probably come from a desire to protect your kids. But if your husband is a good guy and is willing to raise and treat these kids like they are his own, then the money should go into the pile where it helps

take care of the kids and the family.

I'd advise having it right at the top of the budget, along with the rest of your household income. Your job as parents is to be a blessing to your kids, and that means feeding them, clothing them, educating them, and providing shelter for them. As long as these things are happening, and we're talking about a functional, loving marriage, then all the money should be combined and be part of the family. If this isn't happening, then you've got issues other than just money issues.

If you've been through what I think you have, then it's okay, too, for you to keep an eye on things and make sure your kids—and the money—are treated and cared for



Dave
RAMSEY

appropriately. Money is important, but I'm more concerned about your marriage. A healthy, loving relationship is one of the best gifts a couple can give to their kids.

—Dave

WHY ONLY A 15-YEAR MORTGAGE?

Dear Dave,
Why do you only recommend 15-year mortgages?
— Nikki

Dear Nikki,

I recommend 15-year mortgages, and never more than that, because the normalization of the 30-year mortgage has helped created a constant state of financial bondage for the middle class. It's caused average, everyday people to lose hope of ever paying off their homes and being totally

debt-free.

I understand that it costs a little more per month when you have a 15-year house note instead of a 20- or 30-year mortgage. But really, it's just a few dollars more—like 20 percent more than you'd pay on a traditional 30-year mortgage. Plus, it gets you out of debt at least 15 years earlier!

Think about this, too. Did you know that people who take out 15-year home loans have a higher probability of paying them off early? It's true. It's because they know from the start that they're not going to have a house payment hanging over their heads for the rest of their lives. They can see light at the end of the tunnel right from the start.

Broke people ask questions like how much down and how much per month. Rich people, or people with a plan who are going to be rich one day, ask how much or what's the total price!

—Dave

Flood

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of 1,362 — and we are at 1363.5 — we will have at least some impact to several rec areas and some boat ramps," he said.

The Corps provided technical assistance last week to the Yankton Sioux Tribe amidst its flooding concerns, Curran said.

The flooding fears are fresh in local residents' memories. Charles Mix County and the tribe each sustained \$1 million in damages last year following flash flooding, and tribal members were displaced from their homes.

"The tribe wanted to know, for their own peace of mind, what will happen next. Basically, they wanted to know if any homes would be flooded," Curran said. "They don't have any tribal members down in the flood plain. Most of their homes are a little bit higher."

While flooding itself may not present an immediate concern, the tribe has seen a great deal of bank erosion, Curran said.

"They understand the river is running high right now, and it's dangerous by the banks. There could be some caving," he said. "Tribal members like to fish on the banks. But from a safety standpoint, we have advised them to stay away from the banks."

The Corps has conducted a survey of its own property for erosion, Curran said. "We are placing some rock in areas downstream from our tailrace, that comes out of the power plant," he said.

The power plant continues normal operations, Curran said. The plant has eight units with the capacity of generating around 320 megawatts, enough electricity for thousands of homes, he said.

As far as the releases, the Corps has opened 11 gates and raised the spillway nine feet. An additional three gates were opened in the flood tunnel.

The massive release of water has resulted in downstream flooding, primarily farmland, in Charles Mix and Bon Homme counties, Curran said. The Nebraska side of the river has seen flooded housing developments, he said.

"I have talked to several farmers that have flooded fields. Basically, they have asked me, 'How long we can expect to be flooded?'" he said. "They have some flood insurance, but that's not the preferred way to go."

The Corps is also focusing on the safety of large numbers of visitors interested in seeing the high releases, Curran said. Officials also reassure the public that the dams are structurally sound.

"Our previous record was in 1997, and that was 67,000 cfs. This year, we are releasing 148,000 cfs," he said. "We are watching our structures, but they are designed for much more than this. We could release 600,000 cfs out of the dam, if you open the gates wide open."

KNOX COUNTY

Downstream, the impact of raising the releases is being felt, said Knox County emergency manager Laura Hintz.

"The water just keeps rising. It takes at least 24 hours to get those releases from Fort Randall to here," she said. "I try to go up (to Niobrara) in the evening, to see the higher releases. From two-thirds to three-quarters of the Niobrara golf course is under water."

Nebraska Highway 12 has been closed from Verdel to Niobrara and from Niobrara to the Santee spur. Officials have also closed Chief Standing Bear Memorial Bridge and a small portion of Nebraska Highway 14 that reaches it.

On a positive note, Niobrara remains accessible by Highway 14, as the Nebraska Department of Roads has built up the Highway 14-12 junction, Hintz said.

"We do want to stress that Niobrara and Niobrara State Park are both open and ready for business," she said. "So is Santee and the Ohya Casino, Feather Hill Express and the RV park on Highway 12."

With the area's restricted highway access, mutual agreements involving Verdigré, Niobrara, Santee, Center and Creighton are ensuring that first responders can reach emergencies, Hintz said.

Niobrara school officials are using a sump pump, if needed, to battle groundwater that could affect the boiler, water heater and tunnel for steam pipes, Hintz said.

Niobrara doesn't have a wastewater treatment plant, and the flooding has gone over the sewage lagoon's holding ponds, Hintz said.

"For now, they have raw sewage going into the river," she said. "But with the volume of river water compared to the volume of sewer, the DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) said the general public shouldn't be greatly affected."

CEDAR COUNTY

Some bank erosion has taken place around St. Helena, Neb., said Cedar County emergency manager Kevin Garvin.

One report said portions of the bank has fallen into the river, raising concerns about the impact of the high current.

"That area does have some erosion going on, and it is probably the most significant that I am aware of right now," Garvin said. "The residents took the initiative to take care of the problem. Last I knew, they had things under control."

Aten residents have also spent recent days with sandbagging efforts, shoring up the bank across from Yankton.

CLAY COUNTY

Clay County officials are watching the impact of the higher releases, according to Clay County emergency manager Layne Stewart.

"Naturally, the river levels are a concern. We have a few houses in Clay County with water in them already," he said. "Time will tell if the latest release will raise the levels to a point that a couple other might receive water."

Ground water has been a "huge issue" in some parts of the county, Stewart said.

"I know some places are starting to see infiltration into their basements, but as far as I am aware, sump pumps have been able to keep up," he said.

As with other area along the river, bank erosion has remained a concern, Stewart said.

"Erosion will be a long-term issue," he said. "These flows are putting pressure on the areas of the banks that have not seen water for some time. Continued pressure has the potential to erode and continue until a more resilient area is reached."

Some stabilization measures have been undertaken, particularly in the Burbank area, said Maj. Randy Hartley of the South Dakota Highway Patrol, serving as incident commander for the southeast region.

"There was soil erosion at the banks of Clay County," he said. "They did some additional sandbagging, and also there was rip rap done by the local residents."

Clay and Union county officials work together on flooding issues whenever they can, but Clay County finds itself with unique flooding needs, Stewart said.

There is a big difference between us and (Union) or even us and Yankton," he said. "We do not have a community on the river, and we have several areas of privately developed land."

The large projects, such as levees, are intended primarily to protect public infrastructure, Stewart said.

"Individual home owners are also doing work to save their property," he said. "The individual gets lost from attention when work begins on the big projects."

Stewart reassured the public that the Vermillion-Newcastle bridge remains safe.

"The bridge is fine," he said. "It has not closed, and it is structurally sound."

In other flood developments:

• The Yankton-based Charlie Battery of the South Dakota National Guard has completed its flood-fighting mission and has been released from its state deployment, according to Sgt. 1st Class Brooks Schild, the unit public affairs officer.

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Charlotte (Ackerman) McManus
will turn **80 years old**
on **June 20, 2011.**
Her family invites you to celebrate with her during an **Open House from 3-5pm** at the North Park in Irene, SD, on June 18, 2011

Ziegler-Weidler

Bill and Tina Ziegler of Yankton, SD, and Gary and Glenda Weidler of Sioux Falls, SD, announce the engagement of their children Stephanie Ziegler and Brent Weidler.

Stephanie is 2008 graduate of the University of South Dakota and is employed by Macy's Brent is a 2008 graduate of the University of South Dakota and is employed as a Human Resource Specialist at the Sioux Falls VA.

A July 16th wedding is planned in Sioux Falls, SD.