

COMMUNITY
CALENDAR

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: Wild Bill's in Gayville, 605-665-5956.
Catholic Daughters (Court Willard 967), 7:30 p.m., at Sacred Heart Catholic Church/Community Gathering Space, Yankton. (January through June)

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

Nebraska Wind Conference Set For October In Lincoln

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Nebraska Wind Conference, the fifth annual wind conference organized by the Nebraska Wind Conference Committee (NWCC), will be held Oct. 22-23 in Lincoln at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel.

The NWCC includes committee members from state agencies, Nebraska utilities, the University of Nebraska — Lincoln, farm and ranch organizations, and private entities to help develop the state's wind resources. This year's theme is "United and strategic in advancing the Wind Industry of Nebraska."

The two-day conference will focus on Nebraska's future wind energy development challenges and opportunities, including the potential extension of the federal Production Tax Credit program and other federal wind incentives. It will include an array of national and state keynote speakers. Also, it will include multiple "educational tracks" applicable for utilities, suppliers, landowners, economic development officials, students, environmentalists, and anyone who has an interest in the wind industry in Nebraska.

The NWCC is co-chaired by John Hansen of the Nebraska Farmers Union, and Dan McGuire, Facilitator for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Wind Powering America's "Wind for Schools" program in Nebraska, and Adam Herink of Bluestem LLC.

"2012 will be a good year for Nebraska wind energy development with three projects projected to add 195 Megawatts, increasing Nebraska's total wind

generation capacity to 531 Megawatts," said John Hansen. "2012 will also be a major policy year in federal energy policy. This year's annual wind conference will once again deal with a wide range of wind related issues and policies that are critical to moving wind energy development forward."

"Nebraska wind projects exist today largely because of the federal wind energy Production Tax Credit (PTC). That is why extension of the PTC is such a strategically important driver to discuss and unite around in 2012," said Dan McGuire. "United and strategic certainly fits as a theme for the conference as it relates to the wind PTC. The 2012 Farm Bill and its renewable energy program is another key driver for funding future wind energy projects on Nebraska farms and in our state's rural communities. Nebraska has always been a state where we come together to do what's right for Nebraskans. This conference is meant to bring Nebraskans together to listen, share, and exchange ideas. Over the next couple of months, we will announce the lineup of program presenters."

"We've secured a new location (Lincoln) for this educational and networking opportunity which will give others in the state a better opportunity to participate," said Adam Herink. "With the limited space, registrants, exhibitors, and sponsors will want to sign up early."

For participant registration and sponsorship, go to www.NebraskaWindConference.com.

Dave Says

Working Vs. Learning In College

BY DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,
My son is a freshman in college. Do you think he should work during his first year in school or focus all his attention on his classes? — Ben

Dear Ben,
I don't think there's anything wrong with either direction during their first year of college. But as a parent, I'd urge you not to fall into the trap of thinking that a kid's grades will go down if they work while in school. Research shows that kids who work while in college carry higher grade point averages than those who don't.

To me, the reason for this is pretty simple. If you're working and going to school at the same time, you have to learn how to manage your life and your time effectively. Lots of kids could pay their way through college, and not have to worry with student loans, if they just used the time they spend on social activities and

watching television at a job.

I never required my kids to work during the school year. But they all have good work ethics, and they're definitely not bums. During the summer, though, there was no such thing as sitting around. They had jobs. My youngest just finished his sophomore year, and he's already started a job. Being a vegetable for the entire summer is useless, and we don't do useless in our family.

But the philosophy of not wanting a kid to work so they can spend all their time studying is misguided. For the most part, kids who work while they're in school will make better grades and develop into more mature and well-rounded individuals. And besides, if they're working they can't waste all their time playing beer pong! — Dave



Dave RAMSEY

Cameron

Dear Dave,
I plan to move to Los Angeles to chase my dream of working in the television and film industry. I'm not married, have no kids, and I have \$2,500 saved to live on until I can pick up a couple of jobs. I may have to finance a car, though. I'm not sure mine will survive the trip. Under these circumstances, how much of an emergency fund should I shoot for? — Cameron

Dear Cameron,
So, you're looking at moving to California with \$2,500 in your pocket, a car payment, and no job waiting. This is a disaster waiting to happen, my friend. Don't get me wrong. I want you to live your dream, but I don't want it turning into a nightmare. There's no way I'd take a car

payment to California. And you're going to need a lot more than just \$2,500, unless you have a job lined up. Even if there's work waiting for you, \$2,500 will disappear in about 20 minutes in Los Angeles.

Slow down and take your time. Plan a trip to the coast and figure out what your living arrangements and expenses are going to look like first. Then, line up a job that will pay you enough to cover your expenses. In the meantime, save up enough money to fix your car, or if it's in really rough shape, to buy a good, used one.

Once all this is done, then you make the move-without a car payment. Moving when you're broke with no job prospects and a car payment hanging around your neck is a recipe for disaster! — Dave

Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

Community Connections

Your Opinions And Input Are Needed

BY PAM KETTERING

Yankton Area United Way
How many times a week does someone ask for your opinion? Hundreds of times a day? Once a day? Once a week? Rarely? Now you have an opportunity to share your opinion AND we really, really would like you to tell us like you see it!

As you have probably observed, this community does not stay the same. People move to town and others move out. Kids are becoming worldly at a younger age than they did twenty years ago. As we grow "more mature" our hearing, seeing, reactions, energy and diets change. As our children grow from toddlers into elementary students, their activities, interests, behaviors change.

As our personal lives change so does our community. Are we meeting those changes in a proactive manner or more as a reaction as we come face to face with them? Are the current programs meeting the needs of the community now and in the position for future changes or do they need to adjust? To be in a better position to prepare for the future, your insights, foresights, concerns, and opinions are needed.

How will this be accomplished? If you have access to a computer, connect with the United Way & Volunteer Services' website at www.yanktonunitedway.org on the home page and click on the 2012 Community Survey. The survey will take 5 minutes or less. If you do not have access to a computer the surveys are available at the Contact Center — lower level of the County Administration Building, the Community Library — Walnut, and at the United Way & Volunteer Services' office at 610 W. 23rd St., west entrance.

The survey will ask for information that will result in showing demographic percentages. There will be questions that ask about your knowledge of current programs supported by



Pam KETTERING

the annual fundraisers. There will be various community issues that you will need to rate as being a major issue or not so serious. There will be types of programs that you will be asked to rate your opinion to importance in making a difference in people's lives. Then there are statements that you will be asked to mark with an X if you decide they are creating a challenge.

The survey also asks if you have received services through any local nonprofit organization and if so, what type of program provided that service or services and how you became aware of them. If you are a donor to the United Way & Volunteer Services, you will be asked to tell the importance of various pieces of available information. The last set of questions asks for your opinion about the overall work of the United Way & Volunteer Services in sharing information, fulfilling your expectation of what we are doing and how we are partnering with other community agencies.

Last, but not least, all of your efforts in answering this survey will provide you with the opportunity to enter your name in the drawing for a \$50 Yankton Chamber of Commerce Bucks drawing after the survey deadline of July 31! Not a bad deal for 5 minutes of your time!

Why are we asking people to share their opinions? The 35+ programs that receive funding from the United Way & Volunteer Services' annual campaign play a major part in the quality of life for every person living in the greater Yankton area.

Take a moment and consider what would happen if just a couple of agencies would have to close their doors. Let's try a week without the services of the Contact Center. No food in the cupboards? No diapers for your baby? Can't pay your rent or utilities? There is no one to assist you with handling your money? There is not a county welfare office? Who is going to help?

Imagine the Yankton Transit vehicles are out of gas and the tires are threadbare. No busing for little children? No busing for the seniors that no longer drive? No busing for the people that cannot walk? No way to reach your job in time? Have to wait for days before the taxi can pick you up? You cannot afford a taxi? Who is going to help?

These two agencies not providing services for one week will create chaos in thousands of people's lives! These two agencies not providing services for one week will affect the whole community. WHO WILL HELP? We will have to get some problem solvers around a table and figure out how to take care of this dilemma! Okay, enough drama! They are not going to close their doors. Their very important services will continue to meet the vital needs as best they can. Are they meeting enough needs? Do they need more support? Do you see future needs that could affect the quality of life in this community? WE NEED YOUR OPINION!

Please visit www.yanktonunitedway.org or complete the survey at the Contact Center, Community Library or office of United Way & Volunteer Services by July 31st. For further information, call 665-6766. Your opinion is needed on the survey, your voice in needed in the future of the community, and your involvement is needed to insure a quality of life that we want to enjoy today and in many tomorrows.

Funds Available For Stabilization Programs

PIERRE — South Dakota Housing Development Authority (SDHDA) is accepting applications for funding under both the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 1 (NSP1) and Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP3). There is approximately \$1 million available under each program. Due to the time constraints associated with these programs, projects must be completed by Dec. 31, 2012.

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP1) was authorized under Title III of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA). The goal of NSP1 was to provide emergency assistance for the acquisition and redevelopment of vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed properties.

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP3) is part of

the federal Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. The intent of NSP3 is to assist in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes in specific geographical areas.

The eligible uses of the NSP (NSP1 and NSP3) funds include financing mechanisms for purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed upon homes and residential properties; purchase and rehabilitation of homes and residential properties that have been abandoned or foreclosed upon in order to sell, rent or redevelop; demolition of blighted structures; and redevelopment of demolished or vacant properties.

Eligible applicants are units of local governments, nonprofit or-

ganizations and for-profit developers. SDHDA views the Neighborhood Stabilization Program as an opportunity to provide additional funding to the state of South Dakota to accomplish housing goals that may not typically be eligible or financially feasible under our current housing programs.

The NSP Program applications and maps of NSP3 targeted areas are available on SDHDA's website at www.sdhda.org. Use the application form which is appropriate for the proposed project (NSP1 or NSP3).

For more information on the NSP Programs, contact Peggy Severson at peggy@sdhda.org or call 605.773.3181.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. July 31.

SCHOLASTICS

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

SIoux FALLS — Three hundred and forty-six students participated in the Augustana College Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 18, at the Sioux Falls Arena.

The following area students received degrees from Augustana College:

- Marie Holtzmann from Yankton (Cum Laude);
- Tyler Kanaly from Yankton;
- Natalie Kathol from Yankton (Cum Laude);
- Kaycee Michael from Yankton (Magna Cum Laude).
- Cassandra Olson from Yankton.

Independence Day Deadlines

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closed Wednesday, July 4th, for the Independence Day holiday.

The following deadlines will apply:

Thursday, July 5 newspaper 5 p.m., Friday, June 29th
Friday, July 6 newspaper 5 p.m., Monday, July 2nd
Saturday, July 7 newspaper 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 3rd

There will be no newspaper on Wednesday, July 4, 2012.



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