

## C O M M U N I T Y

## 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, 319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078, or email to [news@yankton.net](mailto: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., March, El Tapatio Yankton, 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

## AAA's Topsy Tow Available During Holiday Weekend In Yankton

SIOUX FALLS — St. Patrick's Day partiers are encouraged to call AAA's free Topsy Tow service if they feel unsafe behind the wheel after celebrating the holiday.

"Every time we climb behind the wheel after drinking, we're rolling the dice," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "Sometimes we tempt fate and get away with it, and sometimes we don't. It's our hope this St. Patty's Day that more South Dakotans than ever will play it safe and call us for a Topsy Tow."

AAA will give the caller, up to one more passenger, and the caller's vehicle a free ride home, no questions asked, starting at noon on Saturday, March 17, until 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 18, in Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Mitchell and Yankton.

"We had very strong use of Topsy Tow over the year-end holidays and we were thrilled," said Buskohl. "It's an expensive program to offer but we feel it's worth it. There's no doubt holiday partiers will be drinking — this way, they'll get home in one piece and make the roads safer for the rest of us, too."

Topsy Tow is free to AAA members and nonmembers alike. The auto club will give up to two riders and the vehicle a ride home within a 15-mile radius of point of pickup. Call (800) 222-4357 and ask for Topsy Tow.

## Dave Says

# Keep Monthly Budget Fresh

BY DAVE RAMSEY

**Dear Dave,**  
I was wondering why you recommend doing a fresh budget every month. Once you've figured out your expenses and income, won't the same budget work month to month? — **Kara**

**Dear Kara,**  
I understand what you're saying, but if you look closely at every month, you'll see pretty quickly that they're not all created equal in terms of expenses. On top of that, if you work a commission-based job, your monthly income will fluctuate throughout the year.

Now, there are some things that will remain pretty standard. A few things like your rent or mortgage payment will probably be the same month to month. But what about things like utilities and food? Chances are your electric or gas bills will be higher during certain months as you heat and cool your home depending on the weather. What about holidays and special occasions? It's likely you'll end up

spending more on food, gifts and related items around Thanksgiving and Christmas or other months when family and friends have birthdays and other events.

These are just a few of the reasons it's a good idea to customize your budget every month. A good, accurate monthly budget should always reflect your reality, Kara. Not only will this give you a more realistic idea of where your money is going, but the knowledge also helps you control your money instead of it controlling you!



Dave  
**RAMSEY**

— Dave

## ENDING THE DEBT?

**Dear Dave,**  
One of my husband's credit card bills was turned over to a collection agency. They've offered three different payment options. If we accept one of the options, does this mean the original creditor accepts the agreement as well? — **Cheryl**

**Dear Cheryl,**  
In a situation like this, the collection agency either owns the debt outright or they're directly representing the credit card company. This is pretty much standard operating procedure when someone has defaulted on a loan.

I'd go ahead with the deal they've offered that makes the most sense for you guys. You'll have a ding on your credit report, showing settlement on a defaulted credit card, but it's really no big deal since you've already got a mark against you for having it turned over to collections.

Want another piece of advice? Never use credit cards again!

— Dave

## IS IT YOUR CALLING?

**Dear Dave,**  
How do you know when you've found your true calling when it comes to your job or your career? — **Matt**

**Dear Matt,**  
I've met a few people who've had a spiritual experience in this area. Something has happened, almost like they were struck by lightning, and they knew what they were supposed to do with their lives. This isn't the normal way people come to realization about their futures, but it does happen from time to time.

Usually, I believe this kind of revelation starts out as a simple idea that gradually grows into a job and then into a career. Then, it evolves over time into a calling. That's how I stepped into what I'm doing today. I can't honestly tell you that when I started on radio, or began writing and teaching, that I knew it was God's purpose for my life. But I felt the weight and the drawing of it, almost like a magnetic pull.

I've been doing it for 20 years, so it definitely evolved over time into what it is today. Still, I'm positive it's the reason I'm on this planet! — **Dave**

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## Community Connections

## Services For Kids: It Takes A Village ...

BY PAM KETTERING

Yankton Area United Way

The Smile Mobile is coming! The Smile Mobile is coming!

One would think that a big, brightly colored mobile dentist office would not be real exciting to kids. One would also think that once they had stepped through that door, they would be hesitant. Not the case! If you had a bad toothache, could not take a bite out of an apple, could only handle soft food in your mouth, you would also be very excited about having some attention paid to the cause of that nagging pain. Time to register for the Smile Program is NOW! The Smile Mobile is coming in a couple weeks so call the United Way & Volunteer Services Office at 665-6766 NOW for more information.

This is the sixth year for the Delta Dental Mobile Dental Office has rolled into Yankton. We were very fortunate to get on the list that first year when a rare opening occurred. Due to the high demand for their services, a second specialized vehicle, the Smile Mobile, was added and we were able to continue participating in the program. The first year, in 2007, we had 29 patients registered with 28 percent coming for their first dental visit. The staff conducted 81 diagnostic, 91 preventative and 98 restorative procedures with the total production value at \$19,995. Last year there were 37 patients registered with 14 percent coming for their first dental visit. The staff conducted 74 diagnostic, 164 preventative and 121 restorative procedures with the total production value at \$24,642. Over the years there have been 158 patients receiving \$98,495 worth of dental care for a mere \$2,500 cost per year. The program is open for children birth to 21 years of age. Look for the big, bright, blue



Pam  
**KETTERING**

office on wheels parked at Beadle School the week of March 26. Caring for children is one segment of outreach critical to the United Way & Volunteer Services' mission of promoting voluntary giving and services to support human needs in the greater Yankton community.

In addition to providing dental care through the Smile Mobile, the Dolly Parton Imagination

Library mails books every month to the mailboxes of more than 600 children until they reach their fifth birthday. This program is free to all children from birth until age five of parents or guardians that live or work in Yankton County. To participate in the Imagination Library they need to have a registration form completed and to keep our office notified if they move. The forms can be picked up at the office at 610 W. 23rd St. #11 or printed from the website, [www.yanktonunitedway.org](http://www.yanktonunitedway.org).

Knowing who to call or where to find information on child care is a critical issue to working parents, whether you are a parent of a newborn, moving into the community, or wanting to rejoin the workforce. Knowing who to call, the questions to ask, the cost of child-care, and other pertinent information can be overwhelming. Fortunately, there are resources available to assist in making these tough decisions. South Dakota Department of Social Services has numerous resources available - from Bright Start, types of child care providers, reading programs, child care assis-

tance plus much more. Keloland.com has Child Care Corner, an available resource for multiple questions. Helplinecenter.com and childcareaware.org are also excellent resource sites. One piece of information that is available will assist in answering the question of deciding to stay at home or return to the workplace! It will take you through a step by step analysis to assist you in that decision. South Dakota Voices For Children website has a Bridge to Benefits process available to guide you through programs pertaining to families with children, including economic guidelines to determine eligibility.

Parents As Teachers, a partner agency with United Way & Volunteer Services, assists families in attaining parenting skills as well as developmental screening, appropriate activities and development skills for the children until age 3. The first three years of life are critical milestones in the mental, physical, emotional growth of children and the Child Educator not only makes visits to the home but also conducts parenting classes for additional networking and educational opportunities.

What other United Way & Volunteer Services' partnering programs or agencies address the needs of children? Big Friend Little Friend, Boy Scouts, Boys & Girls Club, Contact Center, Family Education & Counseling Services, Family Visitation Center, Girl Scouts, Homeless Shelter, Sack Pack, Special Olympics, Women's/Children's Center, Yankton Youth Ice Association, and Yankton Transit.

From birth to adult, children require nurturing, positive role models, security, nourishment, age-appropriate education, safe environment, caring community and so much more. It takes a village to raise a child. Let's work together to make this village the very best that it can be.

## South Dakota Chefs To Compete In 'Pork Taste Of Elegance'

SIOUX FALLS — The South Dakota Pork Producers Council announces their 24th Annual Taste of Elegance competition to be held on March 25 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center.

The Taste of Elegance is a culinary competition that encourages chefs to create innovative and exciting recipes using pork. A panel of three esteemed chefs, Celebrated Chef Charlie Torgerson, VP Operations/Owner/Operator of four Famous Dave's Franchises and Owner of American Restaurant Consultants; St Paul, Minn., Celebrated Chef Tim McCarty, Mayo Foundation House; Rochester, Minn., and Celebrated Chef Michael Foley, Chicago, will judge the entrées of 15 chefs

based on originality, appearance and taste.

The first place winner receives an engraved plate, \$1,000, and will attend the Pork Summit that will be held in St. Helena, Calif., in the Napa Valley at the Culinary Institute of America's Greystone Campus from April 27-29.

The chefs prepare samples of their entrées for an evening event. A 5 p.m. Social Hour includes wine tasting from White Headed Robin, Schade Vineyard and Strawbale, three of South Dakota's wineries. Along with the wine tasting guests may taste several different types of cheeses from Dimock Cheese. At 6 p.m., entrées can be sampled and guests can vote for the People's Choice

Award. The awards and winners will be announced later that evening. To end the event attendees can enjoy a delicious cupcake from the famous Oh My Cupcakes. There is also a silent auction going on during the event and the proceeds from the auction benefit The Banquet of Sioux Falls.

In 2012 there will be no tickets sold at the door the night of the event. With this event having such popularity, the event has been sold out again for the second year in a row.

Chefs from some of the state's finest kitchens will be competing, including Chef Jonathan Ricks from Card Rock Café/Sodexo, Sioux Falls, Chef Joe Cooper from

Ovations Catering, Sioux Falls, Chef Ryan Hembree from Trail Ridge Retirement Community, Baltic, Chef Donny Erickson from Crawford's, Sioux Falls, Chef Matt Munterfering from Minnehaha Country Club, Sioux Falls, Chef Jesse Schunneman from Ground Round, Brookings, Chef Drew Laberis from Sanford Health, Sioux Falls, Chef Joseph Szurek from Leonardo's, Sioux Falls, Chef Phuvadol Leeraksakiat from Mitchell Technical Institute, Mitchell, Chef Jean-Paul Nielsen from Magilly's Broadway Eatery, Yankton, Chef Kip Pharis from Bravo's!, Brookings, Murphy Lundie from Hillside Resort, Wentworth, Chef Curtis VanMaanen from 1481 Grille, Arlington, Chef

Cody Cruse from Saint Charles Restaurant & Lounge, Pierre and Chef Patrick Parker from Mitchell Technical Institute, Mitchell.

Sponsoring this year's event are John Morrell & Co.; Natural Food Holdings; Pfizer; White Headed Robin; Strawbale Winery; Schade; Preferred Printing; Institutions Services, Inc.; Ag United for

South Dakota; Dimock Cheese; O' My Cupcakes; First Dakota National Bank; Great Western Bank; Campbell Supply; South Dakota Soybean Research & Promotion Council; South Dakota Corn Utilization Council, National Pork Board; and South Dakota Pork Producers Council.

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*Celebrating 40 Years*  
Gerald E. and Dianne M. (Hladik) Bahn will celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on March 18, 2012.  
Greetings can be sent to 902 Summit St., Yankton, SD 57078.  
They have two children: Robyn (David) Graiver of Lincoln, NE, and Lisa (William "Jake") Taylor of Medical Lake, WA.

We would like to Thank the many friends and neighbors who remembered us on the loss of our Son and Brother Brad. We also want to thank the Yankton Care Center for the wonderful care they gave Brad, for Fr. Mark and Fr. Dan of Sacred Heart Church, Pastor Dave Gunderson of St. Johns Lutheran Church, we are forever grateful for their prayers and visits. Thank you for all the many cards, for the people who came to the house and those who brought food, Bless all of you. Your kindness and concern will stay with us forever.

**HE WAS LOVED & WILL BE MISSED FOREVER.**  
The Family of *Brad Stepp*

**Idt-Callender Engagement**  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Idt of Yankton announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Joy Idt to Amos Danial Callender, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Callender of La Grande, OR.  
The future bride has been a flight attendant for Continental Airlines since 2001.  
The future groom received his Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Oregon and is currently employed with Scherer Associates in Olympia, WA.  
The couple is planning an October 20, 2012, wedding at Calvary Chapel of Olympia, WA. They will make their home in Olympia.

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