COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

The Community Notebook 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 e-mail to newsroom@yankton.net.

Thursday

Youth Alive, 7:45 a.m., YHS Library.
Table tennis/darts, 8:30 a.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.
Wii bowling, 9 a.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.
Ladies Billiards, 10 a.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.
Sertoma, noon, Waterfront.
Alcoholics Anonymous Daily Reprieve, noon, 12-24 Club, 1019 W. 9th
Toastmasters No. 6217, noon, Sacred Heart Hospital, (605)668-8326.
Thursday cards, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.
Dominoes, 1 p.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.
Cribbage, 1 p.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.
Senior Bowling, 1:30 p.m., Centennial Lanes, Crofton (402) 388-4640.
Weight Watchers, 5:30 p.m. 23rd St. Suites, 904 W. 23rd. 1-800-651-6000.
TOPS No. SD 45, 5:30-6:30 p.m. weigh-in; 6:30 p.m. meeting, RTEC, Room 134, (605)665-3738 or (605)667-9274.
Yankton Area Banquet, 6 p.m., United Church of Christ, Fifth and Walnut.
Celebrate Recovery, 7 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, 2407 Broadway, (605)665-5594.
Alcoholics Anonymous ALANON, 8:30 p.m., 12-24 Club, 1019 W. 9th.
Overeaters Anonymous, Thursday Evening, (605)665-0443.

Friday

Exercise & Current Events, 8:30 a.m., Pine Lane Estates, 2905 Douglas
Line Dancing, 9:30-11 a.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.
Foster Rehabilitation Support Group, 10-11 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Room 105, (605)260-1980.
Exercise & Current Events, 10:15 a.m., Pine Line Estates West, 2903 Douglas
Instructed cardio class, 11-11:45 a.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.
Alcoholics Anonymous Daily Reprieve, noon, 12-24 Club, 1019 W. 9th.
Contract bridge, 1 p.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.
Parent's Night Out, 5:30 p.m., Calvary Baptist, By Reservation Only (605)665-5594.
Bingo, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.
Billiards/Snooker, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.
Porchlight Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., United Church of Christ, 210 W. 5th St.
Alcoholics Anonymous Alano Group, 8:30 p.m., 12-24 Club, 1019 W. 9th

Saturday

Speaker's Voice Toastmasters, 7 a.m., Fryn' Pan Restaurant.
Yankton Toastmasters, 7:30, Fryn' Pan Restaurant.
Weight Watchers, 9 a.m. (weigh-ins 30 minutes before meeting time), 904 W. 23rd. 1-800-651-6000.
Alcoholics Anonymous Daily Reprieve Group, noon, 12-24 Club, 1019 West Ninth. Non-smoking meeting.
Games of Choice & Socializing, 2 p.m., 2905 and 2903 Douglas Ave.
Alcoholics Anonymous Daily Reprieve, 6:45 p.m.,1019 W. 9th
SECOND SATURDAY ONLY
La Leche League of Yankton, 10:30 a.m.,Yankton Community Library. (605) 260-2638.
A.L.S. (Lou Gehrig's disease) Support Group for patients and care givers,11 a.m., Sanford Hospital, Sioux Falls. 665-5883.

Sunday

Alcoholics Anonymous Daily Reprieve, 8 a.m., 12-24 Club, 1019 W 9th
Alcoholics Anonymous Alano, 8 a.m. & 8 p.m., 12-24 Club, 1019 W. 9th
Marian Prayer Group, 1 p.m., Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chapel of St. Joseph, House of Mary Shrine, Lewis and Clark Lake. 665-1119
Coffee Time and Visiting, 2 p.m., 2905 and 2903 Douglas Ave.
VFW Auxiliary Bingo, 6:30 p.m., VFW Club.
One Hour Experience, 6:30 p.m., MUC USD campus. 712-251-8860.

YHS Student Council Recognized As Outstanding

The South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) announced today that twenty-one South Dakota high school student councils have been recognized as being "Outstanding Student Councils" for the 2009-10 school year. Included in that number is the Yankton High School Student Council under the advisement of Paul Harens.

This is the twentieth year that this statewide program has been sponsored by the SDHSAA to recognize those South Dakota high school student council's that meet or exceed the rigorous standards of excellence that are necessary to achieve the "Outstanding Student Council" designation. Student councils that achieve the "Outstanding Council" recognition can best be described as being "very" active within their school and their community throughout the school year. "Outstanding Councils" excel in having a well-rounded program of activities and projects for the year. The work completed by these "Outstanding Student Councils" as been a benefit to both their school and their community throughout the school year.

To be recognized as an "Outstanding Student Council" every council was involved in various projects in the areas of "Community and School Service," "Health, Safety or Chemical Awareness," "Education," "Leadership" and others. Completion of projects in a wide range of areas was necessary to fulfill a variety of goals for the student council.

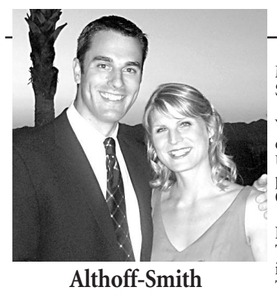
Winter-Arora

Mr. Terry and Mrs. Cheryl Winter of Yankton, SD, and Dr. Ajit and Mrs. Ravibala Singh of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Jordan Winter and Nathan Arora.

The bride graduated from Yankton High School in 2001. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Creighton University in 2005, and a Doctorate of Medicine at USD in 2009. She currently is an OB/GYN resident at Jackson Memorial Hospital/ University of Miami Hospital in Miami, FL.

The groom graduated from Waterloo Collegiate Institute in 1999. He received a Bachelor of Mathematics degree in Computer Science and Engineering from the University of Waterloo in 2005, a Master of Computer Science and Engineering degree from the University of Washington in 2008, and a Master of Business Administration in Marketing and Strategy from Duke University in 2010. He will be employed as a Senior Associate at Deloitte Consulting.

The couple is planning a July 31, 2010 wedding in Minneapolis, MN.



Althoff-Smith

Carrie Althoff and Tyler L. Smith are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Parents of the couple are Rick and Mary Althoff of Yankton, SD, and Cindy Smith and Whit Smith of Omaha, NE.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Yankton High School, and 2004 graduate of UNL. She received a DPT degree from UNMC in 2008. She is employed as a physical therapist at Alegent Health in Omaha, NE.

The groom is a graduate of Millard North High School in Omaha, NE, TCU in Ft. Worth, TX, and UNMC in 2009. He owns and operates Tyler L. Smith Family Dentistry in Omaha, NE.

The couple is planning a May 29, 2010 wedding in Omaha, NE.

Moser-Kronaizl

Ray and Natashia Moser of Hartington, NE, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Rae Moser, to Thomas Anthony Kronaizl, son of Gary and Evi Kronaizl of Tabor, SD.

Angela is a 2002 graduate of Wynot Public High School in Wynot, NE, and currently works at the Bon Homme Middle School in Tyndall, SD, as a paraprofessional and also for the St. Wenceslaus Church in Tabor, SD.

Tom is a 1999 graduate of Bon Homme High School in Tyndall, SD, and a 2001 graduate of NDSCS in Wahpeton, ND. He is currently a mechanic at Fred Haar Co., in Yankton, SD.

The couple will be married May 15, 2010, in Bow Valley, NE, and will reside in Tabor, SD.

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DAVE SAYS:

Working On Budgeting, Should I Reduce My Tithe?

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are on Baby Step 2 of your plan, and we're working hard to pay off all of our debt. We're Christians, but would it be a good idea to decrease our traditional 10 to 15 percent tithe while we work through the debt snowball? **— Janelle**

Dear Janelle,

I've studied Scripture on this subject for about 20 years and taught in Christian settings. But I don't want you to take my word as the final authority. What we're about to get into comes from God, not some guy with a radio show, okay?

When you look up the Hebrew word "tithe," it literally means tenth. Not 10 to 15 percent – a tenth. The book of Deuteronomy says to give a tenth of your net increase. In Proverbs, it refers to the tithe as first fruits, off the top, before anything else. About 1,200 years of protestant Christian teaching has focused on the idea that the tithe goes to the local church, because it's the New Testament representation of the Old Testament storehouse. The storehouse took care of the Levites, which were the priests — or pastors — and the widows and orphans. Today, the New Testament church in your community is supposed to use it for the same kinds of things: pastor's salaries and helping people who are struggling.

Now, once we've said all that, the problem is that there's enough toxicity in Christianity and twisted information that surrounds tithing to choke a horse! I want you to remember one thing, though. God doesn't love you more just because you tithe more than the person sitting next to you. It's not a salvation issue, either. We're not going to get into performance-based legalism here. God thinks you're cool! You're His kid, and He's going to love you even if you don't tithe. But He knows what tithing does for us. It makes us focus on something other than ourselves. God doesn't need your money, but He does want us to be loving and giving to the people around us.

I wouldn't stop or reduce my tithe if I were in your situation. When I hit bottom 20 years ago, I tithed all the way into bankruptcy court and all the way out. Just please keep in mind that you shouldn't do this because Dave Ramsey gave you a "rule." It comes straight from God, and it's a loving father's instructions as to what's best for his kids! **— Dave**

** For more financial help, please visit daveramsey.com.*

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

Taking Care Of The Community By Sharing Talents

BY PAM KETTERING
United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton

Kettering

Congratulations to Ethel Goeden – the 2009 Volunteer of the Year! She has modeled a quote by former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, "Do what you can to show you care about other people, and you will make our world a better place." She has volunteered thousands of hours during her volunteering career sharing her talents at St. Benedict Church, Royal Neighbors, American Diabetes Association, The Center & Senior Nutrition, Senior Companions, Yankton Antique Auto Association plus much more.

Thank you, Ethel, for sharing your time, talents and treasures with your neighbors and community.

Individuals sharing talents with neighbors and community have accomplished amazing results. When caring people gather around an issue that needs resolution, it will be addressed, massaged and solved in some manner. Some of the issues are much easier to address than others, but all are important to the quality of life for all of us.

A number of people thought that a walking trail would be an enhancement to this community. With years of conversation, planning, collaboration with city officials, funding and community "buy-in," the Auld-Brokaw Trail is a reality. Not very long ago we first heard of the vision of a Dog Park and Community Garden that is now a reality. The Skateboard Park was a collaboration of youth, parents, community members and City making a vision into reality.

Working together with key players – whether individuals, organizations, businesses, government – and an idea that enhances our livelihood is a sure design for success. A couple of years ago the United Way & Volunteer Services' affiliated agencies that work with children gathered together to talk about unmet needs. The conversation revealed that many of their younger clients needed counseling; however, the waiting lists were so long that it usually took months before they could get an appointment. In many cases, it was too late to address the issue.

We then conducted a survey with the Yankton counseling businesses about their services to children, length of waiting lists plus additional information. With some statistics to assist in our decision, the need for more available counseling for children was made evident. We were approached by Family Education & Counseling Center that they were interested in assisting with the need as well as providing opportunities with counseling interns preparing to be licensed. Assisting with funding to the Family Education & Counseling Center and the Lutheran Social Services Yankton Counseling Office, the United Way has provided additional needed services to our children.

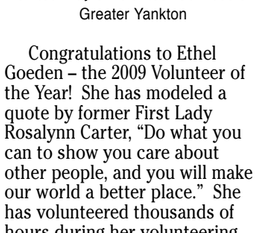
Additional information on today's featured agency, Family Education & Counseling Center, under the direction of Rev. Rod Veldhuizen, is as follows:

Family Education and Counseling Center (FECC) celebrated its eighth birthday last month. For the past eight years the mission of FECC has been to meet the needs of people who were not being served by other agencies in our community. Our mission statement reminds us that we exist to professionally support, care for and strengthen families and individuals in our rural communities. We fulfill that mission by offering professional counseling service with one full-time therapist, one part-time therapist and a therapist intern. Altogether, we have nearly 45 hours of therapy services available every week and are able to schedule most appointments within a week of calling.

One unique aspect of FECC is our ability to tailor our programming to meet the requests of community agencies. Recently a local funeral director expressed concern over a number of young people who had died or been killed and saw a number of grieving teens and younger children. In response the staff developed and led a six-week grief group for teens. We are currently looking into a similar short term support group children of divorce at the request of a school counselor.

Finally FECC currently offers an 8 week anger management course that meets the requirements of most local courts for individuals who are ordered to take such course work.

FECC would not be able to exist if it were not for the generous support of the Riverview Reformed Church which provides the space for the agency and allows Pastor Rod to donate some of his time to provide professional counseling services to people in Yankton and surrounding areas.



Gibbs-Cowman

Jacob Trusty and Haley Cowman are happy to announce the engagement of their parents, Melissa Gibbs and Troy Cowman, both of Yankton, SD.

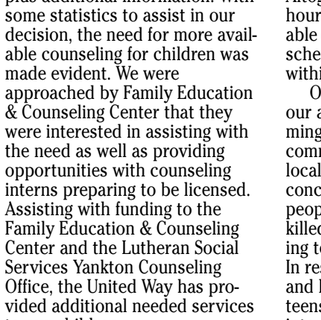
Parents of the couple are Terry and Dennis Willis of Price, Utah, Gary and Janice Gibbs of Erie, Colorado, Chuck Cowman of Gayville, SD, and Judi Cowman of Yankton, SD.

Melissa is a dispatcher for the Yankton Police Department.

Troy is employed as a paramedic for Yankton County Emergency Medical Services.

The wedding is planned for later this summer.

50th Wedding Anniversary


Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence De Jong

Kent, Bruce, and Paul De Jong are pleased to announce the 50th Anniversary of Anne and Lawrence De Jong of Yankton, SD. On May 14, 1960, Anna Mae Dennis and Lawrence Ramon De Jong were married in Platte, SD.

In honor of their anniversary, the "boys" request that you shower them with greeting cards at 911 West 13th Street, Yankton, SD 57078.

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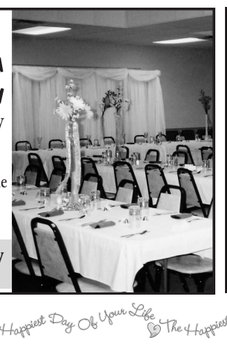

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