

COMMUNITY
CALENDAR

The **COMMUNITY CALENDAR** appears each Monday and Thursday. Contributions to this list of upcoming events are allowed 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.

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., May: Meridian Corner (junction of highway 81/18 eight miles south of Freeman or eight miles east of Menno), 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

Past Due: Do Unto Others ...

BY DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,
I have tenants who have been perfect in paying rent on time for almost a year. Last month, the woman lost her job, and when I went to collect the rent the other day, she said she didn't have any money. I'm pretty sure they used part of it for a car payment and the electric bill, and I know they need these things. Still, I'm torn over how to handle this and how lenient to be. — Alex

Dear Alex,
You're right, what they spent the money on were things they needed. At the same time, they probably knew the rent was due and when it was due. Since you know about their situation, and you're their landlord, it might be a good idea to offer to try and formulate a plan that would help them get through this tough time.

If it were me, I'd sit down with them and make a budget and list

of priorities. Food comes first, water and electricity after that, then rent, and finally the car. Get into their business a little, and find out what else is going on in their lives. You have to be fair and firm to be a quality landlord.

I'd be willing to cut them some slack if they're cooperative and honestly have to choose between feeding their kids and paying me. But if they insist on misbehaving with their money or having parties on the weekend, I'd have no problem telling them to find another place to live.

The biggest thing is to treat them the way you would want to be treated if the roles were reversed. I think most people want to do what's right, but you want to feel good about extending mercy when, and if, it's appropriate. — Dave



Dave
RAMSEY

DON'T STAY DOWN!

Dear Dave,
I just lost my job due to company-wide layoffs. I have an emergency fund, but I'm losing my health insurance. Our state has a program that covers children's healthcare in these kinds of situations. Would it be okay to accept this for my kids until I find another job and things get better? — Paul

Dear Paul,

There's absolutely nothing wrong with accepting help when you're down or struggling. On the other hand, to define yourself as being down or struggling is a really bad thing. By this, I mean you should never just sit there, consider yourself helpless, and expect someone else to take care of you. Remember this: everyone falls down. Loser's stay down, but successful people get back up!

If I woke up one morning and realized I had no insurance or couldn't feed my family because I'd lost my job, I'd be out looking for work all day long, every single day. If that didn't work, I'd pack everyone up and go find another place to work and live. At the very least I'd map out a plan to work and make money somewhere else during the week, then come home weekends.

You sound like a good dad, and I love the fact that you're thinking about your kids. Do what's necessary to take care of them right now, even if it means getting help from the state. Make sure you're out there busting it, and trying to make something happen in the job market, too. You shouldn't still be living this way six months from now! — Dave

For more financial help please visit daveramsey.com.

Community Connections

Books For Kids: The Importance Of Reading

BY PAM KETTERING

Yankton Area United Way

Kids love books. They "read" them to shreds, especially if the books are age-appropriate. Last weekend my husband and I visited grandchildren. If we read one book, we were in for a marathon read. As soon as one book was finished, another book was thrust into our hands. Upon finishing that book and if it was a favorite, we heard, "Again!" at least once or twice!

Why should we read? Seeking information on this question, I typed www.ask.com and received eleven pages of information from the website www.squidoo.com. World literacy stats are presented that reveals a majority of the countries have a good literacy rate. It also mentioned "that a lot of people that are considered literate just know how to read easy and daily life stuff and would not be able to read an entire book and understand it."

Instead of reading, people are watching television, surfing the internet, participating in interactive video options — all include reading but, as the author stated, "I doubt this can really be qualified as a good reading material." So, WHY SHOULD WE READ?

"Parents, Read To Your Children! This is where it all starts; reading to your child every night like a lot of parents do is quite a good hobby. Of course it's good for the kid because this way he or she can learn to communicate faster and will learn lots of stuff. Also, there is a chance, while it's not 100 percent



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sure, that your kids will enjoy reading more once they're grown up if you were reading to them when they were children." "Reading can also deepen the bonds between the parent and the child and it's always nice to pass a little time alone with your kids."

As author Tomie dePaola said, "Reading is important because if you can read you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything." The author also included the importance of reading to raise personal knowledge and general culture, which is always useful.

The information that I have read and learned about early childhood development repeatedly stresses the importance of reading books to children for school readiness. They have a jump start on the number of words in their vocabulary, it opens their world of imagination, it starts the process of critical thinking — it is the springboard for a life time of learning.

Are you aware that the United Way & Volunteer Services has a book program for children starting at birth until age five? It is the Imagination Library! For children of parents that live or work in Yankton County, the program is FREE! The child(ren) need to be regis-

tered in the program and within weeks their first book, The Little Engine That Could, arrives in their mailbox. They then receive an age-appropriate book once a month until the month of their fifth birthday. If they move during this time, it is critical that we are notified of the new address within the county so there is not a break in receiving the book. The registration form can be found at our office at 610 W. 23rd St., Suite 11, on www.yanktonunitedway.org, or by calling 665-6766.

If you are a grandparent of a child that lives outside of the county or have friends that you would like to join the program, they are eligible to register with an annual fee of \$30. I have enrolled our grandchildren, who live in different states, to participate and they are running to the mailbox to get THEIR MAIL when the books are delivered. Before the month passes, the past book has been read, reread and reread.

Dolly Parton introduced this program to South Dakota in 2002 when the South Dakota United Way organizations were invited to the introduction to the program as well as attend a fundraising concert by Parton for the participating United Ways. The Yankton Board of Directors decided to jump on board with the first book order sent off in September. Thousands of books later, it has proven to be a very successful program with parents sharing their stories of joy reading with their children.

Why should we read? Because you have the ability to read this article; AND because it opens doors to the world for everyone who flips that first page.

Director Named For Clinical Skills & Simulation Center At U

VERMILLION — Jeremy Hall, M.D., M.A., has been named director of the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine's Rodney R. Parry, M.D., Parry Center for Clinical Skills and Simulation.

Hall will be responsible for oversight of center operations, curriculum development, staffing and direction of faculty in the center. In the lead-up to the center's anticipated grand opening this summer, Hall will also contribute to design, layout and specification of equipment requirements.

The \$1.5 million simulation center will be a state-of-the-art facility to teach clinical communication, physical examination and technical skills for health professionals at all levels of learning.

"Dr. Hall will bring his expertise as an emergency medicine physician and his interest in simulation education to this exciting new position in the Parry Center," said Janet Lindemann, M.D.,



Hall

M.B.A., dean of medical student education at the School of Medicine.

Hall is no stranger to the Sanford School of Medicine. A 2005 graduate of the School, Hall previously served as an assistant professor in the department of family medicine. In addition to his extensive research experience with clinical simulation, Hall said he plans to draw from his time as both a teacher and a learner when it comes to moving forward in his new position.

"I am enthusiastic about the range of possibilities with the development of this dynamic center," said Hall. "The directorship allows me to pursue my passion for teaching in these areas and improve patient safety."

Diversity, Cultural Leadership Honors Presented At USD

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota recognized students, faculty and staff members who promoted social justice and intercultural awareness, and fostered positive relationships to promote diversity within the campus community at the Celebration of University Leadership awards program on Sunday, April 22.

The Dream Catcher Award, which is presented annually to an individual or individuals — through their deeds or actions — that represent best the principles of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., including social justice, equality and the preservation of Dr. King's "dream," was awarded to Cori Bazemore, USD Admissions Counselor and Multicultural Recruiter. A member of the Seneca

Nations of Indians, Bazemore is a graduate of the University of South Dakota. In her role at USD, Bazemore is a driving force on campus for bringing awareness to diversity issues and events. She was nominated by Scott Pohlson, Dean of Enrollment, who noted "there isn't a day that goes by that (Bazemore) isn't thinking of ways to increase USD's diversity and move USD forward with campus-based diversity activities."

The Vive la Difference Award recognizes a Creative Services Employee who supports and fosters diversity on the USD campus. Ruth Hessman, senior secretary, Department of Chemistry of the College of Arts and Sciences, was cited for promoting diversity efforts on campus

through her professionalism and timeliness in helping others. Nominated by Jan Koehn of Financial Services, Hessman was cited for "always willing to go the extra mile to meet the needs of the chemistry department and the university."

The Rosa Louise Parks Award, given annually to a student who contributes to intercultural awareness, supports diverse activities and demonstrates positive interactions with others, was presented to Dakota Soucie of Fairfield, Neb. Described as "pos-

itive and always willing to help others." Soucie is a member of the USD men's swimming and diving team. His nomination for the award was based on the inspiration he brings as both an athlete and as a person.

Award recipients are presented with a framed certificate and an acrylic trophy. Nominations were provided by members of the university community in recognizing outstanding leadership in diversity and cultural awareness.

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