

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.

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
Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Daily Reprieve, noon, open meeting non-smoking, 1019 W 9th St.
Interchange, noon, Minerva's Bar and Grill, 605-660-8849.
Cribbage, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Pinochle, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Whist, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Hand & Foot Cards, 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
Divorce Care, 7 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church
Divorce Care For Kids, 7 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church
Daily Reprieve, 7 p.m., closed meeting non-smoking, 1019 W 9th St.

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
Nurse, 12:30-3:30 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Pinochle, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Bingo, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685. (Open to the public)
Open Billiards, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Yankton Alcoholics Anonymous STEP Sessions, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., 1019 W. 9th St.
Vermillion Unity Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., closed session, Trinity Lutheran Church at 816 E Clark St. Vermillion.
Vermillion Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., non-smoking closed session, 16 1/2 Court St. Vermillion

WEDNESDAY

Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Nurse, 10 a.m.-noon, The Center, 605-665-4685
Quilting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Daily Reprieve, noon, non-smoking open session, 1019 W. 9th St.
Whist, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
SHIINE, 1-4 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Yankton Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., non-smoking session, 1019 W. 9th St.
Springfield Footprints, 7:30 p.m., non-smoking open session, Catholic church, Springfield

BIRTHS

ELLIOT PUCK

Trans and Heather Puck of Yankton announce the birth of their son Elliot Patrick, born Sept. 16, 2012, at 8:46 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches in length.

Elliot joins a sister Olivia Rae, age 3 1/2.

Grandparents are Peggy Bartunek and Danette and Craig Little all from Yankton.

Great grandmothers are Marilyn Kortan of Yankton and Irene Bogner of Omaha, Neb.

RYDER CORTEZ

Chris Cortez and Maddie Henseler of Yankton announce the birth of their son Ryder Dane, born June 19, 2012, at 10:54 p.m. He weighed 9 pounds and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Jay and Lori Henseler of Yankton and Mary Cortez of Houston.

Great-grandparents are Ken Henseler and Pat and Alvin Sudbeck of Yankton.

EMMA HOCHSTEIN

Jeff and Kari (Kruse) Hochstein of Hartington announce the birth of their daughter Emma Lynn Hochstein, born Oct. 18, 2012 weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces.

Grandparents are Melvin and Jane Kruse of Hartington and Joe and Linda Hochstein of St. Helena.

EVERETT ENGBRETSON

Alan and Emily (Freng) Engbretson of Lincoln, Neb., announce the birth of their son, Everett Alan Engbretson, born Aug. 29, 2012, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lincoln, Neb., weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Grandparents are Mark and Sue Freng of Yankton, and Brian and Nancy Engbretson of Yankton.

Great-grandparents are Floyd and the late Luella Freng of Yankton; Kathleen and the late Richard Gorsett of Onalaska, Wis.; Harlow and Annette Lundquist of Garretson; Gordy Engbretson of Garretson; and Doris and the late Andrew Klug of St. Helena.

Toys For Kids Program Kicks Off Again

Community wide agencies, organizations and volunteers are working together to make the holidays brighter this year through the annual Yankton Toys for Kids program.

The Yankton Toys for Kids wish list is being compiled for children in need, ages 0-18, who live in Yankton County. A release form and a wish list are to be completed and returned by Nov. 9 and are available at Head Start, County Health Office, Contact Center, South Dakota Department of Labor, Economic Assistance, and Division of Child Protection. An agency referral is required to qualify for the Yankton Toys for Kids program.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys, appropriate for ages 0 to 18, are being collected now through Saturday, Dec. 15, and can be dropped off at Robinson Motors, 1003 E Highway 50, or starting after Thanksgiving, at the Yankton Mall.

You may also "adopt a family" through the Yankton Toys for Kids Adoption Program, which enables businesses, community members or organizations to provide clothing, food and gifts to families experiencing tough times. Volunteer "adopters" are paired with a local family in need and provided with ages, clothing sizes and special requests.

Last year, the Yankton Toys for Kids program served more than 350 children. This year, an increased need is anticipated, so consider ways your family or business can help.

If you would like more information on the Yankton Toys for Kids program, call the United Way & Volunteer Services' Office at (605) 665-6766.

BIRTHDAYS

COLLEEN SCHILD

Colleen (Frick) Schild of Yankton will celebrate her 85th birthday on Nov. 3, 2012. Her family requests a card shower. Colleen has 29 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.



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GOT NEWS?

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At 665-7811

Politics Brings Out Depth Of Facebook 'Friending'

BY REX W. HUPPKE

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CHICAGO — Sean Bergan has witnessed the turbulent confluence of a heated presidential race and the free-wheeling world of social media.

And, like many this election season, he has responded by putting a virtual finger to his lips, saying "Shhhhhh" and clicking a button to vanquish those who fill his Facebook page with partisan rants.

"I've unfriended people on several occasions," said Bergan, 19, of Oswego, N.Y., who is a sophomore at Eastern Illinois University. "Especially if they're so extreme to one side or the other. I like to consider myself moderate. You just don't want to be seeing that stuff three times a day in your own news feed."

This divisive presidential contest has brought out the worst in many people, particularly in the online world. The result is a rampant severing of social media ties — unfriending or unfollowing. Web acquaintances who reveal their political leanings find themselves swiftly jettisoned by so-called friends who realize their ideologies don't align. Or Twitter followers are dumped simply because they won't shut up about politics.

It says as much about passions over the campaign as it does about the evolving — or possibly devolving — definition of the term "friend."

"Friendship is cheap on Facebook," said Glenn Sparks, a communication professor at Purdue University. "The ease with which you can connect with other people, it does kind of cause a cheapening of the term 'friendship'."

In real life, Sparks noted, it's unlikely you would call someone a friend without already knowing that person's political opinions and tolerating them, even if you disagree. But when a Facebook friend "likes" a candidate's Web page or tweets something political that you disagree with, it can come as a sucker punch.

Holly Cadenhead, an account director at a downtown advertising firm, has opted to mute some of her more politically vocal Facebook friends by "hiding" them so their comments don't appear in her timeline.

"I haven't gone so far as to de-friend anyone, but I do hide people who are just filling up my feed with all kinds of political stuff," said Cadenhead, 34, of Chicago. "It doesn't matter which side they're on or whether I agree. That's just not what I want to log in to see."

Some wonder whether the ease with which we can temporarily silence or completely cut off voices we don't want to hear might be damaging us in the long run.

Laurie Zoloth, a professor of medical humanities and bioethics at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, cited the important role friendship has played in society.

"What makes a democracy work is this thing that Socrates called 'parrhesia,' the ability to speak truth to each other in public," Zoloth said. "You need a friend who will listen to you, and you need the courage to speak and the courage to hear."

She said Aristotle wrote about how friendships hold states together, and defined a friend as someone who is honest with you and imagines you being the best version of who you are. But in the social media realm, that becomes difficult to achieve when "it's so easy psychologically to wipe out a friendship."

"Does (social media) make us able to have more friends, and then make them more disposable?" Zoloth said. "That would be a tragedy."

Sparks agreed. "The ease with which people can just hit the button and cut off other people, I think that's an absolute threat," he said. "There's no question that can be habit forming and it can carry over into our real relationships."

Bergan, who has about 1,500 Facebook friends, predicts that the widening use of social media will have a negative impact on in-

terpersonal relationships.

"I think the sensible answer would be that it's not helping our social skills whatsoever," he said. "It's so much easier to say, 'I don't like what you're saying so I'm just going to ignore it.'"

And that, Sparks said, takes away the need for us to listen to others and the intellectual exercise of reacting to opinions that conflict with our own.

"We are separating ourselves in a way where we don't use face-to-face feedback to adjust our next message," he said. "When we're together talking, I can see how you're reacting to the way I'm talking and the feeling in my voice, and I can adjust instantly and start communicating differently. In text mode, you can't pivot. So when people find out someone is from a different political persuasion, instead of being forced to adjust your communication and interact with that person, you can just shut them down."

Still, none of this is likely to change the way people handle their social media worlds. Both Bergan and Cadenhead said they consider these online spaces to be areas they want to streamline and control, with Bergan using his more for news and information and Cadenhead more for keeping up with friends and family.

"It's one aspect of our lives that I know is going to be there, it's for certain, and it's going to be there the way I want it," Bergan said. "It's my own environment."

And for Cadenhead, whatever might get lost by shutting down voices that create dissonance, there is an advantage to the way social media can, in essence, pre-screen potential real friends.

"I think you find out a lot more, a lot more quickly, about a person on Facebook as opposed to when you're just on a face-to-face basis with them where your interactions would be a little more limited," she said. "There may be things that ... may have taken you years to find out, and they might come out in just one election season."

In SeaWorld Rehab, Manatee Reunites With Old Pal

BY KEVIN SPEAR

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ORLANDO, Fla. — Lil Joe the manatee needs an agent for the unfolding story of his life, which continues to amaze and now includes an unexpected reunion with an old pal.

Lil Joe was plucked recently from a shallow river in east Orange County, Fla., where he had been marooned and starving for weeks. He was so dehydrated and underweight that the knobs and recesses of his skull were strikingly visible, his ribs were bulging and the loose skin of his concave belly was bunched up.

He was taken back to SeaWorld Orlando, where he had lived as an orphaned newborn, and was reunited with Slip, his longtime aquarium mate. The two manatees, who first met nearly 20 years ago, were kindred spirits during a years-long tour of the nation before they were set free together a little more than two years ago in the same Central Florida spring.

Now, when they aren't performing balletic corkscrews in their SeaWorld tank, the reconnected manatees are between them devouring 200 heads of restaurant-grade romaine lettuce each day. And if they aren't thinking about it as humans might, they might at least be feeling a primal tug that amounts to: "What's next?"

Lil Joe was first rescued from the Halifax River near Daytona Beach, Fla., on July 30, 1989, weeks old and weighing 42 pounds. With his mother presumed dead, Lil Joe would gain fans at SeaWorld as a pudgy, bottle-raised orphan even fed once by then-President George H.W. Bush.

Slip, named after the marina space where boats dock, was born at SeaWorld on Nov. 22, 1991. His mother, Marina, had been rescued in 1979 and was SeaWorld's first bottled-raised calf. She died three weeks later of birth-related complications, so Slip, like Lil Joe, hardly knew his mom.

The two orphans grew close, perhaps not by choice but as a result of the protocols for rearing



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Lil Joe the manatee floats among clumps of lettuce in the recovery pool at Sea World Orlando. He was rescued from the little Econlockhatchee River and weights about a half ton, down a little on his usual weight.

captive members of the endangered species.

Biologists thought then that orphaned calves reared in captivity would never acquire the skills needed to survive in the wild. So they sent them off together for years of adventure. First stop: SeaWorld in San Diego. Next, the pair moved to the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, where they wowed visitors for four years. It was there that Lil Joe bulked up to a weight of 1,950 pounds, or nearly a ton.

In 2009, the two were shipped to Lowry Park Zoo in Tampa, Fla., and introduced to the kinds of river plants that manatees ordinarily eat. The science of manatee care had evolved as Slip and Lil Joe grew, and biologists at that point were confident the two could be released.

So on Feb. 15, 2010, they were set free at Blue Spring, just off the

St. Johns River near Orange City, Fla., where the relatively warm spring water attracts hundreds of manatees each winter. The two apparently had had enough of each other and went their separate ways.

Lil Joe turned up a few months later farther north in the St. Johns, stunned by cold weather. He was rescued, rehabbed and put back into the river several months after that. Then, as winter approached last year, he slipped out of his radio-tracking belt and disappeared. Lil Joe was feared dead.

Meanwhile, on Jan. 4 of this year, Slip was hauled from Crescent Lake, which connects to the St. Johns River near Palatka, Fla. Stressed by cold, he was taken back to SeaWorld Orlando.

And in August, an unknown manatee appeared in the Little Econlockhatchee River in east Orange County, a highly unusual

place for a sea cow to go.

A few weeks later, a wildlife volunteer spotted an "R 5" brand on the animal's back, confirming it was Lil Joe. (Slip is "R 1.") State biologists suspected that the Little Econ, no longer swollen from early summer rains, had trapped Lil Joe.

Steve Lehr, assistant curator of mammals at SeaWorld, said the manatee was ailing when he was rescued Sept. 27. He weighed just 1,010 pounds, little more than half his Ohio weight.

He was tube-fed water for a few days, then a watery gruel of mashed romaine lettuce and high-protein monkey chow. Veterinarians did a scan of his abdomen, worried he might have swallowed fishing hooks or tackle, but nothing like that was detected. Lil Joe did pass quite a bit of cushion foam for several days, however, along with some cloth and rope.

Calling all Trick-or-Treaters!

Join the fun at the annual **Halloween Trick or Treat**

There will be lots of games and plenty of treats!

Wednesday, October 31
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
1212 West 8th Street

Avera

Yankton Care Center
(605) 668-8800

Trick-or-Treaters 5th grade and younger welcome.

Sazama - Ward

Mr. and Mrs. Deon (Wendi) Ward were married on September 22, 2012. The couple were wed at the Askari Game Lodge in Magaliesburg, South Africa by Pastor Heinrich Titus.

Wendi (Sazama) Ward, daughter of the late Connie and the late Dennis Sazama, Bloomfield, NE and granddaughter of Shirley and Gerald Tenney of Hartington, NE, is a graduate of Bloomfield High School.

She attended Wayne State College, and the University of South Dakota School of Law. She is currently a JAG Officer in the US Air Force.

Deon Ward son of Leon and Lettie Ward, Pretoria South Africa, is a high school graduate from Pretoria South Africa. He is a certified Operation Paramedic with the South African Defense Force and is currently working as a contractor at Yokota Air Base.

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