

COMMUNITY 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.

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, Pizazz 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 605-665-3736 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

FRIDAY

Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
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

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

Smorgasbord And Bazaar Slated For Crofton

CROFTON, Neb. — St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Crofton, Neb., will hold its annual Smorgasbord and Bazaar on Sunday, Sept. 9, with meals served from 3-8 p.m.
 The menu will include roast beef, homemade sausage, vegetables, mashed potatoes and gravy and salad bar. There will also be desserts, including homemade pies.
 There will also be lots of family fun with games, horse rides, bingo, concessions, country store, and cash raffle.

Yankton Area Writer's Club Meeting Scheduled

The Yankton Area Writer's Club will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 10, at the Fry'n Pan, 502 West 21st St., Yankton.
 From published authors to hobbyists, from pro to amateur, the Yankton Area Writer's Club is comprised of people in Yankton and the surrounding area who have a passion for writing and a desire to help aspiring writers by offering readings, critiques, conferences and monthly lessons.
 The club is open to all ages, and there are no dues. It meets the second Monday of every month (the third Monday if the second falls on a holiday).
 For more information, contact Nancy Burk at 605-664-6582 or yankton.area.writers.club@gmail.com, or visit <http://www.iw.net/~nnburk/>

Diabetes Support Group Meeting Planned

The Yankton Area Diabetes Support Group will meet at 1-2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, in the Benedictine Center Cafeteria.
 Lance Wassink from Medtronic will present information on continuous glucose monitoring used by persons on multiple insulin injections or if you have trouble with low blood sugars. Lance will also bring information on Medtronic insulin pumps.
 The Benedictine Center Cafeteria is on the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital campus, Benedictine Center Building (old hospital) on first floor. Everyone is welcome and a snack is provided.

NAMI Meeting Slated For Sept. 10

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI Yankton, will hold an educational/support meeting at the Avera Sacred Heart Pavilion conference room III at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10. This meeting site is located at 409 Summit on the first floor of the Pavilion.
 On this Monday evening, attendees will be reviewing a DVD documentary "Depression Out of the Shadows."
 Next month, NAMI's Candlelight Vigil will be held on Oct. 8 at the Trinity Lutheran Church.
 These meetings are open to the public.

James River Meeting Set For Aberdeen

HURON — The James River Water Development District Board of Directors will be holding their regular meeting and budget hearing at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Ramkota Hotel in Aberdeen.
 Items on the agenda are:
 • Public hearing on the 2013 budget;
 • Approval of the 2013 budget;
 • Adoption of the 2013 tax levy resolution;
 • Amendment to a project assistance grant with the Town of Stickney;
 • Funding request from Hutchinson County Highway Department for bank stabilization;
 • Funding request from Maxwell Colony for bank stabilization;
 • Funding request from Beadle County for bridge stabilization;
 • Update from the South Dakota School and Public Lands on the Hickman Lake project in Marshall County;
 • Funding request from a Yankton County landowner for wood pile cleanup;
 • Update from the Corps of Engineers on the Feasibility Study Report;
 • Update on TMDL activities on the James River;
 • Discussion on upcoming Board vacancy;
 • Any other business that may come before the Board.

Yankton Community Library Meeting Scheduled

The Yankton Community Library Board of Trustees will hold its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, in the library meeting room at 515 Walnut.
 For further information, call 668-5275.

To Fix Something Or Sell It?

BY DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,
 My old car has been having lots of problems lately. Do you have any advice on how to decide when it's best to just fix an old car or get a newer one instead? —Kristin

Dear Kristin,
 This is a good question! Mathematically, the first thing to look at is the car's worth if you don't make repairs. Should you spend \$1,000 to increase the value of the vehicle \$500? Dumb question, right? At that point, you sell the car as-is and put the \$1,000 it would take to fix it toward something newer.

On the other hand, let's say you've got a little hooptie worth \$1,000 but by putting \$500 into it, you can have it up and running again. Suddenly it's worth \$2,500. That's money well-spent, because what you've done has significantly increased the value.

The other side is that at some point, the hassle factor of an old car can turn it into a money pit. If you can't get anywhere because the car's always busted, then you need to find something else for the sake of safety and reliability. If this happens, though, you should still pay cash for a better car. Even if you're not taking a step up in price or fanciness, it's still better than taking on a car payment. I'd walk or ride a bike everywhere before I did that! —Dave



Dave RAMSEY

Dear Dave,
 About 17 months ago, my wife and I allowed a lady who had lost her home to a fire to move into an empty house we own and had thought about selling. During that time she's made no effort to

pay rent. My wife wants to write it all off and just give her the house and title, but I think she owes us something for putting a roof over her head. What do you think?

—Thomas
Dear Thomas,
 Honestly, I think you handled this situation poorly from the very beginning. From what you're telling me, you put her there originally on a charity basis, and now you want to change the deal. You didn't say anything about giving her a house, but you didn't set up a rental agreement either. And now you're acting like she owes you 17 months of back rent. I don't think so. I think that's on you.

Now, you have some decisions to make. Were you providing free housing to someone who

was struggling, or were you providing a free house to someone who was struggling? I understand this lady has experienced a terrible tragedy, but even with that, I'm not hearing lots of evidence that she's moving toward gaining control and getting her life back together. You may be giving a drunk a drink, if after 17 months of this situation she's not back on her feet again and out on her own.

If it were me, I'd sit down with her and have a gentle talk. Let her know the last 17 months were a gift, but you want to see her making her way and winning at life again. Set a reasonable time limit, whether it's six months or even a year, and tell her you'll be selling the house at that point. This is fair to her and to you guys as well. —Dave

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

Community Connections

Give, Advocate, Volunteer: Live United

BY PAM KETTERING

Yankton Area United Way

UNITED WAY WEEK is all about raising awareness of the 22 agencies that include over 35 programs that the 2013 campaign will support. UNITED WAY WEEK is also about celebrating! This month is the 55th anniversary of Yankton United Way & Volunteer Services! This year is also the 125th anniversary of United Way Worldwide!

LIVE UNITED is displayed on marquees. On Tuesday a free car wash held at the Boys & Girls Club was a great show of youth and a few adults scrubbing, washing and drying cars at a feverish pace. They also had a surprise visit by Governor Daugaard and Lieutenant Governor Matt Michels! Sudsy handshakes were a real treat for the dignitaries!

Free coffee was passed through car windows Wednesday morning as motorists were on their way to work. As coffee was poured, KYNT with Scott Kooistra interviewed agency directors, Heart Club members, Board President Brad Dykes, and Campaign Chair Dave Becker. The two coffee stations were located at Pied Piper and 1st National Bank SD.

Today is DINE UNITED! Participating restaurants are donating a portion of their proceeds to the 2013 campaign. Please stop at the following establishments for a meal or treat: Dairy Queen, Charlie's Pizza, Cottonwood



Pam KETTERING

from 6:15 - 6:45. During half-time the field will be filled with people carrying banners, signs and a circle of streamers — all representing and celebrating the 22 agencies and the United Way & Volunteer Services.

Next week the campaign mailer will be appearing in your mailbox. No envelope to open, no paper to unfold. The two sided sheet of paper contains, information, names of agencies and programs, pledge card, map of service area, and the QR code that takes "smart phone" users to our web page, www.yanktonunitedway.org.

Next week is also Round Up Week at

Corral, El Tapatio, Hy-Vee, Murdo's, The Rock House, and Sunrise Coffee.

Tomorrow is the first home football game for the Yankton Bucks! As you enter through the gate you will see people clad in LIVE UNITED shirts and blue United Way shirts handing out flyers, Hy-Vee coupons, and Imagination Library bookmarks. A number of agencies will be offering activities with prizes for kids at the north fence

Hy-Vee. You will be asked if you want to "round up" to the next dollar of your purchase. That portion will be a donation to the 2013 campaign.

This year's theme is, "ONE can make a difference. Are you the ONE?" Twenty-two agencies and over thirty-five programs are funded from this one annual campaign. One donation reaches thousands of lives in the greater Yankton community. One dollar a week provides five nutritious meals from the Contact Center for a family of four. One advocate's support can make a huge difference in another person's life. One hour of volunteering can right a wrong or inspire others to make an impact in the greater community.

Raising awareness. Celebrating. Sharing information. Telling stories of changed lives. Showing pictures. Writing testimonials. Campaigning. LIVING UNITED! The mission of the United Way & Volunteer Services is "to promote voluntary giving and services to support human needs in the greater Yankton community." With your ONE donation to the 2013 campaign combined with many other ONE donations, the quality of life for everyone is impacted. For additional information go to our website, www.yanktonunitedway.org, call our office at 605-665-6766 or stop by the office at the west entrance at 610 W. 23rd St., #11, Yankton, SD 57078. ONE can make a difference. Are you the ONE?

Doodling Classes? Creative Pastime Gets Respect

BY JENNIFER FORKER

For The Associated Press

Ben Bass is a longtime computer programmer and avid doodler. In elementary school, he doodled World War II airplanes, and doodled throughout high school and college.

Then doodling got away from him. "Parenting and a full-time job kind of drains the doodle out of you," Bass explains.

Bass thanks a tedious work meeting 18 years ago for bringing him back to doodling. Bored out of his mind, the Afton, Mo., resident started tapping a pen on his notepad, making tiny ink dots on the paper. Eventually, the spots started to look like something — a horse's head — and Bass' doodling days returned with a vengeance.

Today, he doodles in his personal pointillism whenever he's sitting with his hands free.

"It lets me focus my energies. It lets my mind reset," says Bass, 49. "Those are the two main benefits of it."

Schoolchildren and adults

doodle for the same reasons: out of boredom, to focus, to release pent-up energy. Doodling is a playful way for artists to tap their imaginations. For novices, classes are available online via crafters' blogs and at some small arts and crafts shops.

"It's a good way to germinate ideas," says Deb Douglas, assistant professor of art history at St. Louis University.

Douglas was featured this summer in Boozie Doodle, a series in the St. Louis culinary magazine Feast. Local artists are asked to doodle with a Sharpie on a cocktail napkin at an area restaurant. First they're handed a cocktail to "stir the creative juices," according to the magazine's website.

Douglas doodled some floral and seashell patterns she'd been working into a painting, she says. On her own, she doodles when she feels stuck artistically.

"Doodling is often a way for me to make lists aesthetically," she says.

What is doodling, and what isn't it?

Douglas says there's a fine line between doodling and sketching. Doodling involves pulling ideas out of one's imagination or drawing what one sees, whereas sketching is more purposeful.

Pam Keravuori, 67, an abstract painter in Fairfax Station, Va., says both sketching and doodling involve carving space with lines, but doodling is more carefree.

"I think doodling has become a popular thing because it's fun," says Keravuori. "It doesn't have some big, ulterior motive. And yet, it's practiced."

She teaches a "Doodle Ink" class on how to stylize handwriting with doodling.

Douglas questions why anyone would need to be taught how to doodle. "Then you're doodling someone else's ideas," she says.

But Keravuori says her doodle lettering class is popular with scrapbookers and painters like herself who want to improve their penmanship without the rigors of calligraphy.

"The obvious rule is that it takes practice. The rest of it is

without rules," says Keravuori, who blogs about her doodles at Pamela Jane's Studio. "You can do what you wish, as your imagination guides you."

That is the joy of doodling: There's no pressure to conform or perform. It's private until you want to share your doodles with others.

Stephanie Ackerman, 43, who teaches doodling classes on her blog, Homegrown Hospitality, says adults need help letting go of their fear of failure - even when doodling.

"When it's a child, it's no problem," she says. "When it's an adult, it's an arm wrestle. You have to re-train your brain."

Ackerman, of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., teaches a few basic concepts - about lettering, shading, embellishing and coloring - then sets students loose to experiment.

"You can't teach doodling, but you can teach the techniques," she says. "The doodle part of it is free form. That's where you have to practice relaxing your mind and letting it flow."

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