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**OPINION**

## A Week Devoted To Selling Opportunity

This has been declared Manufacturer's Week in Yankton, and it isn't too much of a stretch to say it is important to this community's future.  
OK, this particular week isn't a make-or-break stretch by any means. But the spirit behind it is pretty vital to whatever this town hopes to be in a few years.  
The week puts the spotlight on Yankton's robust manufacturing sector, which literally has an economic reach that crosses the planet. There are firms here that sell products worldwide, and sometimes have officials from other nations visiting here. That kind of reach has a lot of economic impact, with a potential for much more.  
But that fact isn't always readily acknowledged, particularly among kids who often look elsewhere to seek careers without giving Yankton (or, in a broader sense, South Dakota) much of a thought.

Young people are "looking for careers and they're thinking Omaha, Sioux Falls, the Twin Cities and they don't know anything about the opportunities in this region, including Yankton," said John Kramer, president of Yankton Area Progressive Growth, during a workforce forum Friday. "We're losing 900 people in this nine-county area between the ages of 18 and 30, and we can't afford that anymore."

It may have been a coincidence that last Friday's forum took place on the eve of Manufacturer's Week, but there certainly was a philosophical connection.

As such, it's no coincidence that the organizers of Manufacturer's Week are putting a particular emphasis on reaching out to a younger demographic — in this case, high school and middle school students, who are on the threshold of that coveted 18-to-30 age group of which Kramer spoke. It's the earnest hope that these students can be exposed to the training and career possibilities that exist here in fields that are or will be in high demand.

"We know that not all of our kids are going to go to a four-year college. We've put a lot of time and resources into providing programming here at our high school that helps kids who may want to choose a different pathway for a tech school or real skilled labor kinds of jobs we have here in Yankton," Yankton School District superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle told the *Press & Dakotan* last week.

Thus, open houses intended to showcase what local manufacturers do may help make a dent in the manpower drain Kramer alluded to at the forum. It's not the silver bullet that will fix everything, but reaching these potential workers while they're young and still forming their career choices is a start. A really good one, in fact.

The public in general is invited to a series of open houses this week, and it would be worthwhile to take the time and see what this sector of Yankton's economy is really all about. And hopefully, it will even change some minds — or, in the case of the high school and middle school students, offer some intriguing new, local options.

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**ELECTION LETTERS**

With the election season here, the **PRESS & DAKOTAN** has decided that all political letters received as of Sept. 9 will only run for a fee. All letters will be referred to the advertising department, and author will be given the option of paying to have the letter printed in its entirety elsewhere in the newspaper. Send your letters or questions to: Letters, 319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078, drop off at 319 Walnut in Yankton, fax to 665-1721 or email us at views@yankton.net/.

**ON THIS DATE**

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Tuesday, September 30, the 273rd day of 2014. There are 92 days left in the year.  
**Today's Highlight in History:** On September 30, 1954, the first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, was commissioned by the U.S. Navy.  
**On this date:** In 1399, England's King Richard II was deposed by Parliament; he was succeeded by his cousin, Henry of Bolingbroke, who was crowned as King Henry IV.  
In 1777, the Continental Congress — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to York, Pennsylvania.  
In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria.  
In 1846, Boston dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time as he extracted an ulcerated tooth from merchant Eben Frost.  
In 1938, after co-signing the Munich Agreement allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain said, "I believe it is peace for our time."  
In 1939, the first college football game to be televised was shown on experimental station W2XBS in New York as Fordham University defeated Waynesburg College, 34-7.  
In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end.  
In 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, California.  
In 1962, James Meredith, a black student, was escorted by federal marshals to the campus of the University of Mississippi, where he enrolled for classes the next day; Meredith's presence sparked rioting that claimed two lives. The National Farm Workers Association, founded by Cesar Chavez and a forerunner of the United Farm Workers, held its first meeting in Fresno, California.  
In 1984, the mystery series "Murder, She Wrote," starring Angela Lansbury, premiered on CBS.  
In 1986, the U.S. released accused Soviet spy Gennadiy Zakharov, one day after the Soviets released American journalist Nicholas Daniloff.  
In 1997, France's Roman Catholic Church apologized for its silence during the systematic persecution and deportation of Jews by the pro-Nazi Vichy regime.  
**Ten years ago:** President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry met at the University of Miami for their first presidential debate, with Kerry accusing Bush of a "colossal error in judgment" in ordering the invasion of Iraq and the president noting that Kerry had voted to authorize the military ac-

tion. Bombs killed some three dozen children in Baghdad as U.S. troops handed out candy at a government-sponsored celebration. The House followed the Senate in decisively rejecting a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. Vioxx, the heavily promoted arthritis drug, was pulled from the market by its maker after a study found it doubled the risk of heart attacks and strokes.  
**Five years ago:** A powerful earthquake rocked western Indonesia, killing 1,115 people. A Soyuz spacecraft carrying Canadian circus tycoon Guy Laliberte and two crew mates lifted off from Kazakhstan, headed for the International Space Station.  
**One year ago:** Pope Francis announced during a meeting with cardinals that he would canonize two of his most influential predecessors, John Paul II and John XXIII, the following spring. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu implored President Barack Obama during a White House meeting to keep punishing sanctions in place against Iran over its nuclear programs.  
**Today's Birthdays:** Nobel Peace Laureate Elie Wiesel is 86. Actress Angie Dickinson is 83. Singer Cissy Houston is 81. Singer Johnny Mathis is 79. Actor Len Cariou is 75. Singer Marilyn McCoo is 71. Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert is 69. Pop singer Sylvia Peterson (The Chiffons) is 68. Actor Vondie Curtis-Hall is 64. Actress Victoria Tennant is 64. Actor John Finn is 62. Rock musician John Lombardo is 62. Singer Deborah Allen is 61. Actor Calvin Levels is 60. Actor Barry Williams is 60. Singer Patrice Rushen is 60. Actress Fran Drescher is 57. Country singer Marty Stuart is 56. Actress Debrah Farentino is 55. Rock musician Bill Rieflin (R.E.M.) is 54. Former Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., is 54. Actress Crystal Bernard is 53. Actor Eric Stoltz is 53. Rapper-producer Marley Marl is 52. Country singer Eddie Montgomery (Montgomery-Gentry) is 51. Rock singer Trey Anastasio is 50. Actress Monica Bellucci is 50. Rock musician Robby Takac (Goo Goo Dolls) is 50. Actress Lisa Thornhill is 48. Actress Andrea Roth is 47. Actor Silas Weir Mitchell is 45. Actor Tony Hale is 44. Actress Jenna Elfman is 43. Actor Ashley Hamilton is 40. Actress Marion Cotillard is 39. Actor Stark Sands is 36. Actor Mike Damus is 35. Tennis player Martina Hingis is 34. Olympic gold medal gymnast Dominique Moceanu is 33. Actress Lacey Chabert is 32. Actor Kieran Culkin is 32. Singer-rapper T-Pain is 30.  
**Thought for Today:** "If you can't be a good example, then you'll just have to be a horrible warning." — Attributed to Catherine the Great, Russian empress (1729-1796).

**FROM THE BIBLE**

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. 1 Peter 2:21. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis



**The Rez Of The Story**

## 'Always There Is Hope'

BY VINCE TWO EAGLES

Hau Mitakuepi (Greetings My Relatives), The American historian, author, playwright and social activist Howard Zinn once wrote:

"To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty, but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness. What we choose to emphasize in this complex history will determine our lives. If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to do something. If we remember those times and places—and there are so many—where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us the energy to act, and at least the possibility of sending this spinning world in a different direction. And if we do act, in however small a way, we don't have to wait for some grand utopian future. The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory."

It seems that way too many people are waiting for that "perfect" moment or that "just right" set of circumstances before they will consent to the idea that change is a good thing. Not only a good thing, but worthy of one's involvement and commitment of their time. This is democracy's fatal flaw. In order for our democracy to be effective and sustainable, it necessarily requires citizen involvement.

I know, we elect our leadership to "take care of us" and to "do for us." Democracy seems to be the best thing going in terms of governance but to abdicate our involvement and responsibility as citizens is a grave mistake. Ordinary, and not so ordinary citizens, collaborating to make their respective communities better places to live for all is absolutely healthy and proactive.

However, all of the citizen action we can muster requires (among others) one impor-



Vince TWO EAGLES

tant ingredient, and that ingredient is hope. A people's expectations that are optimistic and forward moving with the likelihood of success are immeasurable. Things like equal opportunity and fair distribution of resources spring from hope that things can and will get better, and stay better. We collectively see the glass of water half full.

We see the common security of our communities manifest in a "we" mentality rather than an "I" mentality and a fractured village that pits authorities and the common citizen against each other. Violence becomes the rule rather than the exception. Our families are not safe.

Hopelessness breeds more hopelessness and the fear grows unchecked. Folks give up and retreat into their own little enclaves afraid to come out at night because the criminals have claimed the night for their own. The gap between the have and have-nots grows ever wider and increasingly more difficult to bridge. Despair from chronic hopelessness sets in fed by willful ignorance. Add blame to the mix and you have a recipe for continued strife and conflict. The glass of water is perceived as being half empty like the promises our leadership constantly make but fail to keep.

Hope gives birth to our individual and collective resolve. The poet Ellen Bass says of resolve, "to love life, to love it even when you have no stomach for it and everything you've held dear crumbles like burnt paper in your hands, your throat filled with the silt of it. When grief sits with you, its tropical heat thickening the air, heavy as water more fit for gills than lungs; when grief weights you like your own flesh only more of it, an obesity of grief, you think, how can a body withstand this? Then you hold life like a face between your palms, a plain face, no charming smile, no violet eyes, and you say, yes, I will take you, I will love you, again."

And now you know the rez of the story. Doksha (later) ...

**YOUR LETTERS**

**EPA Destroys Grain Prices**

**Orrie Swayze, Wilmot**  
EPA's deceitfully created E10 blend wall destroys free enterprise's role deciding corn prices because it locks a potential new five billion bushel demand for corn out of the market. Free enterprise cannot play a legitimate role in corn and auto fuels markets when EPA's dishonest policies limit ethanol's auto fuels market participation to 10 percent. Countering free enterprise principles EPA picks gasoline as auto fuels market winner by deceitfully claiming high octane E30 is illegal to use in and damages standard auto engines.  
Unlike gasoline, ethanol doesn't contain or emit tail pipe known human carcinogens that prey especially on children. Therefore it isn't Clean Air Act defined tampering or illegal, as EPA alleges, to fuel standard autos with E30 because it decreases known human carcinogenic tailpipe/evaporative emissions 30 percent.

Importantly, auto companies urgently request EPA to raise minimum gasoline octane levels. Autos endorse ethanol's high octane E30 but ridicule low octane E15. E15 cannot provide E30's air cooling turbocharging effect and 93 "safe" octane that's required for optimized, efficient high compression engines. Engines autos need to be competitive in international markets plus meet 2017 café standards.

South Dakota's experience is all segments of our economy (including jobs) participate in producing nearly a billion bushels of corn plus a billion gallons of ethanol annually. We all

**Online Opinion**

The results of the most recent Internet poll on the *Press & Dakotan's* Web site are as follows:

**LATEST RESULTS:**

**Do you think the Minnesota Twins should retain manager Ron Gardenhire?**  
No . . . . . 38%  
Not sure/don't care . . . . . 33%  
Yes . . . . . 29%  
**TOTAL VOTES CAST . . . . . 273**

*The Press & Dakotan Internet poll is not a scientific survey and reflects the opinions only of those who choose to participate. The results should not be construed as an accurate representation or scientific measurement of public opinion.*

**CURRENT QUESTION:**

**Do you think researchers will find a cure for Alzheimer's disease in your lifetime?**  
To vote in the *Press & Dakotan's* Internet poll, log on to our website at www.yankton.net.

have hit EPA's fraudulent blend wall evidenced by a dollar plus lower tumbling corn prices and necessarily all grain/ethanol prices. The economic impact of government's war on E30 use in standard autos creating the e10 blend wall will obviously extort several billion dollars annually from South Dakota's economy alone.

Incredibly, state government, corn and ethanol organizations assure the blend wall stands firm today: They irresponsibly agree with EPA's big oil sponsored fabrications that built the blend wall: E30 is illegal to use in and damages standard auto engines.

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