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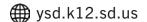


TUITION FREE PRESCHOOL

Yankton School District Preschool is a tuition-free preschool for 3 and 4 year-olds.















"Welcome to Yankton!

We hope this publication eases your move to Yankton.

We also produce a Visitor Guide publication that has more information on the community. As you page through this handy guide, you will notice a number of QR codes (like the one to your right). Scan these with your smartphone to get an even deeper look into the various topics and businesses in this issue. We look forward to meeting you! ¶

Nancy Wenande
CEO of Yankton Thrive



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We're excited you've chosen Yankton as your home!

As the first territorial capitol of the Dakotas, Yankton has a can-do attitude that contributes to our community's continuing growth.

The Missouri River brought our first residents to settle this area and has been a constant in our region's economy and rich outdoor recreation.

Our river city is a hub for agriculture, healthcare & social services, manufacturing, education and finance.

Recreational activities play a major role in my life - I enjoy camping and spending time on the water during the summer months followed by a good bonfire to end the night.

Alex Kneeland
Owner & Optometrist
at Meridian Eye Care

Yankton's TOP INDUSTRIES

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture, including crop and animal production, is obviously one of the original industries in the community and continues to account for a significant amount of economic impact.

MANUFACTURING

The manufacturing industry in Yankton is booming and accounts for a large percentage of jobs in the community. The clients are worldwide and the equipment and parts built here are top of the line. A piece of the Mars Rover was made by a company headquartered in Yankton!

HEALTHCARE & SOCIAL SERVICES

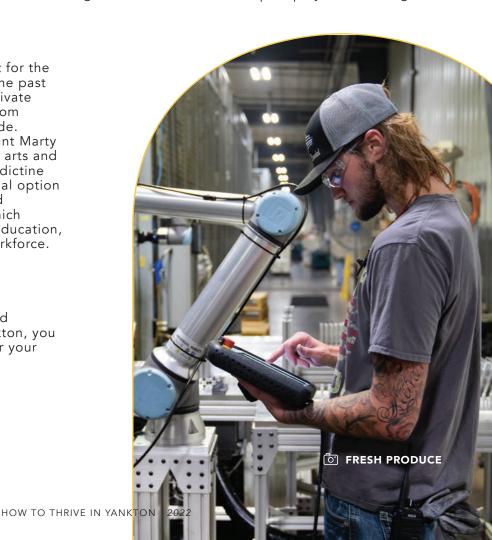
Yankton is a regional health care center. It has the state's largest independently-owned medical clinic, Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C., and is home to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, a 144-bed Level V Trauma Center. Yankton is also home to the state's behavioral health hospital, South Dakota Human Services Center. There are many other health care and social service locations throughout the community as well, making health care one of the top employers in the region.

EDUCATION

Educational services account for the largest growth in jobs over the past year. Yankton's public and private schools provide education from pre-school through 12th grade. Yankton is also home to Mount Marty University, a four-year liberal arts and sciences college in the Benedictine Tradition. Another educational option is the Regional Technical and Education Center (RTEC), which provides hands-on training education, and certification for local workforce.

FINANCE

With a variety of financial and insurance institutions in Yankton, you are sure to find a good fit for your business or personal needs.





A Thriving COMMUNITY

CONNECTING CULTURES

"Connecting Cultures was established in Yankton in 2017. Our mission is to create connections that cultivate a community that celebrates cultural diversity. Yankton is a growing place and we want everyone to feel welcomed into the community and for Yankton to be a place where all can thrive. If you are part of a culture that you would like to educate the community about; or you would like to connect us to current events, or even if you just want to make connections, and participate in vibrant community events and perspective-expanding conversations, reach out to us on Facebook, Connecting Cultures Yankton!"



Sarah Brandt
Connecting Cultures President



CHURCHES

There are more than 30 places of worship in the Yankton area. The faith community in Yankton is diverse and always growing. Joining a religious institution is a great way to meet new friends with shared values and get connected to resources and information.



GOVERNMENT & LAW ENFORCEMENT

Yankton has always been a safe, low-crime city. We are fortunate to have progressive, community-based law enforcement agencies. Yankton's Emergency Medical Services, Fire Department and First Responders are also second to none.







Ready For The Future

ankton, one of South Dakota's historic cities, is a welcoming community for visitors and residents alike. Community leaders embrace the past, but with a keen eye to the future.

Amy Leon, Yankton's City Manager for the past 10 years, agrees with that sentiment, "What really excites me most about Yankton is how we've positioned ourselves for the future," she said. "When you talk about cities that are ready for the future, Yankton is one of them.

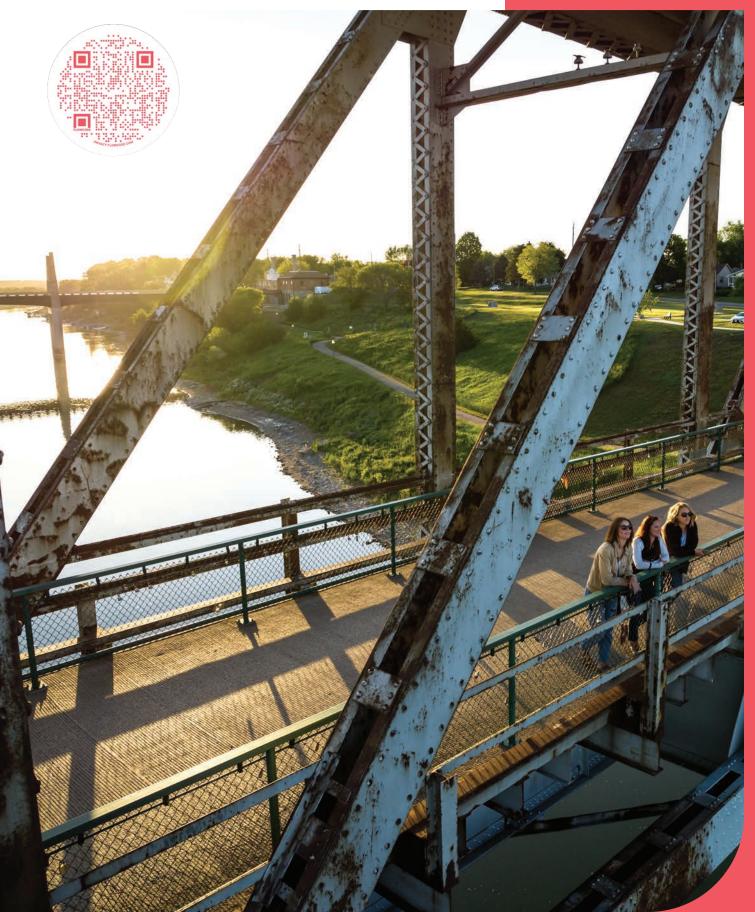
"I think what we've done well as a city is plan for the future and look at projects long term," Leon continued. "With the new water treatment plant, Yankton won't have to worry about its water supply for any of our lifetimes. We even have capacity to help other communities if necessary."

So many parts of our community stand out. For example, our beautiful and abundant parks and trails system come to mind. But, there are so many aspects that many of us may take for granted.

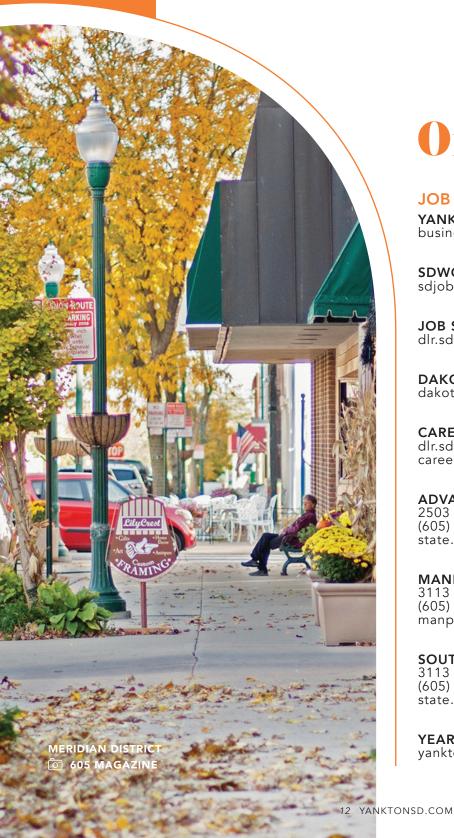
"A lot of people probably don't think about the streets they drive on, or water and sewer," Leon said. "But those are foundational to what a strong community looks like. Or when I think about all the people involved in public safety – our law enforcement, our volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services – these are people who care deeply about the community. They live and work with us. They are our neighbors. I really think that is sort of unique in this day and age. Yankton has built a lot of social capital."

The City of Yankton continues to thrive because citizens and local businesses invest for the success.

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FINDING THE RIGHT Employment





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JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE

YANKTON THRIVE

business.yanktonsd.com/jobs

SDWORKS JOBS DATABASE

sdjobs.org

JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

dlr.sd.gov/localoffices/job_search_tools

DAKOTA ROOTS

dakotaroots.com

CAREER LAUNCH

dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/ career launch/toolkit

ADVANCE SERVICES

2503 Fox Run Parkway Suite 4 (605) 689-2005 state.sd.us/dol

MANPOWER

3113 Spruce Street (605) 668-2910 manpower.com

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

3113 Spruce Street (605) 668-2900 state.sd.us/dol

YEARN

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SUPPORTING ENTREPRENEURS

SD CEO EAST WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER

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605-631-9106 | Black Hills State University (bhsu.edu)

196 East 6th Street, Suite 200, Sioux Falls

CO.STARTERS ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

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605-665-3636 | Visit CO.STARTERS Accelerator Rural Partner (yanktonsd.com) 803 East 4th Street, Yankton

RESOURCES TO GROW YOUR BUSINESS

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Services offered including no cost business consulting, aide in business plan development and improvement, financial analysis assistance, etc.

605-665-0751 | sdbusinesshelp.com 1808 Summit Street, Yankton

SCORE BUSINESS MENTORING

Has the nation's largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors dedicated to helping small businesses grow and achieve goals

605-280-3642 | South Dakota | SCORE 2329 North Career Avenue, Suite 105, Sioux Falls



MERIDIAN DISTRICT

TRAVEL SOUTH DAKOTA



Find Your Dream Home

RENTING

Yankton's rental scene is quite diverse. The Rental Guide will show options for all income levels.



BUILDING

Selecting the right builder is a key step in creating your dream home. The Lewis & Clark Home Builders Association is the right place to start. They can provide you with a list of builders, landscapers, realtors and financial institutions in your area.



Moving TIPS & TRICKS

MOVERS & BREAKABLES

Instead of asking your friends do the heavy lifting, consider hiring movers to handle the large boxes and furniture. After that, order a little pizza and beer, turn on some entertainment and have your friends help unload some of those boxes.

Many people are concerned about their breakable and fragile possessions. Simply pack up a box or two of the expensive breakables and move them yourself.

PRIORITIES & ESSENTIALS

As you're packing all your belongings for the move, make sure to pack a simple suitcase and toiletry bag as if you were going on a weekend trip. Your new home may be a little messy for a while, but you'll be ready for the day with your essentials.

Pack boxes of items that you will need immediately and mark them, "Unpack First". This usually includes cleaning supplies, paper towels, disposable plates and utensils, bottled water, and anything else you anticipate needing right away.

COORDINATION & LABELING

When packing, try to coordinate with where you think everything will be once you move in. Box things from the same areas together if possible.

Label the contents and destination room for each box. This helps the movers and will definitely help your sanity as you begin the unpacking process.

Utility Services





MAZING PORCHES, MAZING ACRES

REAL ESTATE

Yankton boasts many unique neighborhoods and environments for you to choose for your home.

Whether you're looking to build, live on the water, live in an established neighborhood or in a newer neighborhood, this region really has it all.

The Meridian Association of Realtors is the collection of local realtors that serve the Yankton region. These local realtors are your best experts at helping you fill your wants and needs.







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ESTATE CO.





CENTURY 21. Professional Real Estate Kerry Woehl (605) 760-7214 Carla Schlingman (605) 661-8643 Jolene Green (605) 464-9634 1701 Broadway, Yankton, SD (605) 665-8970 yanktonrealestate.com







SCHOOLS & CHILD CARE

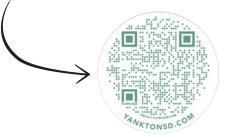
The Yankton School District is home to an average of 2,800 students.

Yankton Public School District has four elementary schools, a 6th-8th-grade middle school and Yankton High School. YSD is annually one of the best rated school districts in the state and has a 99% graduation rate.

There are a number of private schools, such as Sacred Heart (pre-school to 8th grade), Missouri Valley Christian Academy (K-8th), church-led pre-schools, and early childhood programs. Homeschooling is also an option here.

When it comes to higher education, Yankton is home to Mount Marty University, a 4-year liberal arts and sciences college in the Benedictine Tradition. Skilled labor training is also available at the Regional Technical and Education Center (RTEC).

ACCESS OUR LIST OF CHILD CARE PROVIDERS





66 A CONTINUED EFFORT TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY AND DEVELOP OUR LOCAL WORKFORCE THROUGH CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.



REGIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER

1200 W 21ST ST. YANKTON, SD 57078 (605) 668-5700 RTECEDU.ORG



- Serving 1st 12th graders
- \$25 annual membership fee
- Club Hours:
 - o After school 7:00 PM
 - 7:30 AM 6:00 PM on no school days

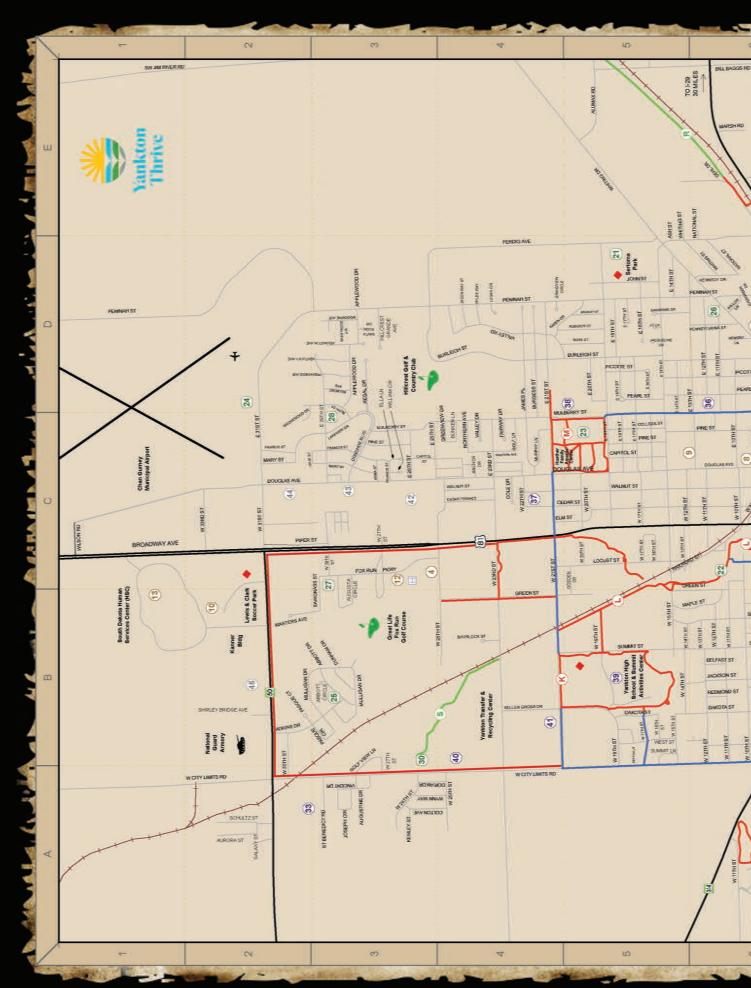


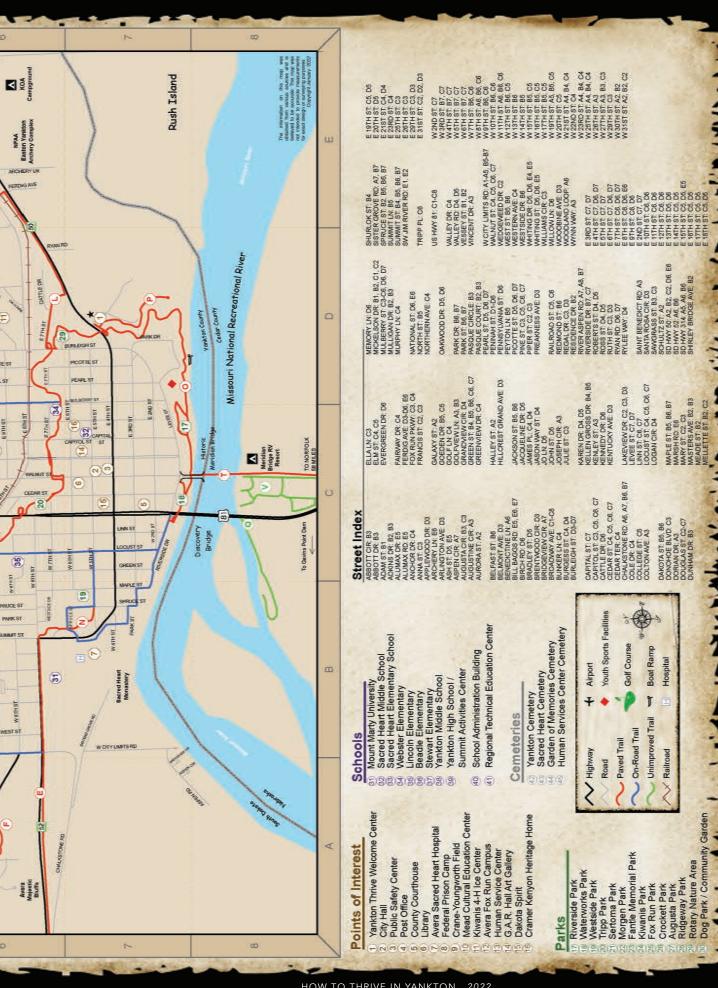


We Couldn't Forget Doggy Daycare









HEALTH CARE

MERIDIAN DISTRICT © AVERA SACRED HEART HOSPITAL



When my mother needed emergency care, it was so convenient to have access to quality medical services close to home at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. I can't say enough about the caregivers who treated her. **

Kathy Greeneway,

Vice President, First Dakota Brokerage Services, Inc.

Assisted Living

AVERA SISTER JAMES CARE CENTER

2111 West 11th Street | (605) 668-8439 | avera.org/sacred-heart/services/senior/majestic

This center offers assisted and independent living apartments and town homes, adult day services, memory care, and a hospice residential house. A town center features a general store, pub, theater, activity center, children's play area, bank, post office, and salon.

ANGELHAUS

2903 & 2905 Douglas Avenue | (605) 665-7255 | angel.hous.com

Angelhaus provides a safe, nurturing, and caring environment to its residents in a community style setting that is similar to being in the comfort of their own home. Their assisted living services include bathing, grooming, meal preparation, dressing, and more.

WALNUT VILLAGE SENIOR APARTMENTS

614 Walnut Street | (605) 664-4220 | walnutvillagecare.com

Walnut Village offers independent and assisted living in a safe and secure atmosphere with an extensive list of amenities including a gaming room, library, and great room.

Yankton is considered a regional health care destination.

Along with the options shown below, there are several other health care options within the community from eye care, dentistry, physical therapy, behavioral therapy and just about anything you could imagine.











Mental Health & Addiction

LEWIS & CLARK BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

1028 Walnut Street | (605) 665-4606 | Icbhs.org

Providing accredited, comprehensive mental health and substance use treatment service. Crisis calls are taken 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

SOUTH DAKOTA HUMAN SERVICES CENTER

3515 Broadway Avenue | (605) 668-3100 | dss.sd.gov.behavioralhealth.hsc/services

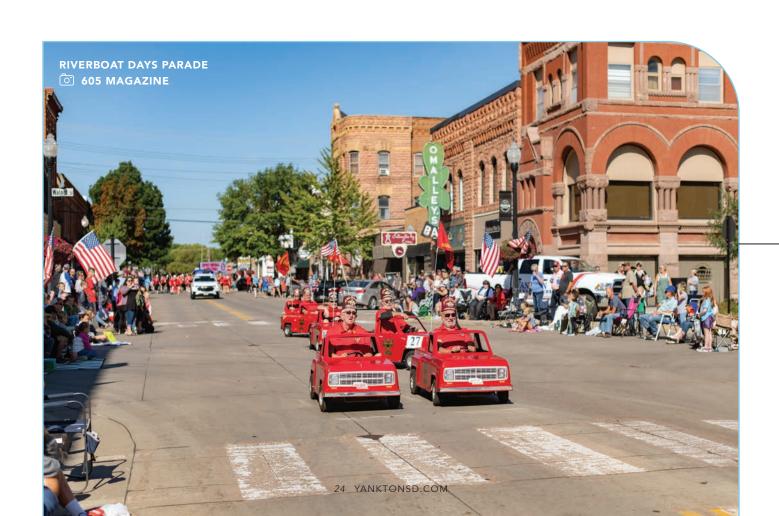
A licensed specialty hospital and the state's only public psychiatric hospital. They provide inpatient psychiatric treatment, adult inpatient substance use disorder treatment, and skilled nursing home care to patients who are unable to be served in less restrictive settings.



"Thank You to Yankton, South Dakota!

We had so much fun playing for Music at the Meridian!

Mooncats, Campfire Folk Band from Beulah, ND





Yankton's

TOP ANNUAL ATTRACTIONS

LAKE YANKTON FESTIVAL & HOMESTEAD DAY

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ROCK 'N RUMBLE

MUSIC AT THE MERIDIAN CONCERT SERIES

MARKET AT THE MERIDIAN

INDEPENDENCE DAY

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RIVERBOAT DAYS & ARTS FESTIVAL

EXTREME BULL RIDING

MAZING ACRES PUMPKIN PATCH

HARVEST HALLOWEEN

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



Fall & Winter **ACTIVITIES**

What's there to do in Yankton?

- We are located on the Missouri River flyway; great for waterfowl
- Popular species to hunt: pheasants, white tail deer, wild turkey, dove, quail, partridge, ducks, & geese
- As the water turns over, the bite for walleye and smallmouth bass can produce many quality fish on Lewis and Clark Lake
- Ice fishing on Lake Yankton is great for perch and crappie
- Fall colors at Lewis and Clark Recreation area and all along the Missouri National Recreation River
- There are many beautiful areas for cross country skiing and snowshoeing at Lewis and Clark Rec Area
- January is a magical time below Gavin's Point Dam; many bald eagles descend upon the dam for the open water fishing it provides



One of the best things about Yankton is our recreational opportunities. I am out in nature all year long doing anything from snow shoeing in the winter to jogging next to the lake in the summer. "

Barb Rezac

Vice President for Mission and Advancement, Mount Marty University



Outdoors

LEWIS AND CLARK RECREATION AREA

43349 South Dakota Highway 52 (605) 668-2985 gfp.sd.gov/parks

MISSOURI NATIONAL RECREATION RIVER

National Park Service Office 508 East 2nd Street (605) 665-0209

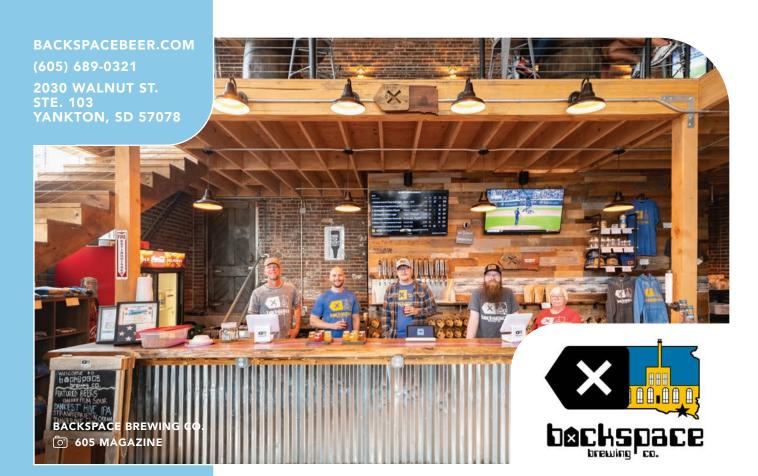
GAVIN'S POINT DAM/ U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Four Miles West on Highway 52 (402) 667-2546

LAKE YANKTON 55245 Highway 121, Nebraska

MERIDIAN BRIDGE Walnut Street, South of 2nd Street







Indoors

NIGHTLIFE

Yankton is lucky to have an array of local musicians performing on the weekends. They might be at one of our local breweries or the many other venues throughout the community and lake area.

SHOPPING

Yankton is a regional shopping hub for the necessities, boutiques, & specialty shops.

DINING

Yankton has an amazing collection of great dining establishments with a variety of ethnic food choices. Yankton also has a wide array of local food trucks that typically are serving throughout the year.

SPORTS

Some Yankton area bars and nightclubs have been adding games for their guests. The Boat House has axe throwing, mini bowling and more. Ben's Brew Station has added a ping pong table to its wall of pinball machines and an indoor bocce ball court. Other activities are available throughout the community such as: ice skating, hockey, archery, air rifle, bowling, several fitness facilities and gym space at Mount Marty University and the Summit Activities Center. Indoor pickleball courts are also available at City Hall and at the Archery Center.













UNITED WE RISE

United Way of Greater Yankton is proud to work alongside outstanding volunteers, generous donors, and local human service organizations to create positive change, address community needs, and impact lives.

TOGETHER, UNITED, WE PROVIDE SOLUTIONS THAT UPLIFT THE ENTIRE GREATER YANKTON COMMUNITY.

Learn more about the critical work of United Way of Greater Yankton programs, our funded partners, and how you can help at www.yanktonunitedway.org

(605)665-6766 info@yanktonunitedway.org

United Way



920 Broadway Avenue, Suite 1, Yankton, SD

Boys & Girls Club of Yankton, Cornerstone Career Center, Connecting Kids Youth Scholarships - EmBe Girls on the Run, Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons, Sioux Council Boy Scouts, Yankton Area Ice Association, Yankton Baseball Association, Yankton Youth Soccer Association, Art Education Grants - Yankton Area Arts, Yankton County Historical Society

The Clothing Closet, Ride United, SPARK - Connections for Community, Big Friend - Little Friend, Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Delta Dental Mobile Program, Stuff the Bus School Supply Store, Toys for Kids, Born Learning Trail, Imagination Library, The Big Red Bookshelf

The Center, Pathways Shelter for the Homeless, LSS Center for Financial Resources, Yankton Contact Center, Yankton Food for Thought, Yankton Transit, Connections, LCBH Yankton Drug Court, River City Domestic Violence Center, River City Family Connections, Servant Hearts Clinic, Southeast CASA, Yankton Special Olympics



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