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# Hosting The 75th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

A COLUMN BY  
GOV. DENNIS DAUGAARD:

It's rally time in South Dakota. What started in 1938 as a single motorcycle race in a small town in South Dakota has grown into one of the largest and most well-known motorcycle gatherings in the world. This year is the 75th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, and it may be the largest biker gathering of all time. I've heard estimates ranging from 800,000 to 1.2 million people.

These motorcycle enthusiasts aren't just visiting Sturgis. They're traveling all around the Black Hills - staying in our local hotels and at our campgrounds, eating in our local restaurants, shopping in our local stores and filling up at our gas stations. Each year the rally has a big economic impact on Sturgis and all of the Black Hills, from which South Dakota benefits.

An event this size won't be without its challenges. That's why we've been preparing for the 75th rally for the last two years. Since 2013, state agencies and local governments have been holding monthly meetings, table top exercises and capabilities briefings. We're as ready as we can be for the 75th rally. The state has set up a Rally Operations Center and a Traffic Operations Center. Local law enforcement, the Highway Patrol and ambulance services have additional personnel working. National Guard soldiers specializing in law enforcement and medical response are training in the Black Hills area and are available for call-up in the event of a disaster. Two National Guard Blackhawk helicopters are also on stand-by for medical transport if there is a major emergency.

For the past 74 years, we have not had a major emergency incident at the Sturgis Rally. Our goal is to get through the 75th rally with that record intact, but we need help.

We're asking South Dakotans to do their part to help make this a safe journey for our visitors. Drive carefully and be particularly mindful of the motorcycles on the road. It only takes one mistake to alter your life and someone else's forever. If you live in the Black Hills area, plan to get to your destinations ahead of time and be patient with law enforcement and emergency responders. If something doesn't look right - maybe how someone is taking photos of government buildings or measuring distances between buildings - let law enforcement know. If you see something, say something. For those who are attending the rally, be careful and be prepared. Wear a helmet and proper riding attire. Most importantly, don't drink and drive.

Riders can visit [SouthDakotaRides.com](http://SouthDakotaRides.com) for real-time information and some helpful tips. On the website there are links to weather updates, fire danger information, Twitter feeds from the departments of Transportation and Public Safety, and a map of hospital, urgent care and police station locations.

One of government's primary functions is to keep people safe. The state of South Dakota is ready to uphold that responsibility and we welcome the opportunity to host so many visitors in our great state. If South Dakotans and our visitors do their part, it will go a long way in helping make the 75th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally a safe and fun event.

# Dave Says



## YOUR WAKE-UP CALL

Dear Dave,  
My husband and I are both 50, and we make about \$50,000 a year. We have a little bit of debt, and recently my mother-in-law moved in with us due to health issues. We've always gotten by, but now we're struggling with the additional expense of having her with us. We love her, but we're unsure what to do financially. Do you have any suggestions?

Jen

Dear Jen,  
Anytime things get tight and something like that happens, it's your wake-up call. It's the phone ringing, so I'm going to tell you to pick up the phone. It's telling you that you've been kind of sloppy and disorganized with your finances in the past, but you've made just enough money to get away with it. Her moving in tightened things up, and that's understandable to a point. But it has shone a spotlight on the fact that you're going to have to start doing a written plan and behaving. Chances are you're going to have to cut back on some stuff, because you've chosen to take care of her. This is an honorable choice and a wonderful thing you're doing, by the way.

With this added responsibility you've taken on - and many Americans are facing the same thing - you're going to find yourselves on one end of the Sandwich Generation. They're sandwiched between taking care of their parents and taking care of their grown kids. And the way you handle it is with a written budget.

The good news is that with a detailed plan, you can analyze whether you need extra income, if you need to cut some expenses or both. You've got to create a little margin to have a clear picture of your future. If you just wander along without a plan, you're going to make a mess out of this, and it's going to get bad fast.

-Dave

## WHAT PERCENTAGE

Dear Dave,  
What percentage of your total net worth should your personal residence be during retirement?

Sue

Dear Sue,  
Honestly, I don't have a set percentage for this kind of thing. The larger your net worth, the smaller the percentage would be. Let's say you're worth \$5 million. In this scenario, you wouldn't want to have 50 percent in your home. But if you're worth \$150,000, you're probably going to have more than 50 percent in your home.

So, the smaller your net worth is, the larger the percentage your home will likely be. That's very reasonable, and it's one way you can look at. If you're in the million-dollar range of net worth, I don't think I'd want to have half or more of it in my house.

But I think you see how I'm looking at that. You want to try and have as small a portion as possible, but you also have to have a home that's suitable for your needs.

-Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Dave's latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com).

# Dakota Senior Meals

Served at The Main Street Center & Town Square, "Meals on Wheels"

Please call before 9:00am to schedule or cancel a meal at 624-7868.

Menus listed below are August 5 - August 11. Menus are subject to change without notice.

All menus are served with whole grain bread and 1% milk unless otherwise noted

**Wednesday** - BBQ Chicken Legs, Baked Potato, Sour Cream, Mixed Vegetables, Pears

**Thursday** - Baked Fish, Hash Brown, Glazed Carrots, Pudding with Fruit

**Friday** - Swedish Meatballs, Noodles, Peas, Fruity Slaw with Mandarin Oranges

**Monday** - Meatloaf, Rice, Peas & Carrots, Red Jello with Peaches

**Tuesday** - Turkey Tetrazzini, Fresh Tomato, Mandarin Oranges

# The Write Pen

BY DARIS HOWARD

I always look forward to our family reunions, not only because I get to see all my family, but because I get to check out the newest technology. My brother David works in the tech industry, and one of his assignments is to test the newest computers to determine what items his employer should adopt.

As usual, he brought the latest computer, and as we sat outside under the trees, he let us try it. A person could take the screen off and use it as a tablet, or connect it to the keyboard like a computer. It also had a full docking station. Its ram and hard drive space exceeded all of the computers I own combined.

Of course, for the price of it I could have made a couple of mortgage payments. The stylus alone was over a hundred dollars, and it was nothing more than an expensive mouse in the shape of a pen.

Everyone was duly impressed - everyone, that is, except our mother. When David asked her if she would like to try it, she said, "Just what would I use it for?"

David tried to think of something, but couldn't. Then he saw her journal sitting on her lap, and he knew the perfect thing. "With this computer," he said, "you can speak and it will transform your speech into text. Just think how fast you could write your journal."

"But I don't want to talk my journal," Mom said. "I want to write it. What would I do with a talked journal?"

"But that's just the point," David said. "It transforms your speech into written text."

"And does it do it with my handwriting?" Mom asked.

"Well, no," David hesitantly replied.

"Then I don't want it," Mom said.

No amount of coaxing could encourage her to try it, so David finally set it down and joined in a rousing game of marshmallow war.

Meanwhile, Mom turned back to write in her journal. "Shoot!" she said, "I forgot to get myself a pen."

"No problem," I replied. "I'll get one for you."

I had just gotten up when she informed me she had found one. She tried to write in her journal for a while and then exclaimed, "This useless pen must be totally out of ink. I might as well take it inside and throw it away."

About that time, the game ended, and everyone moved into the house to watch a movie. David walked over and picked up his computer, but then, as he looked all around, we could all tell something was wrong. "What's the matter?" I asked.

"I've lost my stylus," he replied.

We all looked for it, but it had disappeared. Suddenly my wife remembered Mom cussing the pen. Instantly, everyone knew where the stylus had gone.

David rushed into the house with the rest of us close behind. When he asked Mom about the stylus, she shook her head. "I haven't seen any - whatever you call it."

"Did you find a pen?" David asked.

"Only this worthless one that is out of ink," she said, pulling the stylus from her pocket. "I brought it in to throw it away."

"Ahhh!" David exclaimed. "That's my stylus. You can't throw it away."

Mom frowned and said, "That's sure a lot of fuss over a pen that doesn't even write."

## 11th Annual PRIMITIVE AUCTION

Saturday, August 8, 2015

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(Bow Valley is located approx. 6 miles North of Hartington, NE)

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