

# HHS set to host gala in Yankton; Tickets currently still available

YANKTON - From pies and handmade mittens to attending one of Yankton's largest annual galas, Heartland Humane Society is packing the next few weeks with multiple ways to support the shelter.

HHS will host its annual Wine & Whiskers gala Nov. 8 from 6-9:30 p.m. at Minvera's Event Center.

Tickets are currently on sale for \$50 and can be purchased at Yankton Hy-Vee, the shelter, on the shelters website - www.heartlandhumaneociety.net.

The event will include wine and craft beer tasting, food, a large silent and live auction, raffles including a chance to win \$500 and merchandise sales.

A week later, the group will be

selling 500 apple pies between Vermillion and Yankton Hy-Vee's on Saturday, November 15th from 10am until gone.

Those interested can pre-order and reserve a pie on the shelters website or by calling the shelter at 605.664.4244.

Pies will be available in both baked and ready-to-bake or freeze. October also kicks off the annual handmade mitten sale.

Wool mittens are currently being showcased at the shelter and available for purchase at \$20 per pair.

A variety of colors and sizes are available. The mittens will be available at both November events.

"We gear up every Fall to raise money for the animals in our care," Executive Director Kerry

Hacecky said. "Community support is vital to our success and we feel it's important to offer a variety of ways to get involved."

Hacecky also commented the shelter is in need of foster families and several supplies.

Contact HHS for information on how to get involved or contribute.

Heartland Humane Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves surrounding communities, protecting and enhancing the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people.

Visit Heartland Humane Society online at www.heartlandhumaneociety.net

# Halloween hot spots for holiday fun this weekend

By Katie Clausen  
For the Plain Talk

Options for all of the spooky girls and boys are available throughout the Vermillion community.

The Clay County Extension office 4-H program is hosting their Halloween fest on Friday from 5:30 to 8:00pm.

"We get a lot of small kids, but there are kids of all ages that come," Pam Hanson of Clay County 4-H said. "Sometimes the parents come in costumes too."

There will be games and prizes for participants.

The festival will be located at the 4-H grounds, 515 High Street. A hay bale maze will also be available for smaller children. Games and crafts will win kids both candy and toy prizes.

USD Dormitory trick-or-treating will also be available this year.

A Vermillion family favorite especially during unfavorable weather. Knocking from door to door in the dorms gives kids a chance to trick-or-treat in a controlled environment.

Trick-or-treating will also be available at the Sanford Care Center. Kids are welcome to parade in their costume

for residents. Trick-or-treating will be from 4-5:30pm. Participants are asked to use the main Care Center entrance at 124 Walker St.

For those who just can't wait to get their spook on until Halloween, the second annual Thrillstration event will be at the Eagles Club on Thursday.

Thrillstration is a Halloween party and art exhibit put on by USD students who are part of the AIGA group. Thrillstration will be from 6-10pm and is a family friendly event. Trick-or-Treaters of all ages are encouraged to participate in the costume contest by taking a photo in their costume and tagging USD AIGA in the photo on social media. Awards will be given to the best costumes.

Monster Stomp is a Halloween carnival put on by the Native American Student Association, Tiospaye Student Council. From 5-7pm there will be activities, costume contest and candy. Monster Stomp will be held at the Native American Cultural Center located at 409. E. Clark St.

# SHAVE FOR THE BRAVE THIS 'SHAVETOBER'

By Sarah Wetzel,  
For the Plain Talk

On the eve of no-shave November, brave volunteers at USD will be shaving their heads with thoughts towards cancer victims.

This second-annual 'Shavetober' event will take place Friday in the Pit Lounge at the MUC on USD campus from 10 am to about 5 pm. Participants are encouraged to shave their heads to promote awareness for pediatric brain cancer. Funds will be raised for cancer research and the hair will be donated to Locks of Love.

"The event was designed to demonstrate the importance of awareness in an unforgettable and emotional style, asking participants to shave their locks for the children who lost that choice," said Christina Schroeder, a USD Biology and Spanish major who organized everything for the event.

Anyone is welcome to participate according to Jordyn Larson, President of the Golden Key Honor Society which is hosting the event.

"The money will be donated toward pediatric brain cancer research but you can shave your head in memory of somebody that doesn't have that specific type of cancer," said Larson. "I think we'll have a white board and you can have your picture taken with 'I shaved for...' and they can write what they specifically shaved for. If you know somebody personally you can do it in their memory or even just for the cause."

Larson also said that those who choose to shave their heads have been dubbed 'the brave.'

Schroeder was one of the shavers last year.

"I chose to shave my head to raise awareness," she said. "The experience was less shocking than you may think. I had thought about it for a long time, so I was prepared and ready to be 'brave' for the children, who are the real brave."

Schroeder said that the event was a rousing success last year.

"Faculty and students, both men and women, took part in the event: by shaving 128 heads," Schroeder said. "We raised \$2677 for pediatric brain cancer and collected nine bags (134 inches) of hair for Locks of Love."

Schroeder said that even though she is currently out of the country, she is still heavily involved in the event.

"This year I am studying abroad, but continue to promote/participate in Shave-tober with whichever methods I am able because this event is important and close to me," she said. "In fact, there are two girls here in Costa Rica who, after learning of Shave-tober, have chosen to participate in the event. One will be shaving her head completely; the other, a pixie cut. I will be taking charge to ensure their locks are sent to Locks of Love."

Schroeder's passion for the event comes from a



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personal experience.

"For quite some years, I had wanted to shave my head for cancer, considering it affects mass amounts of people," she said. "However, I wasn't in a position to make it happen. Then, in 2011 my best friend called me and told me her cousin was life-flighted to Children's

Hospital in Omaha after suffering a seizure. Little did I know that this boy would forever change the awareness of pediatric brain cancer."

According to Schroeder this little boy, named Jack, would be the inspiration for the Team Jack Foundation which is the only national organization

dedicated to funding research for Pediatric Brain Cancer.

Funds raised through Shavetober will go to this foundation.

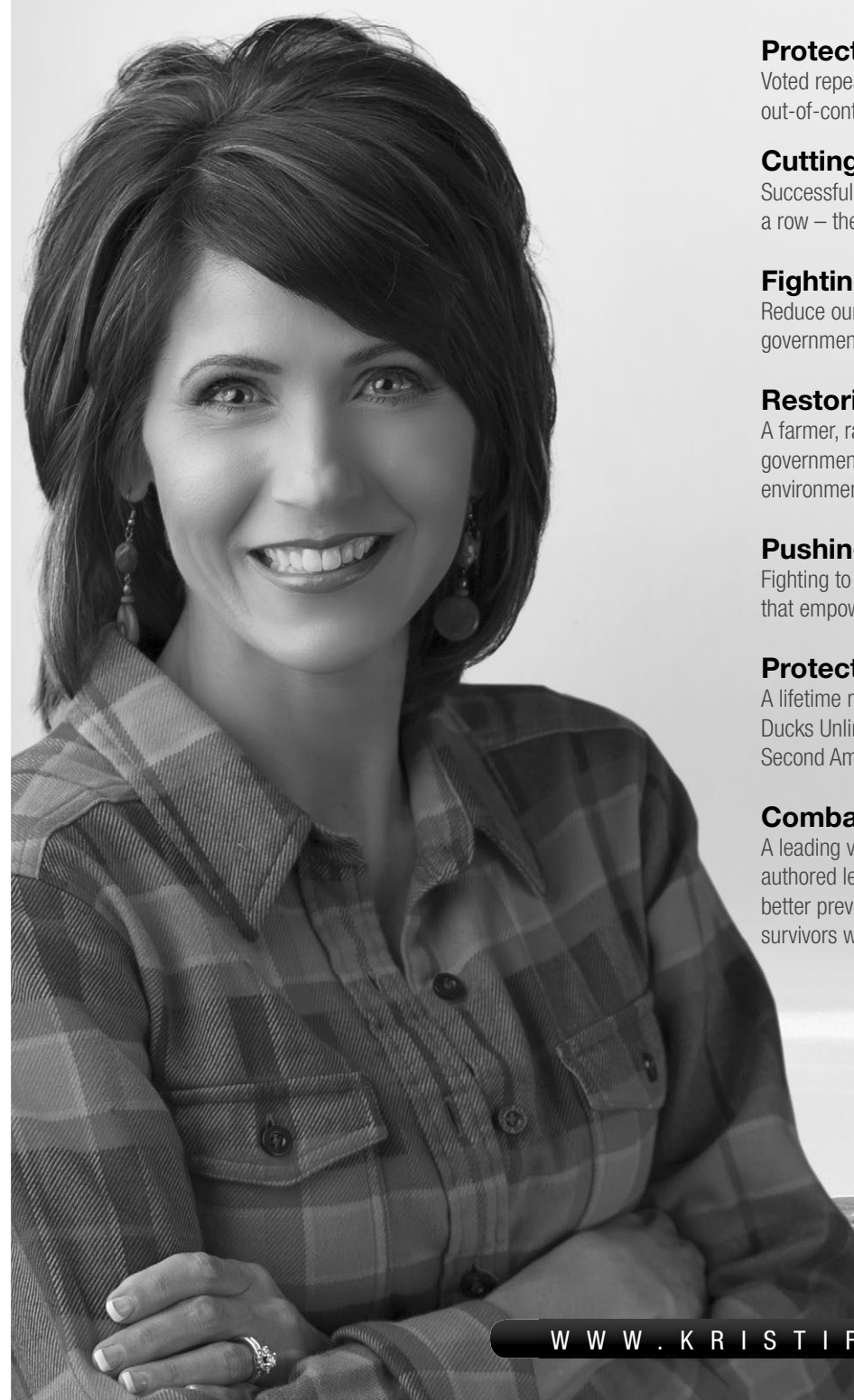
For more information on Shavetober, visit their facebook group at www.teamjackfoundation.org/shavetober-shave-brave.

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The City of Mitchell is accepting applications for a full-time Police Patrol Officer. Qualifications include a valid SD driver's license and high school diploma or GED. Hourly wage range \$19.41 - \$23.06 with excellent benefit package. Applications and job description available at City Hall or www.cityofmitchell.org. Closing date November 7th, return applications to Human Resource Department, 612 North Main, Mitchell SD 57301. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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