

Grant Funds To Aid USD Student Vets

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota has received more than \$80,000 from the State of South Dakota to assist student veterans.

Thanks to a Veterans Services Higher Education Grant of \$63,100 and an additional award of \$17,345 based on the number of veterans already enrolled at USD, campus resources will continually be upgraded to assist veterans in their transition from active military duty to college.

"USD is proud of the steps we've taken to help the increasing number of student veterans or active military personnel choosing to enroll on our campus," stated Kimberly Grieve, dean of students. "This grant will significantly help USD achieve the goal of providing educational opportunities to those who have served and continue to serve our country honorably."

According to USD Veterans' Services, the awards will be used to recruit more veterans, increase tutorial services, provide online and on campus orientation for veterans pursuing academic degrees, provide a budget for veteran student professional development, including travel to conferences, and educational workshops for faculty and staff development. Last fall, USD opened the Student Veterans Resource Center, which is open to all current military members, veterans and their families and will house this year's student Veteran Open House from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 25. Since 2011, USD has been honored as a "Military Friendly School" by G.I. Jobs magazine for the university's efforts in serving military service personnel, veterans and their dependents.

"USD is doing a lot to help student veterans in their transition to campus life as well as those students who are currently active in the military," added Jason Dean, director of USD Veterans' Services. "This funding provided by the state will continue to address the needs of USD's student veterans and provide more resources for academic and personal development."

Website: Mathematics At USD Adds Up

VERMILLION — Mathematics at the University of South Dakota adds up to a good investment for prospective students, according to Affordable Colleges Online.

AffordableCollegesOnline.org, an online tool used to help students find affordable college options, recently launched a new ranking: "AC Online: Most Affordable Mathematics Colleges: Plains Region." USD's Department of Mathematics was recognized for providing a high quality mathematics education at an affordable price and made the list for carrying a net price (tuition + fees) of \$12,961, as reported by IPEDS.

The study, which reviewed mathematical colleges, found USD as the third most affordable in the Plains Region, behind Wichita State University, \$8,079; and South Dakota State University, \$12,815; and ahead of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, \$13,108; and North Dakota State University, \$13,284.

"I was very pleased with the recognition," said Dan Van Peursem, chair, Department of Mathematics, College of Arts & Sciences at USD. "I always knew we had dedicated faculty that provide an excellent education for our students at a very competitive price. Now we received some recognition for this fact which is always nice."

Criteria used in the mathematics college rankings were fully-accredited institutions, net price (tuition + fees) and institutions that have at least one doctoral program in mathematics. Affordable Colleges Online selected schools that have quality mathematics programs because mathematics remains a fulcrum of post-secondary success in the United States, serving as both a component and the backbone of S.T.E.M. education.

For more about the methodology or to view the complete list, visit www.affordablecollegesonline.org/campus-colleges/mathematics-colleges/plains-region/.

Back To School Supplies



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First Dakota National Bank held a School Supply Drive during the month of July to help ensure area children are equipped for the new school year. First Dakota employees at their 16 locations competed to see who could collect the most items. Community residents were invited to join in the fun and were encouraged to add to the baskets and boxes of supplies. First Dakota extends a huge thank you to area residents who donated supplies. Between the two Yankton locations, over 480 items were donated. Items collected included: pocket folders, spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, markers, Kleenex, 3 ring binders, Elmer's glue, color pencils, glue sticks, and rulers.

FSA, SD Ag Department Announce Loan Program

PIERRE — The South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA) announces a Bridge Loan program available for Farm Service Agency (FSA) approved applicants.

"The department has always worked closely with FSA, but the new SDDA Bridge Loan program is great collaboration between both entities to ensure our producers can continue with an agricultural real estate purchase when funds may not be readily available at FSA," says Secretary of Agriculture Lucas Lentsch. "We have also heard from many bankers who think this is a great tool for them to utilize when the opportunity is right and the bank itself may not be interested in a bridge loan."

The Bridge Loan program is designed to provide

interim financing for FSA applicants approved for loans to purchase land when FSA funding is not available at the time the applicant wants to proceed in closing the land purchase. The SDDA loan is structured for monthly interest only payments until the funding is available at FSA and the FSA loan is closed. It is anticipated that a bridge loan will be paid off by FSA within three to nine months.

SDDA does have the ability to extend the term for up to two years. If, for any reason, FSA does not fund the loan, SDDA will term the loan out over 10 years. The current interest rate for the department's loan is four percent and borrowers are required to pay all closing fees.

"Due to the limitations of

the federal budget, there may be a gap between loan approval and funding," said Craig Schaunaman, state executive director at USDA FSA. "The partnership with the state is perfect timing and I expect this collaboration to be a great benefit to the approved applicants to be able to go forward with their land purchase."

For additional information and details on the Bridge Loan program or any of the financial programs offered through the S.D. Department of Agriculture, contact Terri LaBrie, Finance Administrator at 605.773.5436 or <http://sdda.sd.gov>.

For information on FSA's farm loan programs, please contact your local FSA office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/>.

USDA Announces Funding Opp. For Rural Digital Public Television Projects

WASHINGTON — Rural Development Acting Under Secretary Doug O'Brien has announced that USDA is accepting applications for grants to help rural public television broadcasters complete the transition to digital signals. Funding is available through the Department's Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program.

The announcement of almost \$2.8 million in available funding is part of USDA's continued support of telecommunications and broadcast services in rural areas. Funds can be used to acquire, lease or install equipment or software necessary to complete the digital transition.

For example, in 2011, Northern Minnesota Public Television Inc. was awarded a grant to complete the digital transition of KAWV-TV's transmitter in Bemidji as well as the purchase of digital production equipment. The project ensures that the benefits of digital TV are extended to all of the station's customers in northern and central Minnesota, including five Native American reservations.

The Federal Communications Commission required television broadcasters to convert transmitters to digital signals in 2009, but the deadline for analog-to-digital conversion of translators is Sept. 1, 2015. As a result, many rural stations have not completed full digital transition of their stations across all equipment. Continuation of reliable public television service for all rural residents remains a priority for many rural broadcasters.

The deadline for applications is Aug. 30. For additional information, see Page 42487 of the July 16 Federal Register, or go to <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-07-16/pdf/2013-16953.pdf>.

OBITUARIES

Donna Lubbers

Donna A. Lubbers, age 87 of Yankton passed away on Thursday, August 15, 2013 at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitations will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday, August 19, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. rosary followed by a video tribute and 7:30 Scripture service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers are: Charles Lubbers, Brian Lubbers, Wayne Rames, Harvey Cederholm, Jerry Pierret, Leroy Raabe, Rodney



Lubbers

Raabe, Joe Gratzfeld, and Ken Kaiser.

Donna was born February 11, 1926 in Tyn-dall, SD to Albert & Mary Ann (Tierney) Raabe. She married Leonard Lubbers on September 21, 1948 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, SD. To this union, two children were born, Michael and Jan. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Altar Society, Funeral Committee at Sacred Heart, Girl Scout Leader, and Yankton Area Senior Center. She retired from J.C. Penney & Company, Yankton in 1993. Donna loved to bake, embroider, quilt and share recipes.

She is survived by her son, Michael (Mary Weston)

Lubbers of Dalhart, TX; daughter, Jan (Joel) Cederholm of Brooklyn Center, MN; three grandchildren: Mark Lubbers of Dalhart, TX, Melissa (Lubbers) Hagerly of El Paso, TX, and Kyle Cederholm of Ft. Benning, GA; and three great-grandchildren: Allie, Erin and Liam, all of El Paso, TX.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Lubbers, parents, Albert & Mary Ann (Tierney) Raabe, siblings: Helen (Raabe) Seavers, Pat Raabe, Robert Raabe, Marjette (Raabe) Kranz, Willard (Bill) Raabe, and Nel (Raabe) Baumgartner.

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National Gathering Held At Sacred Heart Monastery

The spirit was lively as 84 Catholic Benedictine Sisters, all aged 55 or under and in final or temporary Monastic Profession, converged upon the campus of Sacred Heart Monastery and Mount Marty College in Yankton, SD, on August 8th, for a four-day gathering entitled "Wisdom Calls: Carpe Diem."

The Sisters attending were members of 22 Benedictine monasteries from the United States and represented the Federations of St. Benedict, St. Gertrude, and St. Scholastica, as well as the Congregation of Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. They were joined by the four presidents of the above Federations/Congregation. This group meets biannually at various monasteries across the United States to connect Benedictine women in this age demographic for the purpose of networking, sharing ideas, resources, hopes, dreams, and for supporting each other through prayer and positive relationships.

The planning team for this year's conference consisted of S. Katherine Horan, chair, from Erie, PA; S. Stefanie MacDonald



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The future is looking up for these Benedictine women who gathered in Yankton, for a gathering of Benedictine Sisters "Under 55,"

from Rock Island, IL; S. Ruth Starman from Clyde, MO; and S. Maribeth Wentzlaff from Yankton.

"The theme: 'Wisdom Calls: Carpe Diem' offered challenges to listen for the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit and from our elders and then to act upon that wisdom as we move forward in religious life," said S. Maribeth Wentzlaff of Yankton. "The 55 and Under Gathering generated much hope, excitement, and enthusiasm for the Benedictine women who attended."

Their presenter, S. Edith Bogue, OSB, a sociologist and

member of St. Scholastica Monastery in Duluth, MN, spoke on "Cultural Shifts" within the monastic life – shifts which could be as simple as the difference between a Benedictine community which focuses on educational ministries as opposed to one that focuses on health ministries – or other cultural shifts which affect the communities from the outside. One of her many bits of wisdom was the reminder that the differences (within each monastery's culture) are deeper than the traditions of which we are conscious.

Marilyn Cooley

Marilyn A. Cooley, 75 of Yankton died unexpectedly on Friday, Aug. 16, 2013, at her residence.

Memorial services are at 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home with a lunch to follow the service. A private family burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Gerald 'Jerry' Weber

Gerald A. "Jerry" Weber, 72, of Gayville died unexpectedly at his residence.

Arrangements are pending under the care of the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

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Honoring Their Memory

Our Thoughts And Prayers Are With Them

Our care and concern does not end with the funeral service. This week we remember with family and friends the anniversary of the deaths of:

- Denise Jensen**
who passed away on August 22, 2012
- Elaine Carrie James**
who passed away on August 23, 2012
- Gail Guthmiller**
who passed away on August 23, 2010

This remembrance is brought to you free of charge. If you have a loved one you would like remembered, contact us at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory.

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Solitaires

A social group of ladies who have lost their spouse which meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Hospitality Center on the grounds of Wintz & Ray Funeral Home.

Please join us for our next social on
Wednesday, August 21st
 6pm Potluck
 6:45 Speaker – Kyle Goodmanson,
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