

## Bank Awards Shelter Grant



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First National Bank is proud to award the Yankton Homeless Shelter a \$37,000 Community Development grant to support financial wellness and economic self-sufficiency programming. FNB is dedicated to the communities we serve, it's always a privilege and our honor to be involved in community outreach and development initiatives. We are dedicated to doing what's right for our customers and the communities we serve. Supporting programs, such as this one, strengthens our community. Pictured are Eric Miller (left), president of the Homeless Shelter and Jeff Jones, marketing president for First National Bank.

## More College Graduates Remain In State To Work

SPEARFISH — South Dakota's public universities retain nearly three-quarters of their home-grown graduates in state, according to the latest Board of Regents' placement study. The report was delivered to the regents at a meeting this week in Spearfish.

An analysis found that 73.7 percent of in-state public university students were placed in South Dakota the year following college graduation, either to work or to pursue additional postsecondary education. For out-of-state students completing degrees at South Dakota public universities, the percentage that remained was just more than 33 percent.

"Clearly, the public university system must take the lead in working to meet the state's skilled workforce needs," said Mike Rush, the regents' executive director and CEO. "Our universities already are hard at work to build the state's supply of human capital." As a starting point, Rush said the regents decided earlier this year to look at a statewide attainment goal of 65 percent of South Dakotans, ages 25 to 34, holding some type of postsecondary credential by 2025.

Rush noted that the in-state graduate placement rate has climbed steadily, as more students complete their studies, graduate from the state's public universities and make a choice to

remain here. Data indicates that nearly 1,000 additional graduates were placed in 2012-13 compared to the number placed seven years earlier.

The top-two industries where graduates found employment in South Dakota were health care (29.1 percent) and educational services (20.7 percent). Several of the highest-ranked employment sectors that South Dakota graduates entered also correspond to industries projected by the state labor department to be in high demand for employment through 2022.

For those college graduates who continued on for post-graduation education, nearly 70 percent enrolled in a South Dakota institution, according to the study.

The placement study examined data sets from the Board of Regents, the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation, and the National Student Clearinghouse to determine the extent to which public university degree completers were retained in state after graduation. The full study can be found online at: [https://www.sdbor.edu/theboard/agenda/2015/December/5\\_N\\_BOR1215.pdf](https://www.sdbor.edu/theboard/agenda/2015/December/5_N_BOR1215.pdf). For additional information, visit the interactive Graduate Placement Dashboard at <https://www.sdbor.edu/dashboards/SDBORGraduatePlacement-Dashboard.html>.

## Cramer-Kenyon Historic Home Open House Dec. 11-13

The public is invited to the 2015 Cramer-Kenyon Historic Home Open House, set for Dec. 11-13 at 509 Pine Street. Hours are 5-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11; and 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12-13. There is no charge for admission to the home but a free will offering will be accepted.

The Cramer-Kenyon home, built in the late 1800s by James Teller, then mayor of Yankton and later Secretary of Dakota Territory, became the home of Nelson J. Cramer, attorney, and his wife, Alice Bullfinch Cramer in 1890. Although they had no children, they occupied the home until the death of Mr. Cramer in 1929, at which time the house was willed to Mr. Cramer's great-niece, Esther Kenyon and her family. Esther and Herbert Kenyon and their children occupied the home until 1972, the date of Mr. Kenyon's death. In 1974 the historic home

was created as a Bicentennial project in honor of Yankton's being, from 1861 until 1883, the first capital of Dakota Territory. In all of the years since then, the public has been invited to celebrate the holidays in the style of that earlier era.

The Board of Directors of the Cramer-Kenyon Home has been dedicated to conservation and restoration of the inside and outside of the house, the yard and gardens, the gazebo and the carriage house. The exterior lighting is reminiscent of the era in which the house was built, and care has been given to improving the eastern and western entrances to the historic home. Access to the front entrance is on Pine Street; access from the western side of the house is from the adjacent parking lot. There is a "lift" at that entrance to assist those who may have difficulty with stairs.

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# Tips On Preparing Kids For Being Home Alone

Many families with kids in school run a tight schedule during the school year, making it necessary for some families to leave children home alone at times. When leaving your child home alone there are many things to think about. It is important to be sure your children are able to handle a stressful or emergency situation.

Every child is different and it ultimately comes down to your judgment about what your child is ready for. How your child feels about being home alone is also important.

Here are some things to consider:

- Does your child show signs of responsibility with things like homework, household chores and following directions?
- How does your child handle unexpected situations? How calm does your child stay when things don't go as planned?
- In addition to age and maturity, your child will need to learn some specific skills before being able to stay home alone safely. Your child needs to know what to

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do and whom to contact in an emergency situation. This information should be written out and put in an easily accessible place. Also, make sure that there is easy access to first aid supplies at home in case they are needed.

The following questions also may help:

- Does your child know his or her full name, address and phone number? Do they know your full name as well, and the address and phone number of your work place or other ways to reach you at work? You may demonstrate a routine of calling home to make sure your child has arrived home and making sure everything is okay.
- Are there rules in place for them to follow so they know what they are supposed to do and where they are sup-

posed to be?

• When your child gets home from school every day, do they know to lock the door behind them? Remember to call you or another adult to let them know they are home?

• Does your child know to never go into the house if the door is not tightly closed when they arrive or something seems out of place?

• Does your child know what to do if someone knocks on the door while they are home alone?

Here are some steps to consider:

- Have a trial period. Leave the child home alone for a short time while staying close by. This is a good way to see how he or she will manage.

• Role play with your child. Act out possible situations such as how to manage visitors who come to the door or how to answer phone calls in a way that doesn't reveal that a parent is not at home.

• Talking about these issues and taking all of these things into consideration will help your children feel safer.

More tips and information are available through Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership's Healthy Families Program. This free service provides personalized, one-on-one, parent- and child-focused support, education and resources into families' homes in Northeast Nebraska. NENCAP Healthy Families follows the national Healthy Families America model that supports nurturing parent-child interactions which are proven to reduce the prevalence of child abuse and neglect.

There are no income guidelines for Healthy Families. Call 800-445-2505 or 402-385-6300 to speak to a Healthy Families Advocate.

## Food For Relief



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The K-8th grade Missouri Valley Christian Academy students spent time canning meat on Monday, November 16 in Freeman as part of the Mennonite Central Committee's world wide ministry to feed people in need. To read more about the ministry, go to [www.mmc.org](http://www.mmc.org).

## Public Hearing Set For Proposed Neb. Revision Of Minimum Standards

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public hearing on Thursday, Dec. 17, concerning a proposed amended regulation. The hearing will be held from 1-3 p.m., at the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building, Room 103, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

This regulation governs minimum design, construction (specifications) and maintenance standards for all new construction, reconstruction and "3R" (Resurfacing, Restoration and Rehabilitation) projects on all county roads, municipal streets and state highways in the state of Nebraska. The rule is authorized under Neb. Rev. Stat. 39-2113 and must be followed by all counties, municipalities and the Nebraska Department of Roads.

This revision is a comprehensive update of the Minimum Design Stand-

ards, including providing 3R standards for counties and municipalities for the first time. The Minimum Construction Standards are also updated, and incidental revisions are made for Minimum Maintenance Standards. The regulations governing Relaxation of Standards also have been revised. There is no fiscal impact to the Nebraska Department of Roads or the regulated public.

Interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing. Comments and recommendations may be presented orally or in writing at the hearing. They may also be mailed, faxed or emailed prior to the hearing or by Dec. 28, 2015. Pre-hearing and post-hearing comments should be directed in writing to NDOR's Public Hearings Officer, Tony Bui, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759; [tony.bui@nebraska.gov](mailto:tony.bui@nebraska.gov).

gov; voice telephone (402) 479-4994; TDD telephone (402) 479-3834; fax (402) 479-3989. Comments may also be posted online through the Secretary of State's website.

The proposed changes to the regulation may be viewed, downloaded or commented on at: [www.sos.state.ne.us/rules-and-regs/regtrack](http://www.sos.state.ne.us/rules-and-regs/regtrack) ("Agency": Roads). To obtain a free paper copy of the proposed changes, the Proposed Regulation Policy Pre-Review Checklists, or the Fiscal Impact Statements, contact NDOR's Government Affairs Office, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; voice telephone 402-479-4324; TDD telephone 402-479-3834; fax 402-479-3758; [erich.strack@nebraska.gov](mailto:erich.strack@nebraska.gov). Copies may be viewed or picked up in person at the Director's Office, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, NE.

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