Today, a 14-member board oversees giving away the earnings on the endowed fund, which currently amounts to approximately \$18,000 per

The South Dakota Community Foundation manages the investment of the fund, just as it does for more than 60 similar community foundations around the state.

"The South Dakota Community Foundation does the investing, and they've done an excellent job," said Kathie Gerstner, a member of the Yankton Area Foundation board and a past president.

Throughout the Yankton Area Foundation's history, grants have been given to a variety of different organizations, according to Gail Kennedy, a member of the Yankton Area Foundation board and also a past president.

'They include Habitat for Humanity, the Yankton Women's Shelter, the Auld-Brokaw Trail, the Yankton Ice Association and Keep Yankton Beautiful," she said.

To receive funding, a tax-exempt organization must fill out a grant application that is then considered at one of the board's bi-monthly meetings. One-time funding is provided to

organizations getting off the ground or for special projects they are undertaking. The Yankton Area Foundation does not provide funding for ongoing operational expenses.

If an extra \$200,000 is raised for the endowment and the \$25,000 gift from the South Dakota Community Foundation is received. Kindle estimates annual giving by the Yankton Area Foundation will increase to \$30,000.

"We're excited about the opportunity to pro-

vide more to local organizations," Kennedy said. In addition to individuals pledging support in the near term, the board is optimistic that its

fundraising campaign will make people think about long-term giving. 'We're hoping this will interest people who might want to give a large amount of money,

maybe through estate planning," Kindle said. The Yankton Area Foundation is also interested in helping organizations start their own endowment funds under its umbrella. For example, the Yankton Senior Citizens Center has an endowed fund with the foundation that can only be used for operations at the facility. There is also a

Yankton Senior Citizens Meals Fund, which is

used to support that program. "Something like this would be an opportunity for an organization to invest in the Yankton Area Foundation a certain percent of what they raise every year and start a fund that would be endowed forever," Kindle said. "We would really like to see this grow into something big. We hope people jump on that and participate."

Kindle said memorial funds can also be established. For example, the Deborah Omanson Stevens Music Scholarship Fund provides scholarship support to graduates of Yankton High School in accordance to the criteria recommended by the donor.

The Yankton Area Foundation is sending out a fundraising letter to community members as it begins its pledge drive. The board hopes its efforts will provide long-term benefits to the com-

"We believe it is the right time to undertake this effort," Kennedy said.

To learn more about the Yankton Area Foundation, visit vankton.sdcommunityfoundation.org.

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transportation bill. Community development block grants popular with local officials back in lawmakers' districts would get a \$400 million, 14 percent increase over current levels. And Republicans are largely sparing housing vouchers for the poor and food aid for pregnant women from cuts as they pass agency operating budgets for the fiscal year that starts in October.

At issue are the 12 annual spending bills that set the day-today budgets of federal agencies. Republicans controlling the House have already sparred two hard-fought appropriations rounds with Obama and have embarked on another battle this year as well, despite last year's budget and debt deal that set overall spending levels for the current crop of bills.

But House GOP leaders are breaking with the \$1.047 trillion 2013 spending cap set last year and are instead pressing ahead with bills totaling \$19 billion less — while further breaking the budget deal with an \$8 billion shift from nondefense appropriations to the Pentagon.

The GOP move has led the

White House to issue a blanket veto threat against every spending bill until Republicans reverse themselves, making it unlikely that any of the 12 spending bills will become law before Election Day, much less the Oct. 1 start of the budget year.

In allocating the cuts, top Republicans are doing what they can to cultivate good will from Democrats — and protect programs that have long enjoyed bipartisan support. For instance, the homeland security measure contains \$5.5 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's chief disaster relief account, a move originally opposed by conservatives like Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis. A fund that subsidizes community development financial institutions providing credit to underserved rural and urban areas would receive Obama's full \$221 million request.

Meanwhile, the energy and water measure seeks to keep open the possibility that the mothballed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository in Nevada might eventually open despite the opposition of Obama and powerful Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. Democrats such as Norm Dicks of Washington and Peter Visclosky of Indiana support the move.

Democrats had few complaints about either the energy

Instructor/Fire Marshal Meeting

and water measure or homeland security measures. A measure funding the Veterans Administration won a sweeping vote last

And in a surprise, Republicans would award a \$384 million increase that boosts Amtrak's funding to \$1.8 billion. Included is a new \$500 million bridge and tunnel repair program. Amtrak operating subsidies would be cut more modestly than has been tried in recent years, from Obama's \$466 million request to \$350 million.

"I do appreciate ... an effort to protect several important transportation and low-income housing programs," Dicks said.

Under measures approved by appropriations subcommittees Wednesday, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission charged with carrying out new regulations on the freewheeling derivatives market - would absorb a 41 percent cut from Obama's request. The Securities and Exchange Commission, however, would receive a small \$50 million increase over current levels.

Democrats also blasted a move to cut renewable energy programs \$886 million below Obama's request and a move to eliminate Obama's \$150 million request for rebuilding blighted housing projects.

Memorabilia Sought For MMC Anniversary

During the weekend of June 29-July 1, Mount Marty College's 75th Anniversary Celebration and All Schools Reunion will be taking place. To prepare for this special weekend, memorabilia is being sought.

Scrapbooks from each year that the four schools have been in session (Mount Marty College, Sacred Heart School of Nursing, Mount Marty High School and the Model School) will be available for viewing. İtems are needed for the scrapbooks, including photos, programs, and other various documents.

Collect what you can and invite others to do the same. Every Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. through June 26, all are invited to stop by the MMC Advancement Office - Roncalli Room 102 for cookies and coffee and to reminisce and help sort

For more information on the Mount Marty College 75th Anniversary Celebration and All Schools Reunion, contact Amy Heimes at aheimes@mtmc.edu or visit http://tinyurl.com/bwcutvt.

mestic Policy Council, wouldn't disclose details on whether any discussions have taken place, saying only the administration's view is that both parties should sit down and work to find a bipartisan solution.

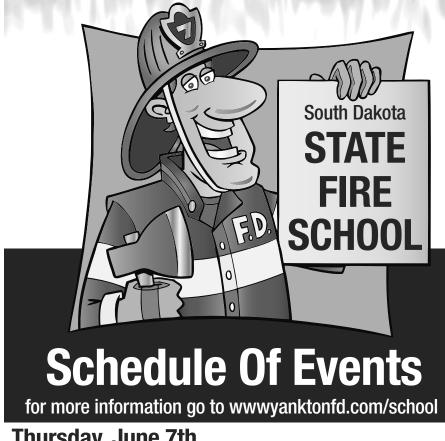
Student loan debt has become a growing, debilitating problem for thousands of young adults and their families. While two in three new jobs require some post-secondary education, the cost of attending college has risen and debt is accumulating. Student loan debt has now crossed the \$1 trillion mark and surpasses credit cards as the leading source of U.S. household debt outside of mortgages.

Duncan said that for too many young graduates, navigating loan repayment plans is a complicated task and that the president's plan would make that process easier. Specifically, it calls for the Education and Treasury departments, as well as the Internal Revenue Service, to streamline the process for applying for an income-based repayment plan. Under the directive. federal student loan borrowers will be able to submit income information from their IRS tax return and apply in one sitting.

The memorandum also orders the Education Department to create online and mobile resources for students to learn about federal aid and payment plans. And it directs the department to instruct federal direct student loan servicers to make students aware before graduation of their options to participate in an income-based repayment plan.

Michael Reilly, executive director of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, said the current financial aid process is cumbersome for students, leading many to make decisions that later get them into a difficult

spot. "It takes a lot of initiative on a student's part to understand how some of these processes work right now," Reilly said. "So anything that can provide more transparency, I think, will expand the number of participants.



Thursday, June 7th

8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Vendor Setup Intro to Emergency Response Chaplaincy
1:00 PM 1:00 PM 1:30 PM	Registration Begins Trade Show Opens Chaplains Round Table Discussion
2:00 PM 3:45 PM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM 5:00 PM	Evolutions Setup Evolution Teams Meeting Evolutions Begin PUBLIC INVITED Trade Show Closes Dear Old Timers Reunion

YHS Gymnasium Yankton Fire Station #2 (no fee or registration) YHS Gymnasium YHS Gymnasium Yankton Fire Station #2 (no fee or registration) Levee Street/Riverside Park Riverside Park Levee Street/Riverside Park Riverside Park

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Thursday, June 7th

Registration Ends 6:00 PM 6:00 PM **BBQ** Supper Riverside Park Opening Ceremonies/Memorial **PUBLIC INVITED** 7:00 PM Amphitheatre/Riverside Park 8:30 PM **Vendor Demonstrations** Riverside Park

Friday, June 8th

8:30 PM

7:00 AM

7:00 AM **Registration Begins** YHS Gymnasium Trade Show Opens **PUBLIC INVITED** 7:00 AM YHS Gymnasium 7:45 AM **Opening Statement** YHS Theatre 8:00 AM **General Classes** YHS Classrooms 12:00 PM Lunch 1:00 PM YHS Theatre General Session – Rick Lasky

1st session of business meeting begins immediately after general session in YHS Theatre 5:00 PM Registration Ends/Classes End 5:30 PM **Trade Show Closes**

Parade Lineup 6:00 PM Parade **PUBLIC INVITED** 6:30 PM

Registration Begins

7:00 PM **Group Photograph**

Ending at Riverside Park Riverside Park

YHS Commons

YHS Gymnasium

7th & Cedar Street Area

Cedar Street to Downtown,

Saturday, June 9th

	7:00 AM	Trade Show Begins PUBLIC INVITED	YHS Gymnasium
		Unveiling of Tribute Bike	
	7:45 AM	Opening Statement	YHS Theatre
	8:00 AM	Classes Begin	YHS Classrooms
	11:30 AM	Voting Opens	YHS Gymnasium
	12:00 PM	Lunch	
	12:00 PM	Registration Ends	
rk	1:00 PM	Classes Begin	YHS Classrooms
	1:00 PM	Trade Show Ends	
rk	3:00 PM	Voting Closes	
	5:00 PM	Classes End	
	5:15 PM	2nd Session of Business Meeting	Riverside Park Amphitheati
	6:30 PM	Supper/Banquet	Riverside Park

















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