

## High School Grads Donate Blood

DES MOINES, Iowa — LifeServe Blood Center would like to congratulate the 2015 high school graduates who donated one gallon before graduating from high school!

The following local student(s) are being recognized as 2015 Gallon Grad(s):

- JACLYN M ARENS, Yankton High School
- CHANDLER K LOSING, Yankton High School

In order to become a Gallon Grad, students had to make eight whole blood or four double red cell blood donations before graduation. Achieving this milestone required a large commitment from these students who took time from their busy schedules to give blood at their high school blood drives, at community blood drives, or at a LifeServe donor center. Each of these students made a significant contribution to their community by helping to save the lives of approximately 24 different hospital patients.

People who begin donating blood at a young age often build a life-long habit of making life-saving blood donations. By understanding the importance of donating blood now, they are likely to continue donating blood in the future, which will help to maintain a stable blood supply.

## Winners Of Essay Contest Announced

LINCOLN, Neb. — Assisting today's youth in agriculture is one of the best ways to support the future of the industry. Fontanelle Hybrids did just that by offering 30 of Nebraska's best and brightest high school seniors the chance to win \$1,000 toward their advancements in education. Fontanelle Hybrids and the 2015 "Great Plains. Exceptional Communities." Essay Contest are excited to announce Cedar County students Hannah Flaugh and Robert Reifenrath as winners of the contest.

"Fontanelle Hybrids is dedicated to supporting Nebraska communities and the future of Nebraskan agriculture," said Tony Babe, Fontanelle Hybrids brand lead. "The Great Plains. Exceptional Communities. Essay Contest presents a great opportunity for young people to express how agriculture has impacted their lives. We're honored to support their futures in agriculture."

Eligible applicants included high school seniors active in 4-H or FFA and living in or attending a high school in participating Nebraska counties. Contestants submitted a 250-word essay on the topic, "What is the role of production agriculture in your local community?"

The 2015 winners of the "Great Plains. Exceptional Communities." Essay Contest communicated their passion for the agriculture industry and showed how each strives for excellence both in the classroom and in their communities. Applicants were judged based on their essay, commitment to their agricultural community and ideas contributing to the betterment of agriculture.

Fontanelle Hybrids congratulates all winners of the "Great Plains. Exceptional Communities." 2015 Essay Contest. For more information on Fontanelle Hybrids, please visit [www.fontanelle.com](http://www.fontanelle.com).

## SCHOLASTICS

### SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

SIOUX FALLS — The following area students were named to the spring Dean's List at Southeast Technical Institute.

- Jacob Gehm, Electroneurodiagnostic Technology, Vermillion
- Tyler Kasuske, Civil Engineering Technology, Gayville
- Laura Koettters, Business Administration: Human Resources Emphasis, Beresford
- Lucas Schuurmans, Computer Programming, Parker
- Lucas Zimmerman, Vermillion
- Caitlyn Meiers, Business Administration: Management Emphasis, Avon
- Alyson Roth, Diagnostic Medical Sonography/Abdominal/OB/GYN, Avon
- Angela Peterson, Licensed Practical Nursing, Beresford
- Pamela Waterman, Electroneurodiagnostic Technology, Hudson
- Holly Paulsen, Media Design Technology, Centerville
- Desiree Anderberg, Business Administration, Yankton
- Casey O'Hara, Phlebotomy/Patient Care Technician, Beresford
- Elizabeth Kinsley, Diagnostic Medical Sonography/Abdominal/OB/GYN, Yankton
- Nicole Hinckley, Surgical Technology, Freeman
- Daniel Ulmer, Freeman
- Alex Waldner, Business Administration: Human Resources Emphasis, Freeman
- Tyler LaFee, Electronics Technology, Vermillion

- Dylan Mehlhaf, Biomedical Equipment Technology, Menno
- Derek Luke, Residential Heating & Air Conditioning Technology, Marion
- Hope Obele, Electroneurodiagnostic Technology, Marion
- Brady Viet, Collision Repair and Refinish Technology, Marion
- Jaden Wamstad, Diagnostic Medical Sonography/Abdominal/OB/GYN, Laurel, Neb.
- Tessa Hertel, Phlebotomy/Patient Care Technician, Parker
- Benjamin Kozak, Automotive Technology, Vermillion
- Jill Olsen, Marketing: Design Emphasis, Platte
- Thea Eide, Licensed Practical Nursing,
- Lexie Ludens, Media Design Technology, Springfield
- Breeanna Souhrada, Business Administration: Human Resources Emphasis, Tabor
- Anthony Becker, Architectural Engineering Technology, Tea
- Thomas Carter, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Sioux Falls
- Tyler Nelson, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Sioux Falls
- Alison Olson, Electroneurodiagnostic Technology, Gayville
- Erin Schramm, Insurance & Financial Services, Tea
- Matthew Schurman, Computer Programming, Vermillion
- Alysha Watzel, Electroneurodiagnostic Technology, Sioux Falls

## United Way

# Community Partnerships Provide Summer Reading Opportunities To Youth

United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton has placed another Big Red Bookshelf out in the community, this time at Webster Elementary School which hosts the Yankton Summer Food Service program.

Started in 2013, the Big Red Bookshelf program places bright red bookshelves within the Yankton community filled with gently used or new books appropriate for children from birth to 5th grade. These books have been donated by local businesses, nonprofit agencies, schools or community members. Children are encouraged to take a book home with them to keep and share! Since the literacy program's inception, the Big Red Bookshelf has distributed over 9,500 children's books back into the community where they are made available free for families to own. These books are sorted, cleaned and affixed with a label, then set out on bright red bookshelves at sites where families will have easy access to them.

You can find Big Red Bookshelves at the Yankton Medical Clinic - 804 Summit Street, the Modern Woodmen Office - 700 W 23rd Street, United Way Nonprofit Center - 610 W 23rd Street, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Pediatric Unit - 501 Summit Street,



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**Allan Egge & Sharon Egge – RSVP Volunteer and Sandi Kramer – YSD Summer Lunch Program**

The Community Banquet at United Church of Christ - 210 W 5th Street, Yankton County Courts & Safety Center - 410 Walnut Street and at the Fryn Pan - 502 W 21st Street.

Book ownership is important in fostering an interest in reading and a love for books. Children feel pride in owning their own books and develop confidence in reading when books are easily within reach and can be read again and again. The goals of this program are to increase book ownership by families, encourage parent-child interactions with books, involve community members

in this literacy effort through book donations, and keep books circulating within the community.

While looking to expand the Big Red Bookshelf's reach, our partners at the Yankton Summer Food Service program expressed interest in hosting a bookshelf within Webster Elementary School. Knowing the numbers of youth and families who partake in the Summer Food Service program, we at United Way put the plea out to the Yankton School District to help gather enough books to make it a success. All YSD Elementary Schools, as well

as the Yankton High School, conducted Book Drives this spring, asking parents and students to donate gently used or new books to The Big Red Bookshelf. Over 8,000 books were donated!

THANK YOU to the students, staff and parents of the Yankton School District. Your efforts made this collaboration a huge community success!

Also, THANK YOU to RSVP volunteer Sharon Egge, and her husband Allan, who donated their time and carpentry talents to build and paint the new bookshelf. Sharon will also be maintaining and stocking the bookshelf weekly this summer at Webster School.

Sandi Kramer, YSD Child Nutrition Supervisor, stated "we are very excited to offer a Big Red Bookshelf to promote summer reading at the Yankton Summer Food Service program." THANK YOU to Sandi and those who support this effort.

Are you a member of a service group or organization who would like to do a book drive, be a drop off location, or host a Big Red Bookshelf? Call the United Way & Volunteer Services' at 605-665-6766 or visit us at [www.yanktonunitedway.org](http://www.yanktonunitedway.org) to learn more about how you can contribute to this community program.

## Yankton Agri-Business Promotions Announced

Nate Franzen, President, Agri-Business Division, First Dakota National Bank, has announced the promotion of Dusty Anderson to Senior Vice President, Yankton Agri-Business Manager.

Anderson has been with First Dakota since 1998, serving as Vice President, Agri-Business Loan Officer, and most recently as SVP, Agri-Business Development Officer. Dusty represents First Dakota in the agricultural arena throughout the state and region and will work with current and potential customers to enhance their financial position.

Anderson is a graduate of the National College of Busi-



**Anderson**

ness in Rapid City. Anderson serves his community through his involvement in local and state organizations including the South Dakota State Fair Commission, South Dakota Ag and Rural Leadership, South Dakota Livestock Foundation, Governor's Ag Round Table, Avera Area Health Education Centers and 4-H.

Anderson lives in Yankton with his wife, Cindy. They have three grown children, Shae, Staci and Cole.

Nate Franzen, President of the Agri-Business Division of First Dakota National Bank, is pleased to announce Kevin Haselhorst has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Agri-Business Credit Officer.

Haselhorst has been a member of the First Dakota Ag Lending Team for 10 years, first serving customers in the Vermillion market, and then expanding to include the Yankton area. His primary duties include managing a loan portfolio, credit underwriting, overseeing Ag credit collections, and serving on the Ag Loan Committee for all locations.



**Haselhorst**

He is a graduate of the University of South Dakota with a Master of Business Administration. He is also a graduate of the

Graduate School of Banking in Madison, Wisconsin.

Haselhorst lives in Yankton with his wife, Amy and their three children, Megan, Gavin, and Cale. He invites you to call or stop in to visit regarding your Agri-Business lending needs.

## Eighth Annual 'Walk A Mile In Her Shoes' Set

The eighth annual "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" event will be held at Yankton's Memorial Park on Saturday, Aug. 29, starting at 2 p.m.

"Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" is an awareness walk for Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence where men slip on a pair of high heels and strut their stuff. The mission is to create a unique and powerful public experience that educates individuals and communities about sexual violence.

River City Domestic Violence Center's mission is to assist victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. The Walk is a light-hearted approach to bring awareness about domestic violence/sexual assault and the impact it has on our community and the individuals who reside in this community. It is also an opportunity to raise funds to help River City Domestic Violence Center to continue its mission.

The hope is that each participant

raises \$100 in order to help the center meet its financial goal. There is also a registration fee.

The deadline for signing up for 'Walk a Mile in Her Shoes' is Aug. 14. To register, call 605-665-4811.

For more information, visit [yankton-domesticviolencecenter.com](http://yankton-domesticviolencecenter.com) or email [womensshelter@midconetwork.com/](mailto:womensshelter@midconetwork.com/).

## MEETINGS

### KEYSTONE CHAPTER #33, OES

Keystone Chapter #33, OES, met Thursday, June 18, at the Masonic Temple, Yankton. The evening started with a potluck supper served at 6:15 p.m.

Chris Bryan, Worthy Matron, presided at the meeting. She reported that she and Neva Raysby attended the annual All Star Picnic held June 7 in Mitchell.

The family of Earl Lipp, who passed away recently, presented the chapter with a monetary tribute in his honor.

WM Bryan and Neva Rasyby attended Friendship Night at Roseland Chapter in Winner on June 14. Rasyby was presented her fifty-year membership pin at the meeting.

Secretary Carol Frey completed the annual report to be sent to the Grand Secretary.

The next regular meeting will be at the Masonic Temple in Yankton, on Thursday, Sept. 17, beginning with a pot luck supper at 6:15 p.m.

### TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

On June 18, 2015 Toastmasters (TI) Club 6217 met at noon in the Pavilion with Greg Stach giving a warm invocation and Jesse Bailey as Toastmaster.

General Evaluator (GE) Steve Anderson introduced his team they were: Mandy Green, timer; Fran Kocer and Kary Beltz, evaluators; Muriel Stach, "ah/um" counter; and Amy Williams, grammarian. William's Word of the Day was "incredulous."

Stan Sudbeck and Chelsi Hames were the speakers for the day. Sudbeck gave a powerful speech on his political views on abortion while Hames gave some ideas on

how to organize your speeches and goals in Toastmasters. Sudbeck was evaluated by Beltz and Hames by Kocer. They gave praise to the speakers for speaking with confidence and showing firm beliefs which the audience felt. They also had good vocal variety and hand-outs where helpful during speech. Suggestions were to slow down and lengthen speech a little more.

President Greg Stach conducted the officer election for 2015/2016. Voted in were President Muriel Stach, VP Education Chelsi Hames, VP Membership Jane Miller, VP Public Relations Greg Stach, Secretary and Treasurer Steve Anderson, and Sergeant of Arms Jesse Bailey assisted by Eileen O'Connor.

Jan Schiferl presented table topics with "first in life" as her topic. Jane Miller recalls her first date at a high school dance when her belt came un-done on her dress and she was mortified. Greg Stach told us of the car he learned to drive growing up on a farm that they called the "yellow hack." Jeff May remembers first day of kindergarten meeting his teacher Mrs. May, his mother, and it was the worst year of school ever for him. Muriel Stach entertained us with her first pets as a child being disgusting slimy cats that she had to feed at night in the dark, she's still not sure how she survived.

Then President Greg Stach, proceeded to finalize next week's agenda and also reminded everyone that people can contact him for more information on ASSH Club at 665-6776.

### OUTLAW TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway [OTSB,] Highway 12 held their

monthly business meeting June, 16, 2015, at the Legacy Restaurant Newcastle, Nebraska. The meeting was opened at 11 a.m.

Board Members Present: Al Brock-Cherry County; Marilyn Janovec-Knox County; Rhonda Kneifl-Dixon County; Marci Broyhill-Dakota County. Those excused: Connie Larrington-Keya Paha County, Mary Rose Pinkleman-Cedar County, Tami McGeorge-Boyd County. Cindy Geis from Maskell was also in attendance.

Minutes from the May 16, 2015 business teleconference were presented, corrections made and approved. Treasurer's Report and bills were presented and approved COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cattlemen's Ball: Eight OTSB members participated as greeters June 5 & 6 in Lynch. Marita Placek participated in Wine and Art Tent signing Legends and Lore. A letter was sent to Kelly Kalkowski commending the local co-chairs for a job well done in showcasing our area.

Al reported on Trail Rides: 1) Ponca Ride — June 26-28. 2) Niobrara Desperado Days — July 24-26. 3) Norden-Scoot, Boots & Boogie (rafting, riding, dancing) — Sept. 19.

4) Hutton Ride — Sept. 26-27. Al is in the process of contacting photographer, Jenny Nguyen with Nebraska Land Photography, to promote area history, scenic beauty and awareness of the Hutton Ranch Conservancy.

Fundraising: Hawaiian Trail Ride — Al reported that Travelnow in O'Neill is getting the final contracts needed for the Hawaiian Trail Ride. This event will take place April 2016. It will be listed on

the websites of OTSB, AQHA and Travelnow. This fundraiser will attract participants from all over the nation.

Quiltway — Oct. 9-11. Rhonda is making contacts along the byway. Valentine will host a walking downtown quilt tour in conjunction with Old West Days. There was discussion of bus tours. Quilters in Coleridge want to host a site. Cindy Geis of Maskell relayed her experience with eager visitors. Cindy is in the process of organizing her quilt display in Obert this year. Rhonda will design and place a 5X4 color ad in The Country Register for Nebraska to promote the Quiltway.

Marketing: OTSB is exploring future promotional advertising. We will plan ahead for the Tales and Trails 2016 publication that is made available at the Ponca State Park free of charge to the public.

OTSB Signage: Members are in the process of locating a site for signage on the east end of Highway 12.

Old Business: TRAN [Tractor Ride Across Nebraska]- Al and Rhonda indicated that at different times there were 35-45 tractors traveling the byway. Regarding Doc Middleton Productions: Al will meet David Higgins in Valentine.

Next business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 7, 11 a.m. in Niobrara at Two Rivers Restaurant. Meeting adjourned.

### INTERCHANGE

Interchange held its regular weekly meeting Monday, June 22, 2015, at noon at Minerva's. Interchange Board President Ann Clough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following announcements were made by members: Josahan