

Fund Drive Passes \$158,000 Mark

Thanks to the continued generosity of businesses and individuals, the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC) continues to close in on its goal of raising \$200,000 as part of the Workforce Development Fund Drive.

Pledges received during the past few weeks have pushed the money raised to \$158,161 with another \$56,538 of in-kind pledges.

RTEC hopes to raise at least \$200,000 so it can sustain and enhance its efforts to support the Yankton community and businesses with education and skills training. Funds raised over that amount will be used to establish a technical education scholarship fund.

Businesses and individuals who have pledged their support to the fund drive as of May 20, 2014, include: Riverfront Broadcasting, LLC KK93-KDAM-KYNT; Yankton Media Inc.; Classic Hits 106.3/ESPN Radio 1570; Applied Engineering, Inc.; Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc.; Lewis & Clark Hydraulic Co.; Avera Sacred Heart Hospital; Vishay Dale Electronics; First Dakota National Bank; Wohlenberg Ritzman & Co., LLC; Ron Kraft Consulting; John Hagemann; Fred & Janna Binder; Rick Duimstra; Echo Electric Supply; Rural Manufacturing; Halbur Katterhagen Family; Boston Shoes to Boots; Tom Hausmann, S.M.A.R.T. Training; Scott Kooistra; Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C.; Gerstner Oil Co., Inc.; Robbie and Rosee Robinson; John A. Conkling Distributing; Greg Henderson; A-OX Welding Supply; Wellf Construction; Wayne & Marge Kindle; First National Bank SD; Jim Cope; Bon Homme Yankton Electric Association; Planning and Development District III; Koletzky Implement; Wells Fargo Foundation; MT & RC Smith Insurance; FloorTec; Wal-Mart; Legacy Financial Group; Shur-Co, LLC; Hy-Vee; Wilson Trailer Company; South Dakota Magazine; Vision Real Estate Services; JJBenji's Screen Printing & Embroidery; Brad & Nancy Wenande; Electair; and Chesterman Company.

An Investor Appreciation was held on April 30 to recognize and thank those businesses and individuals who had contributed to the campaign so far. The fund drive continues and individuals and business representatives who would like to make a pledge to the campaign are invited to stop by 1200 W. 21st St. in Yankton or to contact RTEC at (605) 668-5700.

Investors may choose to have their pledges paid in 2014, 2015, 2016 or spread out between the three. Because RTEC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, donations are tax deductible.

For additional information on classes and programs, visit RTEC's website at www.rtecedu.org or find and like RTEC on Facebook.

Comments On Mental Health Sought

LINCOLN, Neb. — Comments are being sought on a strategic plan for a system of care that supports children, young adults and families in meeting mental health and other needs. It's intended to result in improved access to appropriate and timely community-based care that is family-driven and youth-guided, and designed to improve mental health outcomes and eliminate fragmented approaches to care.

The draft plan was developed with public input by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation and the Nebraska Federation of Families, as well as partners, advocacy groups, children and families.

"Meeting the needs of families with children who need mental health services is challenging," said Scot L. Adams, director of the Division of Behavioral Health. "This plan is an opportunity to bring together all the different kinds of services and supports that may be needed to address those challenges."

The plan can be found at <http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/soc> along with a survey that solicits comments. The deadline for commenting is May 30.

Tammy Haas Memorial Scholarship Awarded



Matt Watt, recipient of the 2014 Tammy Haas Memorial Scholarship.

The Tammy Haas Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior who has: exhibited talent in one or more of the ARTS (theater, dance, vocal or instrumental music); demonstrated a dedication to the advancement of the ARTS; and will be attending an accredited college or university. The Hass Family and Dakota Dance Association would like to congratulate Matt Watt as the recipient of the 2014 Tammy Haas Memorial Scholarship.

Matt has been very active in the ARTS while attending Yankton High School. He has been a member of the Marching Corps, Pioneer Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Bands for

four years; a member of the Acapella choir for three and a half years; Drama Club for three years; and has participated in Musical Theater for two years.

While participating in these activities at YHS, Matt has earned numerous accolades as he gained leadership skills and a deeper appreciation for the ARTS. He plans to attend Augustana College in Sioux Falls where he hopes to pursue a double major in Computer Engineering and Music. Matt will continue to play trombone at Augustana and hopes to join both the choir and musical theater programs as well once he tackles his new schedule and college workload.

Student Loan Repayment Estimator Available

You have a choice of repayment plans. The chart below provides details about repayment plans and your estimated repayment information under each of the different plans. Your loan servicer will determine your eligibility for the repayment plans.									
Repayment Plan	Repayment Period	Monthly Payment Initial to Final Amounts		Projected Loan Forgiveness ¹	Total Interest Paid ¹	Total Amount Paid			
Standard ⁺	1	120 months	\$294	to	\$294		\$0	\$6,113	\$35,327
Graduated ⁺	1	120 months	\$165	to	\$494		\$0	\$7,624	\$36,838
Pay As You Earn ⁺⁺	1	240 months	\$12	to	\$162		\$34,707	\$17,294	\$17,294
Income-Based Repayment (IBR) ⁺⁺	1	300 months	\$18	to	\$294		\$12,414	\$26,362	\$43,162
Income-Contingent Repayment (ICR) ⁺⁺	1	194 months	\$155	to	\$252		\$0	\$11,159	\$40,372

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BROOKINGS — If you are a recent college graduate who has taken out federal student loans in the past, you may be wondering which repayment plan is most beneficial for your situation or if you should consolidate your loans into one simple payment?

Today, there is a tool provided by the Department of Education that can help you make your decision, said Carrie Johnson, SDSU Extension Family Resource Management Specialist.

"The Repayment Estimator is a great way to visualize what your payments will be under each of the different plans," Johnson said.

She explains that there are

two ways to use the new tool which can be found by visiting studentloans.gov or studentaid.gov. "You have the option of linking right to your personal student loan information or entering all of your loans yourself," Johnson said.

However, to get the most out of this new tool Johnson encourages students to sign in. "By entering your information, the calculator pulls your current student loan debt from the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) and gives you a personalized run down of what your payments will be with each of the repayment options," she said.

To learn more, visit iGrow.org.

Blood Center Dates Set

The Blood Center will have a mobile unit at the following dates, locations and times:

- Thursday, May 22 — Yankton, Trinity Lutheran Church, 403 Broadway, 2:30-6 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 27 — Yankton, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital/Benedictine Center, 501 Summit, noon-6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 28 — Yankton Walmart, 3001 Broadway, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Schedule a blood donation appointment online at [www.sioux-](http://www.sioux-landbloodbank.org)

landbloodbank.org or call 800-798-4208.

Eligible blood donors must be at least 16 years old, should weigh at least 120 pounds and should be in general good health and have not donated whole blood in the past 56 days. For more information about blood donation or to schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 800-287-4903 or visit www.life-servebloodcenter.org. A photo I.D. is required at the time of registration.

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OBITUARIES

Gerald 'Gundy' Gunderson

Funeral services for Gerald E. "Gundy" Gunderson, age 86 of Wausa, Nebraska, will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 23, 2014, at Thabor Lutheran Church in Wausa. Pastor Michelle Oetken will officiate, with burial in the Lutheran Cemetery at Wausa.

Military Honors will be conducted by VFW Post #5824 of Wausa, and the United States Navy Honor Guard.

Visitation will be Thursday, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Thabor Lutheran Church, with a 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service.

Brockhaus Funeral Home of Wausa is in charge of arrangements.

Gundy died Monday, May 19, 2014, at the Golden Living Center in Wausa.

Gerald Eugene "Gundy" Gunderson, son of Magnus and Eleanor (Doyen) Gunderson, was born March 16,

1928 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. At the age of eight, Gerald lost his father in a car accident, and at the age of 16, he was blessed to have Leo Millie become a part of the family. Gerald was baptized and confirmed at Benton Lutheran Church in Norway, Iowa. In 1959, he joined the Thabor Lutheran Church in Wausa, Nebraska. Upon graduation from Norway High School in 1945, Gerald attended the University of Iowa for one year before enlisting in the United States Navy on July 17, 1946. After receiving his Honorable Discharge on July 31, 1948, Gerald enrolled at Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska, where he graduated in 1951 with a degree in education, later earning a Master of Science in education degree in 1958 from Wayne State.

On May 27, 1951, Gerald married his college sweetheart, Verlene Fuerhoff in Beemer, Nebraska. They were blessed with three children: Jean, Gary, and Jane. Gerald and Verlene's first two years of marriage were spent teaching in Arlington, Nebraska. In 1953, the young couple moved to Wausa, Nebraska, where they took

teaching jobs and spent the rest of their married lives. Gerald taught business and was the head basketball coach, taking the Vikings to the state tournament in 1958.

In 1959, Gerald followed in his father's footsteps of banking, and started working for the Commercial State Bank and attended the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin in 1967. In 1970, Gerald became President of Commercial State Bank, remaining in that position until retiring in 1993. He continued to be involved in banking by being the Chairman of the Board of Directors at Commercial State Bank until his death. Gerald was very involved in the community of Wausa and Thabor Lutheran Church. While in college, he played basketball for the Wayne State Wildcats. Gerald enjoyed playing baseball for several teams as well as playing golf at Rolling Hills Country Club near Wausa. He loved following the Wausa Vikings and the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Gerald has left behind his loving wife of 62 years, Verlene Gunderson of Wausa, Nebraska; his three children and their families, Jean (Gordon) Brooks of Ketchikan, Alaska, Gary (Denise) Gunderson of Neligh, Nebraska, and Jane (James) Wilbeck of Hartington, Nebraska; nine grandchildren, Travis (Chardai) Wilbeck, Kendra (Marty) Schmidt, Terri (Travis) Mlady, Gordon (Sarah) Brooks, Macy Bloomquist, Tiffany (Scott) Arens, Nicholas (Johanna) Brooks, Patrick Brooks, and Travis (Ashley) Gunderson; 15 great-grandchildren, Aliciana Fowler, Gabriella Fowler, Breianne Malecha, Abigail Brooks, Madelynn Brooks, Isaac Schmidt, Kaitlyn Brooks, Madyson Mlady, Jillian Brooks, Arianna Schmidt, Payton Arens, Kennedy Mlady, Nicholas Brooks Jr., Teagan Arens, Bailey Mlady, and expected baby, "GG" Gunderson; brother-in-law, Don Fuerhoff; sister-in-law, Jan Gunderson; nephews, Robert Gunderson

and family, and Ty and Jill Fuerhoff and family; niece, Jill and Mark Oman and family; and the family of the late Chris Robertson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Magnus and Eleanor Gunderson; stepfather, Leo Millie; brother, Lyle Gunderson; sister-in-law, Ruby Gunderson; niece, Chris Robertson; parents-in-law, Ernest and Selma Fuerhoff; step-mother-in-law, Emma Fuerhoff; and sister-in-law, Jo Fuerhoff.

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Alice Kolecka

GEDDES — Alice Kolecka, 87, died at Good Samaritan Village in Sioux Falls, on Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

A celebration of her life will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, at United Methodist Church in Geddes with burial following in Pleasant Lawn Cemetery in Geddes.

Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Monday, May 26, at United

Methodist Church in Geddes with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Arrangements by Koehn Bros. Funeral Home in Lake Andes. Visit www.koehnbros-funeralhome.com.

Gene Nelson

Gene Nelson, 85, of Yankton died Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Funeral services are pending with the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, gifts, flowers, phone calls, and special greetings for my 90th birthday.

May God bless you all.

Hope to see you at my open house in June.

Adele Nelson

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