

Blood Drive Set For Oct. 8

The Blood Center, formerly known as the Siouland Community Blood Bank, will have a mobile unit at the following dates, locations and times:

• Tuesday, Oct. 8—Yankton, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital/Benedictine Center, 501 Summit, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Schedule a blood donation appointment online at www.sioulandbloodbank.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.lifesevebloodcenter.org. A photo I.D. is required at the time of registration.

Funding Available For Housing Needs Studies

PIERRE — South Dakota Housing Development Authority's (SDHDA) Board of Commissioners recently approved renewed funding to the Housing Needs Study Program. During the initial program funding, 16 communities participated in the study including Belle Fourche, Beresford, Britton, Campbell County, Canton, Centerville, Crooks, Faulkton, Fort Pierre, Gettysburg, Hartford, Lemmon, Martin, Miller, Murdo and Viborg.

The cost-sharing incentive program helps rural communities in South Dakota conduct a Housing Needs Study to aid community decision-makers and the public in developing a solid sense of the housing market in their communities and an understanding of key housing issues.

SDHDA is requesting applications from interested communities. Communities with populations of 10,000 or fewer are eligible to participate in the program.

An eligible community can receive grant funding for up to 50 percent of the cost of the study, with a maxi-

mum grant of \$5,000. Each community will be required to pay the remaining cost of its study from other funding avenues, which can be from donations, city funds or other sources. The program has available funding of \$40,000.

The goal of each study will be to provide a measured assessment of present and future unmet housing demand, focusing on a deeper understanding of short-to-mid-term housing demand (2-year, 5-year, 10-year, and 15-year). The study is intended to help community leaders make decisions about community-specific housing policy alternatives and intervention strategies.

SDHDA has partnered with Community Partners Research, Inc. of Faribault, Minn., as the consultant, ensuring that information is gathered, reviewed, and reported in a consistent manner for each community.

Communities interested in applying for the program can do so by visiting www.sdhda.org and downloading the Housing Needs Study Application.

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Center For Disabilities Awarded Extension

SIoux FALLS — On Thursday, Sept. 26, the U.S. Department of Education notified the Center for Disabilities that their funding for the Deaf-Blind Project has been renewed. Officially called "Technical Assistance to State, Deaf and Blind Projects," the award project length is for 6 months, beginning Oct. 1, and the total amount is over half a million dollars.

The purpose of the South Dakota Deaf-Blind Project is to promote academic achievement and improve results for children who are deaf-blind by providing technical assistance, disseminating useful information, and ensuring all children will graduate from high school ready for college and/or a career. While the Center for Disabilities is the lead applicant for the project, key collaborators include the South Dakota School for the Deaf; the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired; South Dakota Parent Connection; the South Dakota Department of Education, Office of Special Education; and the

South Dakota Department of Education, Birth to Three Program.

"In such a large geological state like South Dakota, with widely scattered populations, it is important to build capacity across the state systems and work with like-minded service providers and institutions," said Wendy Parent-Johnson, Center for Disabilities executive director. "We thank the U.S. Department of Education for identifying the critical need for the continuation of the deaf-blind project in South Dakota."

Some of the main goals of the project are to develop an outreach and referral process to improve identification of all students who are deaf-blind; develop and implement individualized technical assistance plans for each student and their family; and provide onsite or long distance trainings to personnel in the schools, classrooms, or EIS providers, among others.

For more information about the Center for Disabilities or the Deaf-Blind Project, go to www.usd.edu/cd/.

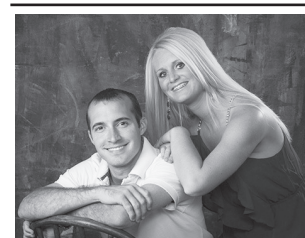
Retreat Oct. 11-12

CROFTON, Neb. — The 2013 annual Ladies Retreat will be held on Oct. 11-12 at Glad Tidings Bible Camp near Crofton, Neb. All area women are invited to take part in this non-denominational event.

The retreat is held from 7 p.m. on Friday evening until 3 p.m. on Saturday. Child care will be provided if arrange-

ments are made prior to the event.

The inspirational speaker will be Pam Volk of Tonganoxie, Kan. She is formerly from Battle Creek, Neb. To register or get additional information, call 402-882-0002 or email gladtidingcamp@gmail.com.



Rockne-Kopetsky
Stephanie Lynn Rockne and Kenneth Carl Kopetsky, both of Yankton, SD, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Parents of the couple are Tom

and Leann Rockne of Yankton, SD, and Leo and Carol Kopetsky of Yankton, SD.

The bride-elect is a 2008 graduate of Yankton High School and attended the University of South Dakota. She is employed at Farm Credit Services of America.

The groom-elect is a 2003 graduate of Yankton High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of South Dakota with a degree in Business Administration. He is currently employed at Kopetsky's Ace Hardware.

The couple is planning an October 5, 2013, wedding at St. Benedict's Church in Yankton, SD.

Visiting Hours

The Church As A Healing Place

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Avera Sacred Heart Parish Nurse Coordinator

Healing was at the heart and center of Jesus' ministry. About one third of the Gospels are stories and healing references to Jesus physically healing people. Healing means restoration, to be made whole. The wholeness God intends for us encompasses body, mind and spirit. It is fullness of life that is His gift to us, both health and salvation.

There are countless examples of Jesus' whole-person healing ministry. The story in Mark 2:1-12 (the paralyzed man) is a case in point. Whenever we expect Jesus to heal, He forgives and where He forgives, He also heals.

The ministry of healing led to the basis of what we now call medicine and health care. The hospital is an invention of the Christian church - a place of hospitality, of care, of community. The practice of nursing too has its origins in the church, as another reflection of the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

The mandate to heal as well as preach the Gospel is the ongoing mission of the local congregation to this day.

Congregations which reclaim their role in healing understand the link between health and faith as part of their mission. Parish Nursing is a health ministry emphasizing the wholeness of body, mind and spirit. With the expense of health care today, it is important that congregations become healthier.

Regardless of faith or religious affiliation, any registered nurse that is a member of a congregation is invited to be a parish nurse. Through training, parish nurses address both the physical and spiritual needs of the population served. As parish nurses, registered nurses act as a vital link between the faith and medical communities.

There are many dimensions to parish nurses. They play a variety of roles including educator, counselor and advocate in their own faith family. And they are a source for preventative and restorative care, ministering holistically to individuals and families.

One role parish nurses do not play is that of direct medical care provider. The roles of the parish nurse include:

Integrator of Faith and Health, serving as a "translator" between faith and healthcare communities. With a knowledge base in both areas, many times the parish nurse can clarify issues and reinforce the strong tie between faith and health.

Health Educator, providing educational programs to the congregation such as health screenings and illness prevention.

Health Counselor, providing individual health counseling services in the home or long-term care facility. "Navigator" or "Advocate," assisting congregation members in finding their way through healthcare systems.

Referral Agent, finding resources and making referrals to agencies, organizations and support services to improve the member's quality of life.

Developer of Support Groups, initiating and organizing groups designed to assist the participants with a specific issue.

Trainer of Volunteers, perhaps most importantly, recruiting and training volunteers to provide assistance.

Parish nursing embraces the spiritual dimension of the nursing practice in addition to the physical, psychological and social dimensions. In essence, parish nurses care for the body, mind and spirit.

Parish nurses collaborate with their faith community leaders to form partnerships with other community health resources.

Parish nursing services are designed to involve individuals, families and congregations as active partners in their personal health. Through this involvement, nurses help empower communities and foster an environment of understanding and support.

In congregations committed to parish nursing, a deeper sense of Christian community than existed before has been a welcome discovery. In a society of transient relationships, the heart hungers for community.

Parish nursing raises the awareness of the congregation to this ministry's effect on the spiritual, relational, emotional and physical health of the whole Christian community.

Parish nursing organizes, trains and provides consistent volunteer service to the congregation.

The congregation becomes aware that a well person is well in mind, body, and spirit.

Thrivent Packs 4536 Meals



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The Lewis and Clark Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans recently packed over 4500 meals for children in need of our care at Kids Against Hunger. If you would like to learn more about how you can make a difference in the lives of children, please visit www.kahyankton.org

App Development Contest Oct. 15

BROOKINGS — In today's tech-savvy world of cell phones, iPods and iPads as constant companions, South Dakota State University is encouraging its students to participate in shaping the technological realm by hosting the university's first student app development contest.

Sponsored by Vision Brookings, with prizes funded by the SDSU Office of the President, the contest will provide SDSU students an opportunity to showcase their technical, entrepreneurial and innovative skills. Students are invited to submit their independently developed mobile app for consideration.

An informational meeting will kick off the competition on Tuesday, Oct. 15, from 1-5 p.m. in the Lewis and Clark room at the University Student Union. At the meeting, students will be encouraged to find potential student collaborators, ask questions about

the competition and meet with representatives of local businesses who are being invited to attend and explore working with students to develop apps for their companies.

Student teams will have until March 24 to develop and submit their applications. Judging will take place April 1 from 5-9 p.m. in the Lewis and Clark room.

The prize pool is \$5,000 with the disbursement breakdown yet to be determined.

"The competition will show what our students are capable of doing," said William Aylor, director of the Technology Transfer Office at SDSU and coordinator of the contest. "It will enable local businesses to look at students for possible tech positions or to find students to fulfill an app need that they might have."

An app can be any working web-based or native software application for computing on phones, tablets

and other mobile devices. An abstract detailing the application, the need it serves and the audience for which it is intended must be included with each submission.

In addition, the app must include only material that is owned by the developer or that has appropriately documented permission from the copyright/trademark owner for use.

For a complete list of contest rules go to <http://www.sdstate.edu/research/tto/stuappcom.cfm/>. For additional information, contact William Aylor at (605) 696-7876.

Free Clinic Set For Oct. 7

Servant Hearts Clinic, a free, Christ-centered medical clinic will be open Monday, Oct. 7, from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Technical Education Center, 1200 W. 21st St. Yankton.

This is a totally free medical clinic for urgent care conditions. Servant Hearts Clinic provides care for physical, mental health, emotional and spiritual issues, and may serve as an entry point to other services in the community.

Services not provided by SHC at this time include dental, diagnosis or treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, HIV testing, prenatal care, treatment for emergency medical conditions, radiology, immunizations and chiropractic care.

Clinicians do not prescribe any narcotics, nor do they stock any medication on site.

Future clinics are planned for the first and third Monday of each month. The next scheduled clinic will be on Oct. 21.

For further information about this clinic, call (605) 760-2986 or e-mail servantheartsclinic@gmail.com.

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