

Bikes, Bikes, Bikes and more BIKES !!!!!

Mr. Audie Johnson's Automotive Technology Department of South Central Career Center along with Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) and the Foster Parent Association of Howell County recently worked together to provide bikes to foster children. There were at least 34 bikes donated by the police departments in the surrounding area. Students at SCCC repaired brakes, chains, tires, and more to insure the bikes were in proper working order before they were delivered to their new homes. Mr. Johnson and his students were very eager and excited to have the opportunity to help with such a great project. We are very proud of our students at the Career Center for taking such pride in a great cause.

A Week for Surgical Technologists

Every year our nation celebrates our Surgical Technologist by setting aside a week in September to recognize this much needed profession. During WWI and WWII nurses were not allowed on the battlefields and combat ships, causing a shortage of "scrub nurses" in the field. The U.S. Army and Navy started using "medics" and "corpsmen" to assist with operations which launched the field of "operating room technicians", later changed to "Surgical Technologist." The responsibility of a Surgical Technologist range from creating a sterile environment before surgery, preparing the patient for surgery, and keeping an eye on the patient's vital signs. During surgery they pass the instruments, fluids and supplies to the surgeon. Surgical Technologists today can also operate lasers, robots, sterilizers, lights, suction apparatus and diagnostic equipment. After surgery they are responsible for counting all surgical equipment, sponges and other supplies to insure that none were left in the patient. Surgical Technologists are also known as "Surg. Tech.'s." Surg. Tech.'s have recently become a career in high demand and great pay.

