

BUSINESS DIGEST

Folkers April HSC Employee Of The Month

Pam Folkers is being honored as the April Employee of the Month at the South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC), announced Cory D. Nelson, MPA, Administrator / CEO.

Folkers attended the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree with a Double Major in Psychology and Sociology, as well as a Master of Arts Degree in Education Administration.

Folkers first began employment at HSC, in the fall of 1989, working as a Mental Health Technician. She served the Center at various times over the years, working with Medical Records, Adult Basic Education, and Therapeutic Recreation. In 2000, Folkers was promoted to her current position as a Human Services Program Specialist II, serving as the Education and Support Program Director. She currently has supervisory responsibility for Staff Development, Volunteer Services, Library, Approved Education Program (Alternative School), Adult Education/GED Studies Program, Cultural Services, Activities Center, Job Placement and the Vending Program. Folkers is certified by the American Heart Association as a Basic Life Support (CPR) Instructor and serves as HSC's GED Examiner.



Folkers

NAEYC Elects USD Prof. To Top Board Position

VERMILLION — Gera Jacobs, professor of early childhood in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the School of Education at The University of South Dakota, was elected president-elect of the Governing Board of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

NAEYC is the nation's largest and most influential organization of early childhood educators. Her four-year term begins June 1 - serving one year as president-elect followed by two years as president and one year as past-president.

In addition to serving as a member of the faculty at USD, Jacobs taught for more than 15 years in preschool through eighth grade classrooms. She has published articles in a number of nationally peer-reviewed and regional journals and presented at state, regional and national conferences. Jacobs is also the co-author of two nationally recognized books, including one published by Corwin Press that received two national book awards and the other, co-published with Corwin Press and NAEYC. In 2002, she was named the South Dakota Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.



Jacobs

SDMTS Expands Staff In Vermillion

Vermillion -South Dakota Manufacturing & Technology Solutions (SDMTS) announced today the addition of two new staff members. Keith Deibert and Chris Hamm are joining the team as manufacturing advisers.

Deibert and Hamm will work directly with South Dakota manufacturers to provide management assistance and to help manufacturers enhance their competitiveness and profitability.

Hamm began his duties on Feb. 7. He brings more than 13 years of experience in manufacturing to the SDMTS organization.

Deibert began on Feb. 28. He has more than 26 years of manufacturing experience, including positions in senior management and LEAN transformations. For more information on SDMTS, contact Wes Kelly at 605.201.1484 or visit the SDMTS website at www.usd.edu/mts.

Tereshinski Joins First Dakota Team

Nate Franzen, First Dakota National Bank Agri-Business Division Manager, is pleased to announce the addition of Matt Tereshinski to the Bank's Ag Finance Team as Vice President, Agri-Business Loan Officer. Tereshinski has over ten years experience as an Ag lender. In his new position, he will assist First Dakota's Ag customers with their deposit and loan needs.

Tereshinski graduated from Mount Marty College with a BS in Accounting and a MBA from USD. He is a Yankton native with strong ties to the Yankton community. He and his wife, Renee, have three daughters.



Tereshinski

S.D. Corn Utilization Council Elects Officers

The South Dakota Corn Utilization Council (SDCUC) has elected Chad Blindauer of Mitchell as president.

During its meeting March 25 in Sioux Falls, the board of directors also elected Brian Smith of Montrose as vice president and Frank Kralicek of Yankton as secretary/treasurer. The board also welcomed new member Justin Davis of Ipswich.

Kralicek joined the SDCUC board in 2009 and serves on the promotion and education committee. He's also a delegate to the U.S. Grains Council. He's a member of the National Bison Association and Dakota Territory Buffalo Association.



Kralicek

USD Professor Earns ACA Award

VERMILLION — Kelly Duncan, Ph.D., assistant professor of counseling at The University of South Dakota, was honored by the American Counseling Association (ACA) as a recipient of the Arthur A. Hitchcock Distinguished Professional Service Award. This award honors service by an ACA member at the local, state or national level to promote or enhance the well-being of the counseling profession. Duncan was presented with the award at ACA's annual conference in New Orleans, La.

For more than 20 years, Duncan has been involved in professional counseling organizations at the state, regional and national levels. Additionally, she has served as a member of the South Dakota Board of Education for 14 years and is currently in her fourth year as president.

In this role, Duncan has tirelessly advocated for the South Dakota Department of Education to consider including school counselors in education initiatives.



Duncan

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First Dakota Names New Board Members

Larry Ness, CEO and Chairman of the Board of First Dakota National Bank, announces the appointment of Walter O. Carlson, Dan Culey, Michael Ness, Aaron Ness and Rob Ness to the Bank's Board of Directors.

Dr. Carlson is an orthopedic surgeon with the Orthopedic Institute in Sioux Falls. He obtained his Medical Degree at the University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, and completed his residency at the Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester. In 1983, he joined the Orthopedic Institute where he is currently a partner. Dr. Carlson holds a number of professional memberships and has been actively involved in the Sioux Falls community.

Dan Culey is the retired Chairman and CEO of FMB Bankshares, Inc., and First American Bank & Trust. He began his banking career in 1966, while attending Northern State University, Aberdeen. Dan spent his entire 40-year banking



Carlson

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career in South Dakota and was actively involved in many banking and community organizations.

Michael Ness is President and Market Manager of First Dakota's Sioux Falls market. Prior to joining First Dakota, in October, 2002, Michael was employed with Commercial Federal Bank, Lincoln, NE. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and holds a degree in Business Administration. Michael is actively involved in the Sioux Falls community and is a member of the South Dakota Bankers Association Legislative Committee.

Aaron Ness is Vice President

of Business Banking in First Dakota's Yankton location. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and his Master of Business Administration from the University of South Dakota. Aaron worked as a commercial lender at a community bank in Houston, Texas, for two years prior to joining First Dakota in April, 2002. Aaron has served on a number of non-profit boards and is currently a Chamber Ambassador and Treasurer/Board Member of the Yankton School District 63-3 Foundation.

Rob Ness joined First Dakota in 2007, and is currently Vice

President of Investments & Corporate Strategies. Rob's primary duties include managing the Bank's investment portfolio, asset/liability management, and analyzing corporate projects. He earned a Management degree, with a finance emphasis, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of South Dakota. Rob was previously employed as a bank examiner for the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), and spent time examining national banks in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois. He is involved in several activities in the Yankton community and is currently the Treasurer/Board Member of Big Friend Little Friend and serves on the board of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

Dr. Carlson, Dan, Mike, Aaron and Rob join other members of the Board: Larry Ness, Jim Ahrendt, John Willcockson, Celia Miner, David Olson, Rob Stephenson and Dan Eisenbraun.

Muller Receives Professional Certification

Waren Muller, GCSAA golf course superintendent at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club, Yankton, S.D., has been designated a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Muller, a 10-year GCSAA member, has been the superintendent at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club since 2005. Approximately 1,700 golf course superintendents worldwide, currently hold "CGCS" status.

According to GCSAA President Robert M. Randquist, CGCS, "Twenty-five percent of GCSAA's Class A members have elected to earn the highest level of recognition through the professional designation "CGCS" by completion of the GCSAA Certification Program. This program requires their demonstration of a higher set of competencies in golf course management through testing and practical application. Employers can feel confident they employ a career professional who will increase their chances of having consistently superior course conditions."

GCSAA was among the first associations to institute a professional certification program, establishing its program in 1971 to recognize outstanding and progressive superintendents. In 2005, GCSAA completed a restructuring of its certification program in order to raise the level of documented professionalism through comprehensive continuing educa-

tion. The restructured program was recognized by the National Certification Commission as "one of the most extensive and comprehensive certification programs for any profession."

To qualify for GCSAA's new competency-based certification program, a candidate must have at least three years experience as a golf course superintendent, be employed in that capacity and meet post-secondary educational requirements and/or continuing education points. The candidate's knowledge, skills and abilities are validated through the development of a portfolio consisting of their responses to skill statements, case-study scenarios and submission of work samples; an on-site inspection of their golf facility; and a rigorous six-hour examination covering: equipment, irrigation systems, materials and technology; golf course and grounds; human resources, rules of golf, financial and administrative systems, regulatory and programmatic systems, crisis management, project management and ethics and values.

As part of the certification process, an on-site inspection of Muller's golf course operation was conducted by two GCSAA certified golf course superintendents: Douglas D. Hausman, CGCS, Dakota Dunes Country Club, Dakota Dunes, S.D.; and Tedd M. Evans, CGCS, Brookings Country Club, Brookings, S.D.

For more information, contact Muller at 605-660-4025 or wmuller@iw.net.

Simmons Named Associate Dean At Sanford School Of Medicine, Rapid City

VERMILLION — Dr. Matthew Simmons, associate professor at the Sanford School of Medicine of The University of South Dakota, has been named associate dean for the Sanford School of Medicine's Rapid City campus, effective May 16.

As associate dean, Simmons' responsibilities include providing leadership and oversight of all academic, research and public service programs; managing budget and resource allocation; fostering student professionalism and ethical behavior; assisting in the recruitment of teaching faculty; mentoring and development of academic and clinical faculty; representing the campus at external development and fundraising activities; and maintaining an active clinical practice.

A member of the Sanford School of Medicine faculty since 1992, Simmons currently serves as Neurology Clerkship Director for the Sanford School of Medicine. Previously,



Simmons

Simmons was Neurology Clerkship Coordinator as well as clinical associate professor for 10 years. Prior to joining the med school Simmons was

chief, department of neurology, Third Air Force Medical Center at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Last year, he was a recipient of a teacher recognition award for outstanding teaching in neurology by the American Academy of Neurology Section of Neurologic Educators; and in 2009, he was awarded the Anton Hyden Distinguished Professor Award by the Sanford School of Medicine Class of 2009 for being the "professor who helped and inspired most" during the class's clinical years. He received both his B.S. and M.D. from Creighton University.

Congratulations



"First Dollar" Ribbon Cutting J & H Cleaning Services

The Ambassadors celebrated a "First Dollar" ribbon cutting in honor of the new business owners of J & H Cleaning Services, 203 R. 3rd St., Yankton, SD 57078. Herb Danner, Owner.

J & H Cleaning Services is a janitorial service contractor; carpet & upholstery cleaning service, also rent & sell carpet cleaning equipment floor care equipment, dehumidifiers, driers, fans etc., and supplies.

J & H Cleaning Services is available 24 Hours A Day/7 Days a Week. No appointment necessary. Contact J & H Cleaning Services at (605) 665-2571 or cell (605) 661-9211.

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'Market Share' Business Seminar In Yankton April 19

The Business Development Committee of the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the first in a series of business development workshops.

The focus of this committee is to research business needs and provide training seminars to help businesses gain knowledge in an ever-changing competitive market.

On Tuesday, April 19, Billy Solberg from BRS Marketing will be the featured speaker from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at Minervas Grill and Bar, 1607 E. Highway 50. Solberg will be discussing business marketing potential, advertising budgets, return on investments and competitive media.

Five Star Communications/KVHT 106.3 is the sponsor of this free seminar in partnership with the Chamber.

This seminar is open to all area businesses. Businesses are required to RSVP by April 15 to ensure adequate seating and refreshments. For more information and to register, go to www.yanktonsd.com/seminars.

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