

## BUSINESS DIGEST

### Jane Pugh Promoted At First Dakota Bank

Larry Ness, First Dakota National Bank Chief Executive Officer, announces the promotion of Jane Pugh to Relationship Banking Officer - FirstPartners Coordinator. Pugh has been part of the First Dakota team for 21 years.



Pugh

Her primary role is overseeing the Bank's FirstPartners and First Dakota Travel programs. Twenty years ago, FirstPartners was a vision from Ness, in which Pugh took the challenge and has grown FirstPartners into a full service relationship program providing financial and social benefits to First Dakota's customers. As First Dakota has grown, Pugh has implemented FirstPartners in the ten communities First Dakota serves. One of the many benefits of FirstPartners is group travel. Pugh has led groups through much of the United States and destinations all over the world.

### Johnson Returning To First Fitness Program

First Fitness is proud to announce that Andy Johnson will be returning to direct Yankton's #1 Sports Enhancement program. Johnson will receive his Bachelor's Degree in nutrition, exercise, and health sciences this May. Zach Lambrechts will be returning as Johnson's assistant. Lambrechts will receive his Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Chemistry this May. Together, Andy and Zach bring unique experience and expertise to our program that is designed to enhance speed, agility, power, endurance, flexibility, and confidence.

### Jones Feed Wins Great West Platinum Award

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Neb. — Jones Feed & Grain Inc. was presented a Platinum award by Great West Casualty Company as part of the 2010 National Safety Awards Program. Jones Feed & Grain Trucking Inc., Wynot, Neb., was established in 2001 and runs 9 trucks from the local area to the mid-west. The owner is Charles Jones, Wynot, Neb.

The National Safety Awards program recognizes carriers in similar operations (truckload and less than truckload) with awards based on their year-end preventable accident results. Carriers are eligible to receive a Platinum, Gold, Silver or Participatory award. This past year, the National Safety Awards program drew over 800 participants from across the country.

Great West Casualty Company is the nation's leading provider of property and casualty insurance for the trucking industry. With over 50 years of experience, Great West offers risk management, underwriting, claims, and loss control services exclusively to the trucking industry. Great West is headquartered in South Sioux City, Nebraska, and has regional offices in Meridian, Idaho; Bloomington, Indiana; Knoxville, Tennessee; and Arlington, Texas.

### USD Law School Dean To Step Down In July

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota announced that Barry R. Vickrey, J.D., will resign as dean of the School of Law effective July 21 to become a member of the full-time faculty.



Vickrey

Vickrey has served as a professor and dean of the School of Law since July 19, 1983. Before coming to USD, he was on the faculty of the University of North Dakota School of Law for 11 years, including five years as associate dean. He was on the staff of the American Bar Association for five years, serving as assistant to the president-elect/president and director of the Division of Professional Education. Between college and law school, he was a staff aide on the Policy Planning Staff of the Governor of Tennessee.

Vickrey earned a B.A. in history from Vanderbilt University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He also received his J.D. from Vanderbilt and has been admitted to the practice of law in Tennessee and South Dakota. Vickrey lived in Tennessee for most of his early life. His wife, Mary Green Vickrey, is a singer-songwriter and music educator who holds a B.A. from Vanderbilt and an M.A. from USD. They have two children, Mark, who lives in Ames, Iowa, and David, who resides in Mountain View, Calif., with his wife, Corey, and their two children, Matilda and Walter.

### The Kitchen Place Receives Nat. Sales Award

The Kitchen Place of Yankton was recently named as a "President's Club Award" winner for exceptional cabinetry sales by Showplace Wood Products. This is the eleventh year they have been recognized for this achievement, which places them among the top Showplace dealers nationwide.

### ServSafe Class To Be Offered In Yankton

There will be a ServSafe class offered in Yankton on Wednesday, May 25. It will be an 8-hour class starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Avera Pavilion Education Center.

Deadline to register for the class is May 18. To register or for more information, call 665-8579 or 660-5430 and ask for Sandi Kramer.

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### Property Taxes Due In Yankton Co. April 30

The Yankton County Treasurer's Office reminds the public that the first half of the 2010 (payable in 2011) real estate taxes and the first half of the 2011 mobile home taxes are due and payable on April 30, 2011.

You can use the silver drop box on the north side of the County Government Center for payments or bring them in to the office.

If you mail the payments, they must have an April postmark. Interest will be charged beginning May 1.

Note that April 30 falls on a Saturday, and South Dakota law does not allow a grace period when the deadline falls on a weekend.

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# Governor's Economic Dev. Conference Begins Tuesday

PIERRE — More than 300 economic developers, community and business leaders, and students will be in Sioux Falls April 26-27 for the 2011 South Dakota Governor's Economic Development Conference.

Keynote speaker Donna Cutting, author of *The Celebrity Experience*, will talk to participants about business prospect development, ways to showcase a community, and how special events can be used to boost economic development efforts.

Participants will also have the chance to learn about growing entrepreneurs, navigating social media, connecting students to our workforce, and the economic development resources available in South Dakota.

Governor's Office of Economic Development Commissioner J. Pat Costello says he's excited about this conference for a number of reasons.

"First, we have a dynamite lineup of speakers to provide our businesses and our communities with

some very practical take-away opportunities," said Costello. "Plus we will be announcing some exciting changes to our state programs."

Gov. Dennis Daugaard will address conference attendees during the Tuesday evening banquet at the Best Western Ramkota Conference Center. During the banquet, Community of the Year and Excellence in Economic Development awards will also be presented.

The Governor's Giant Vision Competition is being held in conjunction with the conference. The Giant Vision Competition is a business plan contest. Finalists in both the student and professional categories will exhibit at the Ramkota Conference Center Tuesday afternoon. Contest winners will be announced at the Tuesday evening banquet.

For a complete conference agenda, please visit [www.sdreadytopartn.com](http://www.sdreadytopartn.com).

## FRED HAAR WINS AWARD



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Cliff Gort, MDS Mfg National Sales Manager present the Yankton Store Sales Team of Fred Haar Company Inc. with their Top Ten Dealer award. Left to Right: Todd Chance, Cliff Gort, Wayne Huber, Jeff Pravecek, John Cuka and Adam Glover

### MDS Manufacturing Names 2010 Top Dealers

PARKSTON — Commitment to their product line, dedication to service, and record sales has earned Fred Haar Company Inc. a MDS Manufacturing 2009 Top Ten Dealer award. Fred Haar Company Inc. is located in Yankton South Dakota and also has stores in Freeman and Wagner.

MDS, a Parkston, South Dakota-based farm equipment manufacturing company, annually recognizes dealers who have achieved the highest sales figures in their respective territories, as well as those dealers who have demonstrated the most significant growth in sales for the previous year.

## Horizon Health Care Begins Managing Springfield Clinic

SPRINGFIELD — Horizon Health Care, Inc., a rural, community-based network providing affordable, high-quality primary healthcare throughout 15 medical and dental clinics in South Dakota, began managing Springfield Family Clinic located in Springfield on April 1.

Under Horizon's management, the Springfield Clinic, previously owned and operated by Dr. James Kerr for eight years, will continue to provide patients with the same quality care they're accustomed to receiving with the extra benefit of added medical services and enhanced resources like the Sliding Fee Program, participation with Avera and Sanford networks and acceptance of most health insurance.

For over 30 years, Horizon Health Care, Inc. has been providing personalized, affordable, high-quality primary healthcare through a rural, community-based network of 15 medical and dental clinics throughout South Dakota. Horizon serves the health care and dental needs of South Dakotans in rural, medically underserved areas through 63,000 patient visits annually in the following communities: Bryant, DeSmet, Howard, Lake Preston, Martin, Mission, Plankinton, Springfield, Wessington Springs, White River and Woonsocket. For more information please visit [www.horizon-healthcare.org](http://www.horizon-healthcare.org).

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