

Kuchta Joins Yankton Drug Co. Inc. As Partner



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Dan Somsen, RPh, president of Yankton Drug Co. Inc. (Yankton Rexall), is happy to announce the addition of Dr. Michael Kuchta as a partner to the business.

Michael has practiced the last four years as a staff pharmacist at Yankton Rexall. He is a native of Crofton, Neb., a 2001 graduate of Crofton High School and attended the College of Pharmacy at South Dakota State University receiving his Pharm.D. degree in May of 2007. He successfully completed the National Pharmacy Boards in June

2007. In addition to his pharmacy responsibilities at Yankton Rexall, he provides consulting pharmacy services to Walnut Village Assisted Living, Cedar Village Assisted Living and Ability Building Services, Inc.

Michael has instituted new pharmacy programs at Yankton Rexall, such as their immunization program, and continues Yankton Rexall's tradition of providing accurate and professional pharmacy services to the Yankton and surrounding area residents.

Michael and his wife Michelle have a two year old daughter, Emma and his parents are Tom and LaDonna Kuchta of Crofton.

Michael's other interests include hunting and outdoor sport activities, especially golf. He was a member of the SDSU men's golf team for four years.

Please stop into Yankton Rexall and congratulate Michael on his new adventure and position.

FCSAmerica Customer-Owners See Dividends

Farm Credit Services of America (FCSAmerica) has announced that customer-owners in 14 counties in Southeast South Dakota, Northeast Nebraska and Northwest Iowa served by the cooperative's Yankton and Sioux City Retail Offices received checks totaling \$5.58 million last month. These checks represent the areas' share of a total \$130 million cash-back dividends distributed by FCSAmerica.

"Customers can spend or invest their cash-back dividends as they wish, but past results suggest a significant percentage will be spent in the communities where they live," said Neil Connot, Vice President. The two local offices work with customers in Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Hutchinson, Clay, Union and Yankton counties in South Dakota, Cedar, Knox, Dixon, Dakota & Thurston counties in Nebraska and Plymouth, Woodbury and Monona counties in Iowa.

Financially, 2011 was a robust year for the cooperative, Connot said, due to new business growth, a decrease in credit losses, growth in loan volume and several other positive factors. These favorable financial results enabled the cooperative's Board of Directors to return the largest cash-back dividend in its history to customer-owners, while continuing to offer competitive interest rates and building capital for future generations.

The \$130 million cash-back dividend for 2011 is the largest in FCSAmerica's history and brings the total cash distributions since 2004 to more than \$555 million.

FCSAmerica has adopted a patronage program every year since 2004. Each eligible customer's cash-back dividend is based on the average loan volume during the calendar year. The more loan business a customer has with the cooperative, the more they benefit financially through cash-back dividends.

The FCSAmerica Board also approved a patronage program for 2012, with the total cash-back dividend to be decided by the Board in December 2012.

For more information on the 2011 cash-back dividend distribution, including every county in the state of South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska visit www.powerofownership.com.

April Is Community Banking Month

April is Community Banking Month, and CorTrust Bank is taking this opportunity to express its appreciation to their customers for banking locally and to encourage others to consider banking with their local community bank.

Banking with a community bank is a relationship-based banking experience. Community banks know their customers by name and build strong relationships within the communities that they serve. Additionally, community banks keep money in the community by employing local citizens and maintaining local ownership.

Community banks also drive local economies by supporting small business development with small business loans and other services. In fact, 60 percent of small business loans are provided by community banks. In good times and bad, community banks stand by their customers and make decisions that are in their customer's best interest.

There are 7,000 community banks across the country representing 23,000 locations nationwide and employing more than 280,000 Americans. CorTrust Bank is proud to be a locally-owned community bank and avid supporter of the communities that it serves. This month, CorTrust Bank is urging customers to "Go Local" and stressing the advantages of using community banks and other locally-owned small businesses.

ON A NEW ROAD



A local man is embarking on anew career. James Ryan recently completed his CDL training and is receiving his certificate from Wayne Sorenson, director of the American Truck Driving Academy (ATDA). Also present are Ce Sorenson, instructor, Chico Haight and Sam Langley, students and Amy Johnson, Office Manager.

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Professional Development Conference Offered In Wayne

WAYNE, Neb. — The Wayne Educational Office Professionals Association (WEOPA) is hosting the Nebraska Educational Office Professionals Association (NEOPA) Spring Conference on Friday, April 13, at Journey Christian Church, 1110 E 7th Street (E Hwy 35), Wayne.

With a theme of "Getting Your Professional Ducks in a Row," the WEOPA group has planned an informational day of learning and networking at a reasonable cost. Featured speaker is Ms. Allie Faye Matthews, the current President of the National Association of Educational Office Professionals (NAEOP). Matthews is the Risk Management Specialist for the Sunnyside Unified School District in Tucson, Ariz., and has been involved with NAEOP for 30 years.

She is known as a dynamic and heartfelt speaker and has spoken at various conferences, workshops, and institutes across the country. The afternoon brings opportunity to choose from three different breakout sessions. These mini-seminars each tackle a different aspect of professionalism in today's workforce. Then we all gather back together to discover strategies and tips for dressing for success. Before the day ends the new NEOPA officers will be installed including WSC's own Joyce Trevett as the new state President.

Wayne State College faculty and staff included in the program as speakers will be:

• Dr. Randa Garden — "It's Like a Roller Coaster Ride: Emotions in the Workplace." Dr. Garden, along with students in her

Organizational Communication classes, participates in Service Learning research projects each spring examining "Emotions in Organizations." Garden will present some of her research findings that are experienced in the workplace, in her presentation. Some of the concepts she will discuss include emotional intelligence, emotional labor, burnout, emotional contagion, and empathic concern. Participants will be invited to provide stories of their own emotions in the workplace to further illustrate the concepts that are discussed.

• Dr. Gretchen Ronnow — "Generation Y: Are They Thinkers More Than Doers?" Is the "Me Generation" less empathetic than the rest of us? The current generation has also been called the "Millennial Generation (or Millennials), Generation Next, Net Generation, Imagination Age-ers, Echo Boomers, and probably

other names. In this break-out session we'll have fun discussing the ideas behind these labels and what we need to know about mentoring, teaching, learning from, raising, and associating with this current crop of young people.

• Ms. Jason Bareman — "Help Shape the Future of Professionalism": Everyone has the opportunity to be a role model. As professionals in the education field, we have opportunities every day to change young lives. Find out how your interactions with our youth can help shape the future of professionalism by performing ordinary jobs in extraordinary ways.

• Dr. Patricia Arneson and Sue Sydow — "The Right Threads: Are you dressing for the success you deserve?" Strategies and tips for Dressing for Professional Success will be discussed.

For more information, call 375-7394.

USDA Seeks Applications For Grants

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA is seeking applications for grants to help rural businesses create jobs and spur economic development.

"This funding is part of the Obama administration's commitment to using existing federal resources to foster regional innovation, create sustainable jobs and help ensure long-term prosperity," Vilsack said. "The funding will speed up job creation and new business start-ups and expansions by building regional economic systems in rural areas."

USDA Rural Development plans to award up to \$8.6 million through the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) program. Applications are sought for projects that:

- Provide technical assistance to improve the capacity of local organizations to complete successful housing, economic development and community facilities projects;
- Help recipients complete pre-development requirements — such as architectural and engineering plans;
- Help development organizations improve their board operations, management and knowledge of financial and information technology systems;
- Provide homeownership education or training for entrepreneurs.

Part of the RCDI funds to be awarded may be used for projects associated with the Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge, which was announced on March 8. This initiative was designed by the Taskforce for the Advancement of Regional Innovation Clusters and the White House Rural Council. Secretary Vilsack chairs the Council. The Jobs Accelerator is being funded by USDA, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration, the Delta Regional Authority and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

The deadline for submitting RCDI applications is May 9. Applications must be submitted to the USDA Rural Development state office where the applicant's headquarters are located. A list of these offices is available on the USDA Rural Development website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/StateOfficeAddresses.html>. For more information, see the March 21 Federal Register

<<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-03-21/pdf/2012-6611.pdf>>

The deadline to apply for RCDI funding for Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator projects is May 9. For more information on how to apply, visit www.usda.gov. Applications for Jobs Accelerator projects must be submitted to both USDA and the EDA.

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