

General Surgeon Joins Sanford Vermillion Team

VERMILLION — Sanford Vermillion is pleased to announce that Rob Gustafson, MD, has joined its team of health care providers. Dr. Gustafson, a general surgeon, began practicing at Sanford Health Vermillion Clinic on October 3, 2011.

Dr. Gustafson provides general surgical services, including:

- Screening and diagnostic scope procedures
- Colonoscopy
- Breast surgery, biopsy, and care of breast disease
- Cancer surgery
- Skin cancer removal
- Open abdominal surgery
- Laparoscopic surgery
- Hernia repair

Dr. Gustafson was born in Minneapolis, MN and raised in Brookings. He received his medical degree from the University of South Dakota School of Medicine and completed his residency at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Augusta, GA.

"We are very excited to have Dr. Gustafson join our patient care team at Sanford Clinic Vermillion," comments Dr. Mary Jo Olson, Clinic Medical Director. "He is a wonderful addition to our clinic."

"Dr. Gustafson's education and experience will greatly benefit Vermillion and surrounding communities," stated Tim Tracy, CEO, Sanford Vermillion. "Our entire team is excited to expand our care to those in our service area."

Dr. Gustafson and his wife Brooke have three children and reside in Vermillion. In his spare time, he enjoys mountain biking, hiking and guitar.



Gustafson

Craig-Davis Receives National Award

Colleen Craig-Davis, MA, CTRS, received the Distinguished Professional Award for the Midwest Network from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). The prestigious honor was awarded at the Best of the Best Reception during NRPA's 2011 Congress and Exposition, which was held November 1-3, in Atlanta, Georgia.

The award was presented in recognition of Craig-Davis's outstanding contributions to the field of therapeutic recreation through leadership, research, advocacy, community outreach and program development. Craig-Davis has held officer positions within the NRPA local and state organizations, presented at local, state and national conferences, taught college classes, mentored interns, and provided therapeutic recreation services for patients in a variety of inpatient treatment programs.

Craig-Davis obtained a Master of Arts degree in Leisure Studies from the University of Oregon, Eugene, and a Bachelors degree in Social Work from Carroll College, Helena, Montana. Craig-Davis has 20 years of service to the State of South Dakota. She currently serves as the Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator at the South Dakota Human Services Center.

Craig-Davis and her husband John Davis, of Yankton, have three grown children: Charlie works in South Carolina, Patrick is completing his masters degree in California, and Molly attends college in Brookings, South Dakota.



Craig-Davis

Builders Choice Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Set

VERMILLION — Builders Choice Inc., will celebrate its newly established Vermillion production site with a ribbon-cutting ceremony this week.

The ceremony will be held at 1212 Norbeck Street (along Hwy 50 bypass) in Vermillion on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011. An open house with facility tours is scheduled from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony beginning at 4:30 p.m. The media is encouraged to attend.

Builders Choice Inc. is a national leader in modular solutions for both residential and commercial purposes. Modular construction helps expedite the construction process and controls costs. The company was established in Anchorage, Alaska in 1996. In September, Builders Choice announced plans to establish a manufacturing plant in Vermillion and create up to 60 new jobs.

Ryken Named YMC Human Resources Director

Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. is pleased to announce the appointment of Ann Ryken as Director of Human Resources.

Ryken has been with Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. for 18 years, holding the position of Human Resources Assistant for the last 14 years. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in English/Mass Communications from Mount Marty College and a Master's Degree in English from the University of South Dakota.

Carlson Receives Certificate of Achievement

VERMILLION — The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Vermillion by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to Michael D. Carlson, Finance Officer.

This year marks the sixteenth year Carlson has received this Certificate of Achievement.

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Jackie Williams and Muriel Pratt were recently recognized for years of service at the Yankton Press and Dakotan. Williams was honored for 15 years of service to the paper. Pratt was honored for 10 years of service.

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Laurel Company Opens Plant, Makes First Shipments

LAUREL, Neb. — Laurel BioComposite, LLC opened a new pilot plant this month and shipped Bio-Res™ pellets from its first production run to a major customer for trials. The manufacturer will test the odorless bio-material to develop enhanced adhesive applications for home products. These trial results will contribute to the database established by customer-tested Bio-Res-based injection molded parts which show a 10 percent increase in stiffness and tensile modulus.

These improved performance properties are due in part to the material's ability to lower specific gravity when compared to conventional fillers like calcium carbonate and talc. Bio-Res cost-effectively raises the renewable or "green" content of plastic products by as much as 40 percent. The product provides a direct replacement for traditional petroleum-based resins in a variety of manufacturing processes for plastics.

"The ability to help manufacturers reduce their environmental footprint and dependence on petroleum-based products continues to be important," says Tim Beames, president of the board for Laurel BioComposite. Beames has resided in Laurel for more than 23 years. "We're also helping to create jobs in a high tech industry. We've initially hired eight part-



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Tim Beames, president of the board for Laurel BioComposite and Laurel resident, handles first shipment of Bio-Res for major customer.

time employees for the pilot plant and expect to add positions for engineers, technicians and general labor once the full-sized plant is operational. We're committed to the Laurel community and excited to be part of this region's job growth efforts."

CELEBRATING A MILESTONE



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Karl's TV Audio & Appliance joined in celebrating Whirlpool Corporation's 100th Anniversary celebration on Nov. 11, 2011. As the world's leading manufacturer and marketer of major home appliances, we have played an integral role in home and family life during the last century. For 100 years, we have sought innovative ways to improve cooking, cleaning, refrigerating and storing by focusing on one person, one family, one community at a time. Pictured are Karl's Founder and President, Elmer Karl along with Karl's Chief Executive Officer Chuck Wolkow accepting a 100 Year Celebration framed certificate from Whirlpool Corporations representative Jason Kaschiske. Congratulations Whirlpool on 100 years.

Yankton Rural AHEC To House Regional National Disaster Life Support Training Center

The National Disaster Life Support Foundation (NDLS), a division of the American Medical Association (AMA), approved the Yankton Rural Area Health Education Center (Yankton Rural AHEC) as the Regional Training Center for Upper Midwest. The NDLS was created in response to the 2001 terrorist attack on the US in an effort to better prepare healthcare professionals, emergency response personnel, and others for mass casualty incidents.

"Our goal with this training center is to provide best practice emergency preparedness education to healthcare professionals and other community members in rural South Dakota," explains Kass Youmans, Program Manager for Rural Experiences for Health Professions Students (REHPS), a Yankton Rural AHEC program. "Being designated as a training center allows us to certify individuals throughout South Dakota and neighboring states."

By collaborating with the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine, the South Dakota Department of Health (DOH), and the South Dakota State Medical Association (SDSMA), the Yankton Rural

AHEC is able to provide training at no cost to college students entering healthcare careers. In 2011, nearly 400 students received training and in 2012 an additional 350 students will be trained. "By having a well trained cadre of NDLS instructors", says Matt Owens, MD, Redfield, SD and Medical Director for the Yankton Rural AHEC, "we are able to help students realize they can return to practice medicine in a rural community and still have the support of an up-to-date emergency response system."

Two divisions of the SD DOH, the Office of Rural Health (ORH) and the Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, are actively involved in the oversight of the NDLS Upper Midwest Regional Training Center.

Yankton Rural AHEC's proactive approach includes funding NDLS Instructor Course training for a cadre of ten professionals, including a dentist, trauma surgeon, physician assistant student, employees from the DOH, and ORH Simulation in Motion-South Dakota (SIMSD) mobile trainers. This group will serve as trainers for the Regional Training Center for the upper Midwest.

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