

Yankton P.D. Promotions Announced

The Yankton Police Department would like to announce the promotion of Detective Todd Brandt and Corporal Mike Burgeson to the rank of Lieutenant. This promotion occurred with the ongoing restructure of the department.

Detective Brandt started his career with YPD in 1996 having spent the prior 2 years working in the Jail. He progressed from Patrolman, Corporal and is presently serving as one of three detectives with the department. Detective Brandt was selected Officer of the Year in 2001 by the Yankton Lions club.

Corporal Burgeson started his career with YPD in 1995, having prior law enforcement experience with Milbank. P.D. Corporal Burgeson also holds the position of Command Sergeant Major in the Army National Guard.

Corporal Burgeson is currently the department's DARE coordinator.

Brandt HSC's December Employee Of Month

Stacie Brandt is being honored as the December Employee of the Month at the South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC), Yankton, South Dakota, announced Pam Van Meeteren, CNP, Interim Administrator.

Brandt graduated from Yankton High School and attended Black Hills State University.

Brandt has 17 years of service to the State of South Dakota. Throughout her career, Brandt has worked with HSC's Geriatric and Acute Programs. She currently works as a Mental Health Aide with the Adult Acute Program, serving the night shift on the Aspen 2 treatment unit.

Colleagues recognized Brandt for meeting all of the Pillars of Character Counts including: Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Respect, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Colleagues honored Brandt for supporting new employees, being a great resource, willingly covering extra shifts, and for her kindness in serving patients.

Brandt and her husband Paul, of Yankton, have two daughters: Ashley and Emily. Brandt is the daughter of Hadley Gilbertson of Yankton, and the late Carol Gilbertson.



Brandt

DSU Names New Development Director

The Dakota State University Office for Advancement has named a new Director of Development/Capital Campaign Director.

Christine Tudor, former Director of Major and Planned Giving at Mount Marty College in Yankton, began her duties at DSU Nov. 23.

At DSU, Tudor will be responsible for all fundraising duties associated with planned and major gifts, annual giving, and the ongoing capital campaign. Tudor has 26 years of experience in development work including capital campaigns. She has also worked with alumni association supervision and strategic planning.

"Christine's experience and skill set adds a new level to our office," says Judy Payne, Vice President for University Advancement at DSU. "She has experience working with donors at all levels of giving, from the annual fund to planned gifts. Her expertise will serve us well as we move forward with the capital campaign."

Tudor was at Mount Marty from January 2000 through October 2011. She is a graduate of Wayne State College in NE, where she began her career in advancement. "Wayne resembles Dakota State in that it started as a normal school, and then became a teachers' college. It is the similarity of the two that attracted me to Dakota State and that I think will serve me well as I assimilate to the position at DSU," says Tudor.

She was president of the Nebraska Independent College Foundation in Omaha, Neb., before becoming the Director of Development at Joslyn Museum in Omaha. Tudor is a board member of the Nebraska Partnership for Philanthropic Planning.

Delforge Joins Viborg Medical Clinic Staff

VIBORG — Yankton native, Whitney Delforge, Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP), will start seeing patients at the Viborg Medical Clinic beginning Dec. 27.

Whitney, her husband Dan and their five-month old son, Henry, recently moved back to Yankton to be near family and raise their son. Her parents are Donna and Mark Yonke, Yankton.

Whitney is eager to start her position with Pioneer Memorial and commented, "I am excited to be seeing patients in a small town community and have the opportunity to treat the whole family. My mother was a nurse when I was growing up, and I always respected her knowledge and caring ways in raising her family."

Whitney spent four years working as a nurse in the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) at St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Ill. She also has been a float nurse with the Methodist Medical Group in Peoria.

"Working with critically ill infants in the NICU helped me realize the importance of health promotion for pregnant women," said Whitney. "Taking care of mom is the first step in having a healthy baby. In my last position I was not able to practice this philosophy. Caring for the whole family became part of the inspiration for me to further my education and earn my certification as a nurse practitioner."

Her services will include acute and chronic health management, disease prevention and health promotion, wellness, DOT and sports physicals, prenatal check-ups, pediatrics, and women's health.

Whitney earned her BSN, Bachelor of Science in nursing, at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind., and her MSN, Master of Science in nursing, at Indiana State University. She received her American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) Certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner in 2011.

When not busy with work, Whitney enjoys spending time with family, watching football, traveling, and reading. She has a new interest in photography, with her son as her favorite subject.



Delforge

263 Join Kolberg-Pioneer For 'Breakfast With Santa'

Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. (KPI-JCI) continued its annual "Breakfast with Santa," this year Dec. 3, bringing in more than 260 company employees and their children to see Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Breakfast with Santa, which was held this year at Minervas in Yankton, began in 1998 and has grown to include as many as 400 participants over the years. This year, attendees were greeted at the door by Mrs. Claus, played by Marcy Brown, accounts payable processing leader for Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. (KPI-JCI). A buffet breakfast was served, and shortly thereafter Santa appeared, allowing each child to sit on his lap and providing presents to all.

Curt Peterka, advertising manager for KPI-JCI and Astec Mobile Screens who has played Santa Claus since its inception, said playing Santa has grown to be the highlight of his year.



"When the company first asked me to be Santa, I was a little nervous because of the large number of children," Peterka said. "But that feeling went away as soon as I looked into those lit-

tle innocent eyes that are so full of excitement because they are able to talk with Santa. Sure, some of the kids are kind of naughty, but the majority of them are all little angels."

Mount Marty College Announces New Staff

In an effort to streamline the organizational structure and also increase the presence of marketing and communications, Mount Marty College has recently undergone some reform. Several new positions were created to support the campus. These exciting changes went into effect Nov. 1.

Within the organization, Paula Tacke was promoted to the position of Vice President for Marketing and Admissions. Tacke has been with Mount Marty College for the past two years working as the Director of Admissions and also previously served MMC in an admissions capacity for nearly 23 years along with being a graduate of MMC.

"Paula's knowledge of Mount Marty College and admissions made her a perfect candidate to take on the added responsibility of the marketing area. She sees the whole picture and Mount

Marty will benefit from her oversight in these areas," stated MMC President Dr. Joseph Benoit.

The organization also added a Chief Information Officer position, a Chief Advancement Officer position, a Director of Institutional Research and Grants, a Media Relations Director and an Events Coordinator.

"These new individuals will work collaboratively to better address the current information technology, institutional reporting, friend-raising, as well as the fundraising needs of the college," added Dr. Benoit.

The new positions include: • Chief Information Officer — Edward Koster. Koster relocated from Sioux City where he was the Director of Information Systems at Western Iowa Tech Community College. With a background of nearly 11 years of information technology experience, Koster is

poised to lead the MMC IT Department.

• Chief Advancement Officer — Barbara Rezac. Rezac comes to Mount Marty College after spending nearly the last 13 years working within the Yankton Catholic community. Her experience with program development and her educational background will offer abundant insight to the new position. She will begin work with Mount Marty College in January.

• Director of Institutional Research and Grants — Kristy Welker. With a background in grants stemming from her work with District III in Yankton, Welker brings experience and strong organizational skills to MMC. Having the ability to analyze, research and prioritize multiple projects Welker will be a successful addition to the institution in this capacity.

Joe Vig, president of KPI-JCI and Astec Mobile Screens, said the employee appreciation event is a way to connect with employees and their families and thank them for a year of hard work.

"Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. is fortunate to have hundreds of talented employees that work extremely hard to make the company a worldwide leader in manufacturing equipment for the aggregate, construction, paving and recycling industries," Vig said. "This is a way for us to reach out to not just the employees, but their families, and provide them with some holiday cheer."

For more photos from the event, please visit Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. (KPI-JCI)'s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kpi-jci. To learn more about the company, please visit www.kpijci.com.

Nettleman Vice President For Health Affairs At USD

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota announced today that Mary Dekker Nettleman, M.D., M.S., M.A.C.P., has been named Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean of the Sanford School of Medicine effective April 2, 2012. Her appointment is subject to confirmation by the South Dakota Board of Regents.

Nettleman, a nationally-recognized expert in several areas, including epidemiologic and health outcomes research, has served as Chair of the Department of Medicine at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine since 2003. Previously, she served as Associate Dean for Primary Care and Division Chief for General Internal Medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University, and prior to that, she was a member of the faculty at the University of Iowa College of Medicine.

"Dr. Nettleman's qualifications and experience in health care and health education guarantees the tradition of excellence at the Sanford School of Medicine and School of Health Sciences will continue," stated James W. Abbott, USD President.

A Master of the American College of Physicians, a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha honorary medical society, and a recipient of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Shepard Award for Excellence in Scientific Achievement, Nettleman has repeatedly been listed among the "Best Doctors in America." Her primary research focus is women's health and she is



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currently the principal investigator on a multimillion dollar National Institute of Health grant, "Building Interdisciplinary Research in Women's Health." She also serves on the Board of the Association of Professors of Medicine.

Nettleman, a graduate of Vanderbilt Medical School, completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in infectious diseases at Indiana University. Nettleman earned her master's degree in preventive medicine/epidemiology from the University of Iowa.

"I am excited to be joining USD as Vice President of Health Affairs and Dean of the Sanford School of Medicine," Nettleman said. "I especially look forward to working with the excellent faculty and students who have given the program a reputation for excellence."

Nettleman becomes the 14th dean of the medical school, succeeding Rodney R. Parry, who has served as dean on an interim basis since retiring from the position last June. During Parry's tenure, the medical school developed a new pediatrics residency program, the School of Health Sciences was created, the state-of-the-art Lee Medical Building was built in Vermillion and a Clinical Skills and Simulation Center on the Sioux Falls Medical School campus is scheduled for completion in 2012.

USD's Larson Elected To NLN Board Of Governors

VERMILLION — June Larson, associate dean of the University of South Dakota's School of Health Sciences and a national leader in nursing education, has been elected by the National League for Nursing (NLN) membership to serve on the Board of Governors for a three year term through 2014.

She was installed as a governor during the annual business meeting at the NLN Education Summit in Orlando, Fla. NLN promotes excellence in nursing education to build a strong and diverse nursing workforce to advance the nation's health.

Larson was named associate dean of the USD's School of Health Sciences in 2009, having been steadily promoted since she first joined USD as an instructor of nursing in 1980. She served as chair of the department of nursing from 1998-2009, leading the program to achieve status as a NLN Center of Excellence (COE) in nursing education. Larson is a national consultant to other nursing programs regarding curriculum and accreditation.

In 2005, she became a Certified



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Nurse Educator and was elected to the NLN Nursing Education Advisory Council in 2006. In 2008, Larson was inducted into the NLN's Academy of Nursing Education, highlighting her contributions to the field. Other honors include the Pioneer in Nursing Award from the South Dakota Nurses Association (2008) and the YWCA Tribute to Women (2009). A past president of the South Dakota Board of Nursing, Larson is currently the board's vice president.

USD's School of Health Sciences has nine programs offering bachelor of science degrees in alcohol and drug studies, dental hygiene, health sciences, medical laboratory science, nursing, and social work; an associate of science degree in nursing; master of science degrees in occupational therapy and physician assistant studies; master of social work; master of arts in addiction studies; and a doctorate of physical therapy degree.

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