

BUSINESS DIGEST

Ellis Recognized By Rural Development

Janette Ellis, a credit counselor with Consumer Credit Counseling Service was recently recognized for her outstanding service in partnering with USDA Rural Development.

"Janette has done an outstanding job in partnering with our Rural Development Office located in Yankton," said South Dakota Rural Development State Director Elsie M. Meeks. "She makes every effort to assist families who want to become homeowners. Her dedication towards others has not gone unnoticed."

Ms. Ellis promotes USDA Rural Development programs at Homebuyer Education seminars and refers potential applicants to our office. In addition, she counsels applicants who are denied to turn their adverse credit rating around so they too can purchase a home and become a successful homeowner.

"Janette has many great attributes. She takes initiative, promotes programs, and genuinely cares for her clients," said Alyssia Sturm, Counseling Outreach Manager for Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota.



Ellis

Nielsen Honored As HSC Employee Of Month

Cec Nielsen has been honored as the July Employee of the Month at the South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC), Yankton, South Dakota, announced Cory D. Nelson, MPA, Administrator / CEO.

Nielsen graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing from Mount Marty College, Yankton. She worked at an area nursing home for ten years, before beginning employment at HSC in 1985. Nielsen currently works with the HSC Adolescent Treatment Program.

The Employee of the Month award nominations submitted on Nielsen's behalf praised the way she meets all the pillars of Character Counts, which include trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Staff honored Nielsen for her decades of outstanding service, her professional nursing skills, and her commitment to excellence in patient care.



Nielsen

Scott Larsen Joins First National Bank

First National Bank South Dakota is pleased to announce the addition of Scott Larsen as a Business/Ag Banker in their Yankton market. Larsen will be responsible for business development and relationship management of commercial and ag banking activities in Yankton and the surrounding region.

Larsen graduated from South Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Science in Agri-Business and Animal Science, as well as from the University of South Dakota with a Master of Business Administration.

Previous to joining First National Bank South Dakota, Larsen worked in the Governor's Office of Economic Development in Pierre. A native of the Viborg area, Larsen is excited to be back in southeastern South Dakota and working with area businesses and ag producers.



Larsen

Gellerman Joins Tastefully Simple Company

Lisbeth Gellerman of Yankton has become an independent consultant with Tastefully Simple Inc., a national direct sales company featuring more than 60 delicious, easy-to-prepare foods.

As an independent business owner, Gellerman offers delicious food samples at home taste-testing parties, along with easy ideas for everyday meals, recipes, serving suggestions and fun. All of Tastefully Simple's products are open-and-enjoy or can be prepared by adding only one or two ingredients.

"In today's world, 'staying in' has become the new 'going out!' You don't have to leave home to enjoy wonderful food, fun and laughter with your family and friends," says Jill Blashack Strahan, Tastefully Simple Inc. founder and CEO. "That's why we're proud to offer great experiences, easy-to-prepare products and an exciting business opportunity for people who are looking for something more."

For more information about Tastefully Simple products, taste-testing parties or starting your own Tastefully Simple business, contact Lisbeth Gellerman at lgellerman@hotmail.com.

MMC Senior Is Named Ranger Of The Week

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Gavins Point Dam named Hector Diaz, South Sioux City, Neb., Ranger of the Week during the week of June 17, 2010.

Diaz will be a senior at Mount Marty College, where he is majoring in recreation management with a minor in business administration. His duties as a ranger include working at the Lewis and Clark Visitors Center, organizing programs for junior rangers, and interacting with guests along the Missouri National Recreational River.

Diaz is grateful for the experience and opportunity of working for the National Park Service. "Working for the National Park Service is a huge step for me," he commented.



Diaz

Workforce Development Council Announced

PIERRE – Governor Mike Rounds has appointed two new members to the South Dakota Department of Labor's Workforce Development Council (WDC), Sarah Folsland of Rapid City and Randy Hanson of Brookings. Folsland and Hanson fill the vacancies left by Patricia Kenner of Rapid City and Larry Tolzin of Menno, who recently resigned.

The WDC oversees the implementation of workforce training programs in South Dakota funded by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and administered by the Department of Labor.

Members represent various business, labor and education interests. A majority of its members are from the private sector. Other members include:

- Chairman Warren Lotsberg, Huron
- Vice Chairwoman Pat Lund, Sioux Falls
- Tom Bohnet, Yankton
- D.J. Mertens, Kennebec
- Wallace Myers, Sioux Falls
- Helen Wegner, Pierre
- Roland Benson, Aberdeen
- Cal Geis, Belle Fourche
- Shelley Stingley, Sioux Falls

Council membership also includes representatives of the state departments of Labor, Education, Human Services, Tourism and State Development, and the Board of Regents.

The WDC was formed in 1994 to plan and evaluate job training and education programs in South Dakota and to advise the governor on workforce issues. For more information, visit www.sdjobs.org.

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Junior Achievement Announces 2010-2011 Officers

Junior Achievement of Yankton is proud to announce that Deb Specht, Vision Real Estate, is serving as the Board Chair and Cory Nelson, South Dakota Human Services Center, is serving as Vice Chair for 2010-2011.

Ross DenHerder, Johnson, Miner, Marlow, Woodward, & Huff, Prof. LLC; Susie Frick, First National Bank; and Becca Parish, South Dakota Human Services Center were recently elected to the board.

Other members also serving on the board include: Bob Cappel, First United Methodist Church; Jeral Gross, First National Bank South Dakota; Tom Hausmann, SMART Training, Home Federal Bank; Carey Mitzel, Beadle Elementary School; Kathy Quinlivan, Avera Sacred Heart Health Services; and TJ Stotz, First Chiropractic Center. The Junior Achievement of Yankton Board was established in 1998.

Over 42 JA volunteers from the Yankton business community entered 33 public and private classrooms during the 2009-10 school year. These classroom volunteers served as role models and taught 738 students about personal finance, entrepreneurship, and work readiness using hands-on activities to supplement standard classroom curricula. In addition, 16 executive-level volunteers impacted 265 Yankton High School students with ethics education through a new program, JA Excelling Through Ethics.



Submitted photo
The 2010-2011 board for Yankton Junior Achievement was recently announced. Pictured are Corey Nelson, South Dakota Human Services Center, Vice Chair; Tom Hausmann, SMART Training; Jeral Gross, First National Bank South Dakota; Deb Specht, Vision Real Estate, board chair; Bob Cappel, First United Methodist Church; Kathy Quinlivan, Avera Sacred Heart Health Services; and, Becca Parish, South Dakota Human Services Center.

Economic Indicators Fall

BY RUTH MANTLEL
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WASHINGTON — Slower economic growth is expected through the fall, with moderating improvement in the industrial core of the economy and little indication that the slow improvement in the services sector will "pick up momentum," the Conference Board reported Thursday.

The index of leading economic indicators declined 0.2 percent in June, following an upwardly revised increase of 0.5 percent in May. Economists polled by MarketWatch had expected the index to fall 0.3 percent in June.

While strengths among the indicators have been widespread in recent months, June's decline slowed the six-month change to 2.6 percent for the first half of the year, compared with 5.6 percent in the second half of 2009.

A measure of current economic activity from the Conference Board was unchanged in June, after improving since November. In May, the barometer of current activity rose 0.5 percent. The indicators in this coincident index are the same ones used by the National Bureau of Economic Research to judge whether the economy is in a recession.

For the first time this year, employment made a negative contribution to the coincident index.

"Taken together, the current behavior of the composite indexes suggests that economic activity should continue to expand, but at a slower pace in the near

term," according to the Conference Board.

Five of the 10 indicators that make up the index rose in June, with the largest positive contribution from the interest rate spread. The other four indicators that rose were: real money supply, building permits, index of consumer expectations and manufacturers' new orders for consumer goods and materials.

Four of the 10 indicators fell, with the largest negative contribution from average weekly manufacturing hours. The other three indicators with negative contributions were: index of supplier deliveries, stock prices and average weekly initial claims for unemployment insurance.

Manufacturers' new orders for nondefense capital goods were steady.

The three indicators making positive contributions to the coincident index were: personal income less transfer payments, industrial production, and manufacturing and trade sales. Employees on nonfarm payrolls made a negative contribution.

Elsewhere Thursday, the National Association of Realtors estimated that resales of U.S. homes fell 5.1 percent in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.37 million. Also, the Labor Department reported that the number of people submitting initial applications for state unemployment insurance benefits jumped 37,000 to stand at a higher-than-expected 464,000, according to the most recent weekly data.

Discover Scholars To Present 2010 Research Projects At U.

VERMILLION, S.D. – The University of South Dakota's U. Discover 2010 Undergraduate Research Scholars will present results from their summer research projects during a poster session on Monday, July 26 at the atrium of the Andrew E. Lee Memorial Medicine and Science Building.

The event will be held in conjunction with the Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) Fellows poster session, which is from 5 to 7 p.m. and includes more than 70 posters on display. The poster session is free and open to the public.

Under the direction of Keith Robinson, Ph.D., associate professor of philosophy, U. Discover is a program that sponsors USD undergraduate students who conduct research projects with faculty mentors during the summer. U. Scholars are listed along with their majors: Frank DePaula (biology/Spanish) of Vermillion; Nolan Goetzinger (English/philosophy) of Rapid City, S.D.; Max Grandi (biology) of Tabor, S.D.; Justin Johnson (biology) of Omaha, Neb.; Aubrey Jones (chemistry) of Mitchell, S.D.; Teniesha Kessler (English) of Castana, Iowa; Kayla Konkol (education) of Custer, S.D.; Marie Koster

(biology) of Yankton, S.D.; Mara Lindokken (communication studies) of Sibley, Iowa; Margaret Schuneman (biology/psychology) of Milbank, S.D.; and Kendra Van Nyhuis (music) of Vermillion. Research topics to be displayed include a study of influenza virus infections, improving safety in the chemistry classroom, the life and work of the poet Charles Bukowski, college student spending in South Dakota, causes of cardiovascular disease, cataloging and analyzing East Asian flutes, and more.

The 10-week U. Discover program featured weekly meetings with workshops and presentations from guest speakers to help U. Discover Scholars present their research professionally. Coordinated by the Undergraduate Research Council and open to all undergraduate students who must complete a competitive application process, U. Discover is committed to promoting undergraduate research and creative scholarship at The U in all disciplines. In addition to the July 26 poster session, U. Discover Scholars will present their research at regional and national venues, including IdeaFest at The U.

Downtown Yankton Set For Hot Dog Days

Historic Downtown Yankton's Crazy Fun Hot Dog Days & Classic Car Show will be held on Saturday, July 31, running from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Spend an afternoon strolling the streets of Historic Downtown Yankton viewing the many classic cars, focusing on the aesthetically pleasing architecture and shopping at the many stores filled with unique gifts as well as items for everyday use. Free hot dogs will be served by the Yankton Boys & Girls Club from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the downtown area. Drinks, chips and popcorn will also be available.

Historic Downtown Yankton is seeking vendors to display and sell their items at this event. There will be no registration fee, but pre-registration is necessary.

For more information or to pre-register, contact Hanna Michels-Sitting Crow at (605) 760-4636 or e-mail yhrd@w.net.

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8:15 Jake Kidney
8:45 Yankton Garden Club

Thursday, July 29
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8:15 Yankton Chamber of Commerce

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