

MMC Announces Krause As Interim President

From P&D Staff Reports

Mount Marty College is turning to a familiar face to temporarily take the reins of the school. Late Monday afternoon, Sister Jeanne Weber, chair of the Mount Marty College Board of Trustees, announced the appointment of Dr. Carrol Krause of Rapid City as interim president of the college. He replaces Dr. James Barry,

whose resignation was announced last Friday. Krause served as MMC's interim president in 2001-2002 after Mark Hurtubise was let go by the school and prior to Barry's hiring. Krause has served as the executive director of the Nebraska College System, Commissioner of Higher Education for the state of Montana, Associate

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SOUTH DAKOTA BUDGET

Lawmakers Still Not Close On Bill

House, Senate Now Down To Last Scheduled Day Of Legislative Session

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PIERRE — With only a day left in South Dakota's scheduled legislative session, lawmakers appeared Monday to be a long way from a deal on the state budget. Legislative leaders had hoped the Joint Appropriations Committee could consider amendments and approve the spending bill late Monday so the House and Senate could pass a budget Tuesday. But the committee met

for only an hour Monday, approving some changes but delaying consideration of any major spending cuts for the budget year that begins July 1. Appropriations Committee leaders said they still planned to get the budget to the House and Senate for votes sometime Tuesday. Senate Appropriations Chair Jean Hunhoff, R-Yankton, said lawmakers will not approve all the budget cuts proposed by the Republican majority a few weeks ago. Residents statewide have told lawmakers they do not want some

programs cut, she said. Hunhoff said the Legislature will have to cut some spending, but lawmakers want to make sure those cuts are fair and balanced. House Appropriations Chair Larry Tidemann, R-Brookings, said budget negotiations continued late Monday, but he believed the committee was on track to produce a spending plan.

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S.D. LEGISLATURE

State Wind Project Tax Refund Veto Overturned

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PIERRE — A bill modifying South Dakota's tax refund program for wind farm development will become law despite Gov. Mike Rounds' veto.

The House voted 49-19 and the Senate voted 33-0 on Monday to override the governor's veto of the measure, which gives special tax refunds to construction projects involving the generation of electricity from wind.

"We need to let that industry know that we do support that activity in our state, and welcome it," said Rep. Val Rausch, R-Big Stone City.

The Republican governor and lawmakers of both parties have worked to reform South Dakota's refunds for large construction projects. They are intended to encourage industrial projects, agricultural processing facilities and other endeavors to come to South Dakota, but lawmakers want to limit the refunds to keep more money in the state treasury.

"This will carve out about \$8 million, as we go forward into the future, of revenue that we will not get," House appropriations chair Rep. Larry Tidemann, R-Brookings, said in support of Rounds' veto.

Until now, state law gave back varying percentages of sales taxes and contractor's excise taxes paid when projects such as wind farms, ethanol plants or pipelines are built. Current law gives tax refunds of 90 percent to projects costing \$600 million or more.

In his veto message, Rounds

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Yankton School Board hopefuls, from left, Terry Winter, Jim Fitzgerald and Chris Specht field questions on education issues during an interchange candidate forum held Monday at the Waterfront Grill.

Yankton School Board Candidates Debate Funding Issues, Values At Forum

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Three candidates with very different personal histories — one a retired long-time teacher, another a business owner and chiropractor services, and the other a health care administrator — addressed the issues facing local education, during a school board candidate forum held Monday at the Waterfront Grill.

The Interchange group hosted incumbent Chris Specht, Terry Winter and Dr. Jim Fitzgerald for a discussion on issues ranging from a possible opt-out to balancing extracurricular activities and school work, to keeping kids in school.

"I have enjoyed my years of service on the Yankton School Board and feel that we have done a lot of good things," Specht said. "I think we, as a board and school district, will always face challenges, we just need to keep striving to improve."

One question raised was would the candidate support an opt-out. All three candidates indicated that if it became an option of reducing the quality of education provided or supporting an opt-out, they would support asking for higher tax levies on property in the district.

"We must find a way to maintain our current level of education without further cuts," Winter said. "We need to do everything we can to main-

tain the school at the current level. We must find ways to economize within the district, but if every avenue had been explored and the only option left was to go to the taxpayers and ask for an opt-out, yes, I would support it."

Fitzgerald pointed out that the shortfalls that community schools in the state are seeing are not because the districts are not trying to be fiscally responsible. But rather, the state and federal governments have put them in the position where 90 out of 165 districts in the state have had to ask for further help from their constituents.

A similar question addressed the benefits of activities when looking at the expenses the school faces to support them.

"(YSD) has a budget of more than \$17 million," Specht said. "Of that \$17 million, only \$500,000 is directly related to activities. I think we would have a hard time cutting any activity. However, I don't think it is wise to be adding new activities at this time, which is why I voted against adding soccer as a sanctioned sport at this time."

Winter said he believes all activities, from drama to sports, are important but they must be funded equitably. He also pointed out that it is necessary to consider that adding more activities may water down the pool of students available for existing programs.

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Area Lutheran Church Votes To Leave ELCA

East Lake Andes Joins LCMC

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ARMOUR — A rural Armour church will celebrate Holy Week as part of a new body.

East Lake Andes Lutheran voted Sunday to leave the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The decision came in opposition to the ELCA's approval of clergy in committed same-sex relationships.

At the same meeting, the congregation voted to join a national association known as the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). The action takes effect this week.

The parishioners voted 50-8 to leave the ELCA and 49-9 to join a different Lutheran church body, in this case the LCMC, said church council president Mike Bryant.

Sunday marked the second of two required votes before a congregation withdraws from the ELCA. The two votes must occur at least 90 days apart.

During the 90-day period, parishioners met with Bishop David Zellmer of the ELCA South Dakota Synod. He outlined the process for withdrawing from the synod, which has about 123,000 members.

"Originally, we had boiled it into one resolution that passed 46-13, but the bishop talked to us after that," Bryant said. "He wanted it as two separate resolutions, so we made the separate one for LCMC."



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Sunday's resolutions passed by wide margins, showing solid majority support, Bryant said.

"It's pretty immediate," he said. "All that is left is notification of the ELCA, and I

am working to confirm that we are members of the LCMC."

In anticipation of Sunday's action, East Lake Andes Lutheran sent an application beforehand to the LCMC seeking membership contingent on the final vote.

"The LCMC is a done deal. We sent out a certified letter (Monday), so it takes effect on Wednesday of this week," Bryant said. "We coordinated (the action) to make sure that we did not have a gap in our tax-free status (after leaving the ELCA)."

The LCMC offers an association of churches agreeing on a central belief, or confession, Bryant said.

"It happens to fit our congregation well," he said. "We are a very independent, self-service kind of church. Everyone has a role to fill. There is a lot of involvement needed to take care of business within the church."

The LCMC also allows the ordination of women, which is important to East Lake Andes Lutheran, Bryant said.

East Lake Andes Lutheran members did not feel they could accept the Churchwide Assembly's adoption last August of the ELCA's 10th Social Statement on human sexuality, Bryant said. The statement

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Munsterman Stresses Ag Importance

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Creative business planning will be necessary to keep small farm operations plowing into the future, according to a South Dakota gubernatorial candidate.

Scott Munsterman, a chiropractor and the former mayor of Brookings, discussed his vision for the agricultural industry with local producers, an implement dealer and the operator of a farmer's market during a visit to Yankton Monday.

The Republican candidate said available credit is needed to allow people who want to take over family farms to do so. Small farm operations are crucial for the state's economic future, Munsterman stated.

"When you look at the consolidation of agriculture, it means less for a lot of different people," he said. "You're still getting the same output in terms of the ag products, but you're getting less business. We want our small businesses to grow in this state. We want our small communities to grow in this state and thrive. The ag sector really depends on that."

That message was reinforced Monday afternoon as Munsterman visited with Jon Gunderson, who farms 11 miles east of Yankton and operates "Gundy's Farmers Market."

Standing in the building just north of the intersection of Eighth and Summit streets that houses the farmers market, Gunderson said he believes good food produced by his family and others involved in the "Buy Fresh Buy Local" movement is crucial to the good health of the nation.

"Keep fighting for the little guy," Gunderson said. "We've got a battle on our hands. Agriculture



Republican gubernatorial candidate Scott Munsterman, left, discusses agricultural issues with local producer Jon Gunderson at Gunderson's farmer's market facility in Yankton Monday afternoon.

is going in the wrong direction. It's getting bigger and bigger. They want to farm so big and push the little guy right out."

Munsterman expressed hope that one day Gunderson and other small farmers will be able to regularly supply schools and grocery stores with food.

"It's amazing what that can mean for the local economy," he said.

South Dakota needs to encourage the finishing of more ag products in the state to create more economic opportunity, Munsterman added.

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