

Steven Pietila Joins First Dakota Team

Larry Leet, Senior Vice President & Manager of First Dakota National Bank Trust & Investments, announces the addition of Steven Pietila, Trust Officer.

Pietila holds a Bachelor of Science degree from South Dakota State University in Brookings.

Pietila was previously a Financial Representative for Thrivent Financial in Yankton. He is an active member of the Yankton community, serving as a board member of the following organizations: Junior Achievement, Little League Baseball, the Yankton County Historical Society, and the Yankton Area Community Foundation. He is a member of the Elks Lodge, Sertoma Club, and the First United Methodist Church. In his spare time, he enjoys officiating football games and volunteering with other youth sports.

Pietila lives in Yankton with his wife, Mikael.

First Dakota was founded in 1872 and holds the first bank charter issued in all of Dakota Territory. It has 16 full-service banking locations in 12 South Dakota cities. It also has six loan production offices throughout South Dakota and Nebraska.



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Vermillion Robotics Teams Shine At SDSU Competition

The Vermillion High School and Middle School Robotics teams competed recently at the SDSU BEST Robotics Competition at the Swiftel Event Center in Brookings. They were amazing! All the student's hard work (HS team logged 90+ preparation hours in 6 weeks) and dedication paid off in a big way for them! They competed against 20 high and middle school teams from SD/MN/IA including teams from Brookings, Watertown, Aberdeen, Harrisburg, Sioux Falls, Mitchell and Madison.

In the ROBOTICS-ONLY competition, here is how they placed:

- Vermillion High School, 1st place seeding rounds, 1st place semi-final rounds, 1st place final rounds
- Vermillion Middle School, 2nd place seeding

rounds, unknown placing semi-final rounds, 3rd place final rounds (AMAZING for JR HIGH YOUTH competing against HS teams!)

There were 15 teams competing in the BEST competition. The Vermillion Middle School team did not complete in the BEST competition.

- Vermillion High School, 5th place BEST competition (company organization/engineering notebook/marketing presentation/exhibit booth/spirit and sportsmanship).

Both teams have qualified to compete in the Northern Plains BEST Regional Championship in Fargo, North Dakota, on December 4-6, 2014 at the Fargo Civic Center. They will compete against students from several other states.

Toastmaster Honor



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Toastmasters International presented Fran Kocer, Wagner, with an Advanced Communicator Bronze Award for completing ten additional speeches from two Advanced Speaker manuals. This award comes upon the heels of Kocer's recognition as a Competent Communicator. Kocer has been a member of Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters Club 6217 since 2009. His membership has increased his awareness of unusual words and interesting phrases. Kocer agrees that speakers who "hem and haw" will become acutely aware of their speaking problem and will also find the cure through Toastmasters.

United Way

Celebrating #GivingTuesday

"We have a day for giving thanks. We have two for getting deals. ... Wouldn't it be great to have a day for giving back?"

So reads the website for #GivingTuesday, an initiative intended to kick off the season of giving.

This Tuesday, Dec. 2, United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton is proud to support #GivingTuesday, an alternative to Black Friday and Cyber Monday to kick off the holiday season on a charitable note. The day's founding partners, which include United Way Worldwide, hope to turn the Tuesday after Thanksgiving into a day in which we give thanks by giving back to the community and supporting efforts to improve the lives of those in need.

There is no greater gift than helping to make a difference in someone's life: You can GIVE, you can ADVOCATE, or you can VOLUNTEER - any way you contribute, you will be helping to make

our community stronger.

Thanks to your efforts and your gifts to United Way, here are just a few things accomplished this past year to improve lives in our community:

- 1,256 shelter nights were provided at the Yankton Homeless Shelter to those seeking emergency and supportive services
- 33 children received a Southeast CASA advocate, representing their voice, during an abuse or neglect case
- 13,500 packs filled with nutritious food were distributed to youth, who might otherwise experience hunger, through the Sack Pack program
- 8,400 books were distributed through the early childhood literacy program, Imagination Library, to children birth to five years old
- 44,000 meals were served to local seniors through The Center's Meals on Wheels and Food Commodities programs



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Pictured are Prof. Roger Baron, Attorney General Marty J. Jackley, and Jennifer Harvey, President, USD Student Bar Association.

Jackley Named Volunteer Of Year By USD Student Bar Association

VERMILLION — The Student Bar Association (SBA) of the University of South Dakota School of Law named Attorney General Marty J. Jackley as the recipient of the Volunteer Service Award in a ceremony on November 12, 2014 in the law school courtroom. According to Jennifer Harvey, SBA president, Jackley was chosen because of his dedication to and support of the law school and his efforts to personally educate students pursuing a law degree without cost to the school.

Law Professor Roger Baron wrote one of the nomination letters recommending Jackley for the award. "I am amazed at Marty's willingness to always give the law school a high priority on his agenda," Baron said. "He has rendered himself to be of utmost service to us and he is de-

serving of this award."

Jackley had been a guest lecturer in Baron's Civil Procedure class annually since 2006 and he has assisted several students in securing internships with both the South Dakota Attorney General's Office, as well as the U.S. Attorney's Office. "Marty has probably single-handedly been responsible for finding more internships and jobs for our students than any other person I know," Baron said.

Marty Jackley was recently elected to his second term of office as South Dakota's Attorney General, receiving 82% of The SBA Volunteer Service Award has been presented annually since 2009. Previous award winners include Arthur Rusch, Eric Schulte, Clint Sargent, and Susan Sabers.

First Dakota Bank Gives To MMC Master Of Education Program

First Dakota Bank recently donated funds towards scholarships for the Mount Marty College Master of Education program. The donation of \$20,000 will be available for teachers currently teaching in Yankton schools, both public and private, and will be for \$1,000 a year for the duration of the two year program.

Mount Marty College Master of Education program director, Debbi McCuin, PhD., is excited about this opportunity for Yankton area teachers. "The generosity of First Dakota Bank is going to positively impact the teaching community here in Yankton. Not only does it take some of the financial burden off of students enrolling in the program, but it also helps to increase the level of preparation of those that are delivering education to the youth of Yankton on a daily basis."

The First Dakota Masters Scholars program is available to students enrolling in the 2015-17 Mount Marty College



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Pictured are, from left: Barb Rezac, Celia Miner, Larry Ness and Debbi McCuin.

program cohort. To be eligible a student must currently be teaching in the Yankton community, whether it be in a public or private setting, and the scholarship is awarded on a first come, first served basis until funds are depleted.

For more information on

the Mount Marty College Master of Education program visit www.mtmc.edu/masterED or contact program director, Debbi McCuin, PhD. at deborah.mccuin@mtmc.edu.

Anthropology Students From USD Receive Historical Society Award

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota's Anthropology Department announced recently that five undergraduate students have been chosen to receive the South Dakota State Historical Society Award for student service. Students Alec Anton, Aaron Mayer, Zach Nelson, Jesse Van Maanen, and Bridget Wilds were selected for their volunteer work at state archaeological sites.

The students volunteered with Mike Fosha of the South Dakota State Historical Society and Archaeological Research Center. Anton, Mayer, Nelson and Van Maanen worked on a rescue archaeology project that contained many settler burials in North Sioux City. Wilds worked on an archaeological survey at a site from the late 1800s that was slated for development.

Anton is a senior Anthropology major from Pierre, and has conducted fieldwork in Peru. This past summer, he had an internship with the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department monitoring archaeological sites.

Mayer is a graduate student from Vermillion, completing an interdisciplinary Social Sciences degree in Anthropology and Political Science. He worked with USD's Matthew Sayre, Ph.D., assistant professor of anthropology and sustainability, at the site of Chavin de Huanter in Peru. Mayer is currently analyzing paleoethnobotanical samples collected from an excavation site in Tenehaha, Peru.

Nelson is a junior from Sioux Falls, majoring in Spanish and Anthropology. Because of his previous work in Peru, he is currently working on an independent research project on ancient Peruvian Art.

Van Maanen is a senior from Yankton, majoring in Spanish, International Studies and Anthropology. She has completed fieldwork in Peru and hopes to find a career in international business upon graduation.

Wilds is a junior History and Anthropology double major from Rapid City. This past summer, she worked at the South Dakota State Archaeological Research Center on a survey of the former Rotary Park and assisted in the cleaning and sorting of recovered artifacts.

MEETINGS

KEYSTONE CHAPTER #33, OES

Keystone Chapter #33, OES, met Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Masonic Temple, Yankton. Chris Bryan, Worthy Matron, presided. Special guests who were introduced and presented included Linda Kneebone, Vermillion, Grand Ruth, and Gloma Kneebone, Vermillion, Grand Representative of Wisconsin in South Dakota.

Carol Frey gave the annual Secretary's Report. Mary Johnson gave the annual Treasurer's Report. WM Bryan gave the chapter's OES Home report.

Officers for the ensuing term were installed. WM Bryan announced our Official Visit will be Feb. 20, 2015, in conjunction with Starlight Chapter, #44, Mitchell, and will be held in their chapter room.

Refreshments were served by Sue Koepp.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 18, beginning with a

potluck supper at 6:15 p.m., at the Masonic Temple in Yankton.

TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant. President Vernon Arens called the meeting to order. He welcomed guests: Kay Thomas, Area Governor and Kristine Mosely, sister of member Teresa Rentsch. Janice Kruse gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Vernon Arens introduced Toastmaster, Jack Dahlseid who led the meeting. Roy Wilcox was introduced as Master Evaluator of the meeting. Grammarian, John Swenson gave the Word of the Day, "disparity" which means: difference. Prepared speeches were given by Steve Hamilton, who used the Competent Communications Manual "Icebreaker #12" entitled, "Hamilton Family" and

Teresa Rentsch used the Competent Communications Manual, #10, entitled "Thanksgiving History." Table Topics were led by Vernon Arens who asked members to talk about their "Favorite Thanksgivings." Participants in Table Topics were: Matt Stone, Harry Voeltzke, Janice Kruse, Doug Fickbohn, Kevin Buhl, John Swenson and Kay Thomas. Master Evaluator, Roy Wilcox, called on Janice Stone to evaluate Steve Hamilton and Jeremy Skrenes to evaluate Teresa Rentsch. Presentations were given by Grammarian, John Swenson, Timer, Kevin Buhl, Ah Counter, Matt Stone and Joke Master, Jeremy Skrenes. Doug Fickbohn was Vote Counter. Trophies were handed out to Best Speaker: Steve Hamilton, Best Evaluator: Jeremy Skrenes, Best Table Topics: Doug Fickbohn.

For more information go to <http://1294.toastmastersclubs.org>

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