

Hegge Named HSC's Sept. Employee Of Month

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



Hegge

Hegge first worked at HSC from 1998 until 2002, serving as a Mental Health Aide on the Oak Adolescent Treatment Units. In December 2009, she returned to HSC as a Mental Health Aide, serving Pine 1 Gateway Adult Chemical Dependency Program. In November 2010, Hegge was promoted to her current position as a Mental Health Technician for Willow 2 of the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program.

Colleagues recognized Hegge for meeting all of the Pillars of Character Counts including: Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Respect, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Colleagues honored Hegge for her compassionate approach to patient care, her welcoming personality and her helpfulness in assisting others.

Hegge graduated from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, where she earned a bachelors degree in Special Education.

JASD Announces Eitrem As New President

SIoux FALLS — Kayla (Bickett) Eitrem has been named president of JA of South Dakota. As president of the local JA office, Kayla will oversee a staff of nine, and manage the organization's work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy programs that currently reach more than 44,300 K-12 students in the South Dakota area.



Eitrem

"Kayla's extensive experience will be invaluable to the organization," said Steve Kirby, Bluestem Capital and Chairman of the Board of Directors of JA of South Dakota. "We are pleased to have her leading our statewide efforts. The leadership Kayla provides will help ensure the future success of JA of South Dakota."

With five years prior experience as the District Director of Junior Achievement, Kayla recently served as the Associate Director, Resource Development for the Good Samaritan Foundation. In that role, Kayla consulted with more than 100 Good Samaritan Society centers on fundraising training and goal setting. Kayla has a B.A. from Augustana College where she majored in Business Administration and Sociology. She is currently pursuing her MBA at the University of Sioux Falls.

Anderson Elected To Qualifications Commission

The Unified Judicial System is pleased to announce that Judge Bruce Anderson was recently elected by the South Dakota Judicial Conference to the Judicial Qualifications Commission. The Judicial Qualifications Commission is the constitutionally established entity that has the authority to investigate complaints against judges, investigate applicants for judicial vacancies and make recommendations to the governor concerning the appointment of new judges.



Anderson

The commission consists of two circuit court judges elected by the judicial conference, three members of the bar appointed by the president of the state bar, and two citizens selected by the governor. Judge Anderson was selected following the vacancy created by the appointment of the Honorable Lori Wilbur to the South Dakota Supreme Court.

Judge Anderson is a circuit court judge in the First Judicial Circuit and resides in Lake Andes. He has been a circuit court judge since 2006. Prior to that Judge Anderson was a magistrate judge in the First Judicial Circuit from 1995-2006. He was also previously engaged in the private practice of law and is a graduate of the University of South Dakota School of Law.

"I am honored to be selected by my colleagues to serve the judiciary and the State in this important and critical way," said Judge Anderson.

Georgia Pokorney Receives Regent's Award

Georgia C. Pokorney, Chief Executive Officer of Pioneer Memorial Hospital & Health Services in Viborg, managed facility of the Sanford Health Network, received the American College of Healthcare Executives Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Regent's Award at the 2011 South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organization's annual convention held recently in Rapid City.

The award, presented by Judy Blauwet, ACHE District Regent and Sr. Vice President of Hospital Operations/CNO at Avera McKennan Hospital and University Health Center, recognizes ACHE affiliates that are experienced in the field and have significantly contributed toward the advancement of healthcare management excellence and the achievement of ACHE goals.

Pokorney is currently responsible for administration of Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home, Pioneer Inn Assisted Living Center, Pioneer Villa Residential Apartments, and the Viborg, Parker and Centerville certified rural health medical clinics. She has a Registered Nurse background with a B.S. degree in Health Services Administration from Mount Marty College, Yankton, and a Masters of Public Health from the University of Minnesota in 1990. She obtained Credential of Services Administration from the University of Minnesota in 1990 and is a Diplomat of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Sue Stoll Named S.D. SBDC State Star

State Director Jeff Brusseau announced that Sue Stoll has been selected as the 2011 State Star of the South Dakota Small Business Development Centers (SBDC).

"I am delighted to make this announcement and to recognize Sue for her extraordinary contributions to the work of the South Dakota SBDC and entrepreneurs and small business in South Dakota," said Brusseau.

Stoll is regional director of the Small Business Development Center located in Yankton, covering 60 communities in south-central South Dakota. Stoll was chosen by the SBDC for being an outstanding performer, making a major contribution to the State SBDC program and showing a strong commitment to small business in South Dakota.

"It is an honor to accept this award," said Stoll, "and to have the opportunity, every day, to assist so many entrepreneurs achieve the dream of starting and succeeding in their own business."

America's Small Business Development Center (ASBDC) Network is a partnership uniting private enterprise, government, higher education and local nonprofit economic development organizations. It is the Small Business Administration's largest partnership program, providing management and technical assistance to help Americans start, run and grow their own businesses. With about 1,000 centers across the nation, America's SBDC network provided business consulting to approximately 200,000 clients, training for more than 400,000 attendees, and other forms of management and technical assistance to approximately 600,000 small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs last year. Learn more at www.usd.edu/sbdc.

MMC To Offer LPNs BS Nursing Degree

Mount Marty College is now accepting applications for a new LPN/ADN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program beginning in January 2012 at the Watertown campus.

With more than 50 years of BSN educational experience, Mount Marty is bringing the quality nursing program they've been offering in Yankton to students at the Watertown campus. Course work will be delivered through blended face-to-face delivery and unique online experiences. The college will be utilizing lab space at Lake Area Technical Institute for lab simulation.

Watertown Campus Director Linda Schurmann is excited about the first nursing courses available in January.

"Mount Marty College has been such an asset to the Watertown community for well over 30 years, and we are so grateful for the support of area citizens," she said. "It is excit-

ing to provide an opportunity that meets the community's needs in the area of healthcare. BSN level nursing is an absolute necessity in the increasingly complex community healthcare field. Mount Marty College's nursing program represents the highest possible quality for BSN education, and we are bringing it to Watertown.

"LPN's can advance their knowledge, patient care, and open up career opportunities by getting their BSN from Mount Marty. We predict a bright future for LPNs in Watertown as they pursue a BSN right here in our own community," said Schurmann.

LuAnn Strait, director of Institutional Relations at Lake Area Tech, is also pleased about the new program.

"The partnership that Lake Area Tech and Mount Marty College have cultivated over the years has been beneficial for both entities," she said. "The LPN to BSN program is

just one more opportunity Mount Marty has developed for our graduates. It is convenient because they can pursue their BSN degree and do so without having to leaving the area."

"We are giving students more options in nursing education to further what they've started at Lake Area Tech and we value that," said Strait.

Mount Marty will be hosting two open houses to learn more about the new LPN/ADN to BSN program at their office in Watertown. The first open house will be held Oct. 25 from 5:30-7 p.m. and the second will be on Nov. 9 from 3-7 p.m.

Prospective students may apply online at www.mtmc.edu or contact the Watertown campus at 1030 Arrow Ave., 605-886-6777 for more information. Financial aid is available.

Mount Marty College is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and the South Dakota Board of Nursing.

KPI-JCI Announces New 'The Road Connection' Campaign



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Curt Peterka, advertising manager for KPI-JCI and Astec Mobile Screens, will be one of several company employees who will travel the highways and interstates in the "Road Connection" truck to attend dealer stops, demo days, open houses and industry tradeshows. "The Road Connection" is a year-long campaign designed to demonstrate the need for infrastructure funding and generate a legislative call-to-action.

At a critical time when American infrastructure has sank from sixth best in the world to 16th in just two years, KPI-JCI and Astec Mobile Screens has announced a trailblazing campaign, "The Road Connection," which will spotlight the need for infrastructure funding and increase pressure on government to fund road construction.

KPI-JCI and Astec Mobile Screens, a premier worldwide manufacturer of heavy equipment for the aggregate and recycle markets, announced the launch of the campaign at its National Dealer Conference, held this year in New Orleans, Sept. 12-14.

"As an industry leader, we feel compelled to do our part to help secure a multi-year, federal highway bill to improve our roads and bridges," said Joe Vig, president of KPI-JCI and Astec Mobile Screens. "It is imperative that we invest in our transportation system, not only to improve our quality of life

and infrastructure, but also to put more Americans back to work."

"The Road Connection" is a year-long campaign driven by KPI-JCI and Astec Mobile Screens and supported by industry organizations. The campaign is designed to demonstrate the need for infrastructure funding and generate a legislative call-to-action.

Throughout 2011-2012, KPI-JCI and Astec Mobile Screens will travel the highways and interstates to all corners of the nation and host and attend dealer stops, demo days, open houses and industry tradeshows.

"Our goal is to partner with others to speak as one voice," Vig said. "We know that better roads and better bridges mean better business, not just for our industry, but for every industry. We hope 'The Road Connection' brings about real, positive change that will help improve the day-to-day lives of our fellow Americans."

State Agencies Offering IPER Disaster Protection Training

PIERRE — The South Dakota State Historical Society, joined by three other state agencies, is offering training to help state and local governments protect essential records before, during and after disasters.

The training — offered by the State Historical Society-Archives, Bureau of Information and Technology, Office of Emergency Management and Bureau of Administration-Records Management — will focus on records that protect the health, safety and property of residents, and those that are essential for the resumption of government operations after a disaster.

The team is participating in the Intergovernmental Preparedness for Essential Records (IPER) project, a nationwide effort to develop and deliver training to state and local governments about how to protect essential records during emergencies. The project is supported by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and conducted by the Council of State Archivists.

The IPER curriculum is based on existing National Archives training, with adaptations designed to address the requirements and circumstances unique to state and local governments. Two free webinar courses are currently open for registration:

- The Essential Records course teaches participants to identify and prioritize critical

records, assess risks to their records, and mitigate those risks to protect records. The class starts Nov. 8 and is twice a week for two weeks.

• The Records Emergency Planning and Response course will prepare participants to relate records planning to Continuity of Operations planning, develop and test a Records Emergency Action Plan, and develop a response plan to recover damaged records after an emergency. The class starts Dec. 6 and is also twice a week for two weeks.

Registration is taken on a first-come, first-served basis, with attendance limited to 30 people. The courses are approved and certified by FEMA and are recommended for FEMA's Professional Continuity Professional Level I certificate. The International Institute of Municipal Clerks will grant one Certified Municipal Clerk Experience point or one Master Municipal Clerk Advanced Education point for each course. The IPER webinars also count toward the Local Government Archives and Records Administration Certificate offered by the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators.

To learn more about the IPER Project, visit <http://www.statearchivists.org/ip> or contact Chelle Somsen at the South Dakota State Archives at (605) 773-3804 or chelle.somsen@state.sd.us.

S.D. Chamber Announces Economic Outlook Seminar

In today's competitive environment, it is more important than ever for business leaders to understand the economy of South Dakota and to understand the events that drive the situation. To help business attain these insights, the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry is presenting the fifth annual Economic Outlook Seminar.

David Owen, President of the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry, announces the upcoming "South Dakota Economic Outlook Seminar." The event will be held in Sioux Falls at 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the Holiday Inn City Centre, 100 West 8th Street.

The agenda features Dr. Ralph Brown, Economic Analysts and Associates, Vermillion, USD professor emeritus and chief advisor to the Governor's Economic Advisory Council, speaking on South Dakota and local economic projections; Dr. Sidney Goss, Professor of Sociology, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Rapid City, reviewing 2010 census figures, South Dakota demograph-

ics and the state's workforce. The keynote luncheon speaker will be Narayana Kocherlakota, President, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

The registration fee includes a continental breakfast, refreshments, lunch and all handout materials. Registration deadline is Nov. 1.

Fred Slunecka, Chief Operating Officer, Avera Health and Founding Chairman of the Economic Outlook Seminar program, stated, "In this time of economic uncertainty, providing quality speakers on important topics fits the South Dakota Chamber's mission to serve its members, as well as the statewide business community." Slunecka is also a past chair of the South Dakota Chamber Board of Directors.

The Economic Outlook Seminar is sponsored by Avera Health/Avera McKennan Hospital, First Premier Bank, Forward Sioux Falls/Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, and Sanford Health, all of Sioux Falls. To register call the South Dakota Chamber at 1-800-742-8112 or register online at www.sdchamber.biz.

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