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Krause Leaves Legacy For Colleges

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Krause

Carrol Krause answered the call twice from Mount Marty College, serving as interim president during challenging times in the college's history.

Krause didn't remain in office on a long-term basis. However, his impact became long-lasting.

"I'm not here to be a caretaker," he told the *Press & Dakotan* as he started his second interim presidency.

Krause served MMC in 2001-02 and 2010-11, guiding the campuses in Yankton, Watertown and Sioux Falls. After leaving MMC, Krause maintained his personal and professional ties with the Catholic college. He received an honorary doctorate from MMC during May 2013 com-

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A New Resource

Resource Officer Approved At Yankton School District



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Yankton School District superintendent Dr. Wayne A. Kindle holds up a folder stuff with papers showing the amount of documentation and work that has gone into the joint hiring of a school resources officer (SRO) by the district and the City of Yankton. The proposal was accepted Monday night at both the school board and the City Commission meetings, giving the go ahead to proceed with filling the SRO position.

Commission OK Resource Officer

BY ROB NIELSEN
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A vote to add a school resource officer (SRO) into the Yankton School District fell short when it came to a vote before the Yankton City Commission three years ago. However, a new plan to implement an SRO fared much better Monday night when the SRO approved a plan to use a retired Yankton police officer.

Yankton chief of police Brian Paulsen said Yankton was one of the last few municipalities of its size to lack one.

"We're the last community of our size to implement a school resource program," Paulsen said. "Do we have to be like everybody else? No, but there's still a huge benefit."

Under the plan, the department and school district would bring in a recently retired police officer that



Paulsen

would work part-time split between Yankton High School and Yankton Middle School.

Paulsen said one of the reasons for this is the experience a retired officer brings over a new hire.

"It makes a lot of sense to use retired officers," he said. "A school resource officer isn't a position that you put a new officer in. You need somebody that's

seasoned and that knows how to work and deal with all age groups."

Paulsen added the cost would be much lower due to the retired status.

"The wage is low," he said. "I say that only in the fact that it's going to be driven by their retirement and we

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Ekeren Ready To Guide Avera Toward Future

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The new regional president and CEO for the Avera Sacred Heart region said he is ready to roll up his sleeves and get to work at his new position.

"I am looking forward to looking ahead and working on a number of things that we have on the drawing board here in terms of goals for Avera Sacred Heart," Doug Ekeren said.

He has been serving as the interim CEO since June 28 and has been an administrator at Yankton's Avera Sacred Heart Hospital for the past 21 years. During this time, he has led efforts

to build relationships with area critical-access hospitals, including the purchase of two facilities and management of two others.

Because he has overseen numerous building projects that have grown Avera's reach into several outreach locations, he is no stranger to taking on big projects.

"In the time that I have been here, there have been some projects on the bricks and borders side that stand out," he said. "The Northern Lights addition, the Majestic Bluffs Campus, the Professional Office Pavilion and the surgery centers have all been planned for during the



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Doug Ekeren has had the "interim" label lifted from his job as regional president and CEO for the Avera Sacred Heart region. He replaces Pamela Rezac, who retired last June.

years I have been here."

Jay Gravholt, Avera Health director of media relations, said he is excited about Ekeren's transition.

"Doug is from the area," Gravholt said. "Having a CEO that isn't from the outside is rare."

Ekeren said that he can't take all the credit for

the expansion. Pamela Rezac, who retired this past summer after leading the hospital for 17 years, was instrumental for many of the projects.

Ekeren, a native of Gayville, and his wife, Karen, have three grown children,

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Garrity Touts His Management Expertise In Auditor's Race

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of profiles on Yankton County candidates running for office in the general election. Today, we start with the candidates for the Yankton County auditor's post. The election is Nov. 4.

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Garrity

1. What would be your three primary focuses as the auditor?

• Priority focus is to create tax levy district re-

ports, create tax levy review mapping and digitalize the auditor record system.

• Develop and implement cross-training programs for the auditor department staff. When the entire staff has an understanding how various tasks are completed it will reduce the risks of system failure.

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