

Jennifer McGinnis To Work With Staff At YMC

The Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. is pleased to announce the association of Jennifer McGinnis, CNP, MSN.

McGinnis is a graduate of the Family Nurse Practitioner Graduate Program at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mount Marty College in Yankton.

As a Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP) Jennifer McGinnis holds an advanced practice nursing degree and has undergone clinical training beyond registered nurse preparation. Her role will be to diagnose and treat a wide variety of health problems. Additionally, Nurse Practitioners focus on health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling — helping patients make wise health and lifestyle choices.

McGinnis is considered a mid-level provider similar to a Physician's Assistant (PA). Her collaborating physician is Dr. Scott Weber. The two work together to provide high-quality healthcare services to patients of all ages.

McGinnis will assist family medicine physicians Drs. David Barnes, Cammock, Hanson, Mabee and Weber, in providing comprehensive primary care.



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Jeremy Kudera Receives Board Certification

Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. is pleased to announce that orthopedic surgeon Jeremy Kudera, M.D. has been certified as a Diplomat of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery.

Dr. Kudera earned Diplomat status by passing the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery's stringent certification examination, a test of the physician's abilities in the field of orthopedic surgery. American Board of Orthopedic Surgery Diplomats must continue to demonstrate their competence in the specialty by taking recertification exams every 10 years; and continue to be active in patient care, education and research.

Dr. Kudera has been in practice at Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. since August 2010. He also has an outreach clinic at Vermillion Medical Clinic.



Kudera

Farmers Union Seeking REAL Participants

HURON — South Dakota Farmers Union (SDFU) is currently seeking participants for the organization's 2012-2013 Rural Economic And Leadership (REAL) Development Program.

The REAL Development Program is a free, comprehensive series designed and tailored for rural South Dakotans who currently serve or have a willingness to serve in a leadership role and those who want to improve their leadership abilities. Participants will receive challenging and supportive development training in personal motivation, leadership strategy, goal achievement, and community growth.

Through innovative speakers and hands-on activities, participants will develop skills that can be directly applied to their own lives. The class meets three times during a 12-month period, and each session includes a half-day Friday and half-day Saturday. The first session is scheduled for Sept. 28-29 at the SDFU State Office in Huron. Session two will be held Jan. 21-22, 2013, at Pierre, and the third and final session will be held in March 2013 at a location specified by program participants. Lodging and meals are provided free with this course. A deposit is required to secure your spot.

"We've geared our sessions toward building rural leaders in South Dakota," said SDFU Rural Development Director Mitch Fargen. "It's a hands-on experience that will help participants grow not only in their professional development but in their personal lives as well."

If you've ever wanted to serve your community by becoming a member of a board of directors for an organization, this class will teach you the skills you need to succeed. REAL is also beneficial to people who want to network with other professionals. It's a great way to meet new people and form relationships in a fun and relaxed setting. For more information on registering for the 2012-2013 REAL Development Program contact Mitch Fargen at 605-352-6761 ext. 116 or mfargen@sdfu.org

The REAL Program is funded by South Dakota Farmers Union and the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation. For more information visit www.sdfu.org.

Foundation Selected For Pilot Program

SIOUX FALLS — Startups, newly established and growing small businesses now have a new source of financing backed by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

South Eastern Development Foundation, Sioux Falls, has been funded by SBA to start making loans to qualified small businesses. Under this program, South Eastern Development Foundation will be able to loan \$1 million during the next two years at sub-market interest rates.

"This new funding vehicle provides another important tool for South Dakota small businesses," said John L. Brown II, South Dakota SBA District Director. "Economic development organizations in South Dakota do an excellent job for the state and South Eastern Development Foundation will expand on that effort with these new funds."

In 2002, South Eastern Council of Governments created the non-profit organization, South Eastern Development Foundation, to provide gap financing to new and expanding businesses. Lynne Keller Forbes, Executive Director, added, "We are glad to now offer one more source of funds to assist the small business community. This is especially important for access to capital in the Sioux Falls region where funds have become limited."

The South Eastern Development Foundation can be reached at (605) 367-5390 or visit its website at www.secog.org.

Pizza Ranch Brews Up Coffee With A Purpose

ORANGE CITY, Iowa — Expecting to serve up 2 million cups of coffee in the year ahead, Pizza Ranch has brewed up a new coffee program and partnership with Ethiopia Reads and the Tesfa Foundation.

For every pound of roasted coffee it brews, Pizza Ranch will donate 50 cents to Ethiopia Reads. These funds will go towards Ethiopia Reads' Kembata-Tembaro Literacy Initiative, a campaign to build a community library and five new learning centers for children in the Kembata-Tembaro region of Ethiopia over the next three years. This partnership will directly benefit hundreds of children and create a ripple effect that impacts their family members and communities in a positive way for generations to come.

Pizza Ranch's new coffee program was inspired by Jon Moss, chief operating officer of Pizza Ranch. Jon and his wife, Liz, adopted two boys from the Kembata-Tembaro region of Ethiopia, and through that process they discovered first-hand the need for education in this region. At the same time, they also found that some of the finest coffees in the world come from this area.

"It just seemed really natural to me that something we are using every day in our restaurants could be part of the solution to improve the lives of the people who provide our coffee," said Moss. "We are excited to be offering our guests a great cup of coffee that has a profound purpose. And with our guests' help, we will be able to give something more to the people who provided that amazing cup of coffee."

Made from 100 percent Ethiopian coffee beans sourced directly from the Kembata-Tembaro region, Pizza Ranch's new coffee offerings include Robust Blend, Hazelnut and Decaf Brew.

The new coffee is now available at all 165 Pizza Ranch locations.

Anytime Fitness To Expand, Relocate

Anytime Fitness, Yankton's only 24-hour fitness and tanning center, has announced it will soon be expanding its operations.

Brian Hoops, owner of Anytime Fitness in Yankton, Mitchell and Vermillion, has announced the Yankton Anytime Fitness gym will soon be moving out of its present location in the Yankton mall and relocating to the location currently occupied by First Fitness.

"Jim Fitzgerald approached me about relocating our gym into his location as he was considering closing First Fitness. The First Fitness location allows Anytime Fitness to expand its operations by acquiring an extra 2,000 square feet of space, which will allow Anytime Fitness to offer classes and pro-

grams such as Step classes, Zumba classes, Pilates and Yoga classes and eventually a Virtual Training room," Hoops explained.

Renovations to the First Fitness location are expected to be completed in October, and Anytime Fitness will move as soon as renovations are complete.

"We are committed to providing the best exercise experience in Yankton and this opportunity allows Anytime Fitness to offer the citizens of Yankton the best equipment, location and instruction in Yankton and the surrounding communities."

Yankton Anytime Fitness manager Lora Elliott will be assisting members of First Fitness and Anytime Fitness throughout this transi-

tion phase. During the transition phase, Anytime Fitness will be offering a free 30-day membership to anyone from the public that would like to try out the new facility.

Anytime Fitness is the world's largest 24-hour, co-ed fitness franchise. Anytime Fitness also features a national reciprocity system that allows members to work out at any facility while they're away from their home location.

Currently, Anytime Fitness has more than 2,500 territories, with a membership base of 700,000 and growing. The Anytime Fitness franchise will be celebrating its 10-year anniversary in October 2012.

SDVMA Holds Annual Meeting In Rapid City

RAPID CITY — The South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association held its 121st annual meeting at the Ramkota Convention Center in Rapid City Aug. 15-18. The meeting included continuing education opportunities for nearly 200 veterinarians and veterinary technicians, recognized outstanding accomplishments by professionals in the veterinary fields, and included the annual membership meeting.

The meeting featured sessions on companion animal, food animal, and equine medicine, and included case reports from SDSU Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Lab faculty involving current animal disease issues.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Distinguished Service Award is a newly created award to honor an individual who has brought distinction to the veterinary profession through his/her devotion to the care and well-being of animals, support for the profession, and contributions to the community. This individual exemplifies the profession, both personally and professionally, through support of veterinary medicine, research, colleagues, and/or students and through civic participation. This individual's contributions have advanced the profession and serve as an inspiration to veterinarians and the clients he serves.

The inaugural recipient of this award was Dr. Wendell Peden of Rapid City. Dr. Peden is a life member of the SDVMA and an Honor Roll member of the AVMA. He served as the SDVMA delegate to the AVMA House of Delegates for more than 30 years.

Dr. Peden is a native of South Dakota. His community service began at an early age when he achieved his rank as Eagle Scout and then served our country in World War II. He returned to do his pre-vet work at South Dakota State University. He went on to the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine where he received his DVM degree in 1953. His early practice years were spent in a large animal practice in the eastern part of the state where he and his wife raised their four children. His community service continued with church activities and time served on the local school board.

In the 1970s he moved his family to Rapid City where he went into a predominately small animal practice. He's a member of the honorary agriculture fraternity Alpha Zeta at SDSU. In 1991, the Boy Scouts awarded him their highest honor of the Silver Bearer and in 2001 the Rapid City Convention and Visitors Board made him a Black Hills Hero for his role in bringing the AABP Convention to the city.

VETERINARIAN OF THE YEAR

Dr. John Voegeli of Winner was honored as SDVMA's Veterinarian of the Year. This award is given in recognition of a colleague for their work in, and contributions to, the veterinary profession. SDVMA recognizes these contributions by awarding the Veterinarian of the Year to a veterinarian who has made significant contributions to the profession.

Dr. Voegeli is practicing at the Animal Clinic in Winner, along with Dr. C. A. Owen, Dr. Eric Heath, and Dr. Tom Covey.

Dr. Voegeli grew up on a farm in Peck, Kansas and graduated from Bishop Carroll High School in Wichita. He attended Kansas State University receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology in 1976 and his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1980. Upon graduation he began his career working with Dr. Al Pravecek at the Animal Clinic in Winner.

Dr. Voegeli served on the SDVMA Board of Directors for four years as well as Animal Industry Committees. He served on the Veterinary Medical Exam Board for six years, the last two as president. He has served on the ADRDL Advisory Board and served on practitioner's advisory boards for several pharmaceutical companies.

EMERGING LEADER AWARD

The Emerging Leader award is a new award established by SDVMA. This award is made to an SDVMA

member who graduated from veterinary school in the last 10 years and has displayed outstanding accomplishments in veterinary research, private practice, regulatory services, civic activities, and/or organized veterinary medicine. This award is intended to recognize the immense talent entering the veterinary profession in our state.

Dr. Todd Tedrow, Pierre, received the inaugural Emerging Leader Award. Tedrow is a 2002 graduate of Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. He is a native of Pierre, and worked in private practice for seven years before joining the state veterinarian's office as a staff veterinarian. He has served in and helped organized the South Dakota Reserve Veterinary Corp. He has helped develop many of the state plans in preparation for foreign or emerging disease responses. During his education, he worked as a graduate assistant and worked on a number of research projects. His leadership is not limited to his profession — he is an active member of his community, talking to area schools about careers in veterinary medicine and volunteering for Junior Achievement. An avid fisherman, he lives in Pierre with his wife and two daughters.

OUTSTANDING VET. TECHNICIAN

The Outstanding Veterinary Technician award is made to a registered veterinary technician who has provided outstanding support to veterinary medicine through dedication to the care and well-being of animals and professional knowledge and execution in service to the profession.

Becky Thyen of Watertown, this year's recipient, was nominated for her outstanding patient care and interactions with clients that go above and beyond. She has been in-



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strumental in developing and promoting new practices at the clinic, including new client information sheets, and scheduling improvements. She also has shown extraordinary care for her patients, often stopping by to help with treatment and care, especially to those animals whose owners are elderly. In addition to the fine support she provides at the office, she is very involved in her community; mentoring students at the local technical school, organizing pet walks, and volunteering for the 4-H program. Her dependability, hard work, and great relationships with clients make her a true asset to her clinic and the profession.

LIFE MEMBERS

Dr. Doug Brost, Sioux Falls; Dr. Fred Hubbard, Miller; Dr. Don Lepp, Yankton; Dr. Anna Ouverson, Madison; and Dr. Delbert Walter, Huron attained life membership status in the SDVMA for their years of practice.

BILL DAVIS AWARD

Jamie Rick, Sioux Falls, received the Bill Davis Award. This award is given annually to a sales representative of a veterinary supply company who has demonstrated an unusual degree of service and assistance to veterinarians and the veterinary profession in South Dakota.

After graduating from South Dakota State University, Jamie began his career in consumer goods for Farmland Foods. He started with Merial five years ago and has risen to be a senior sales representative for companion animal products. He provides excellent customer service to the veterinarians he helps and is also

a strong supporter of the SDVMA activities, including the summer meeting and the annual meeting.

He lives in Sioux Falls with his wife, daughter, and son. When he's not providing support and training for his clinics, you can find him coaching soccer and softball for his kids, or umpiring youth football games.

AVMA REPORT

Dr. Doug Aspros, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) president, and Dr. John Howe, District 7 representative in the AVMA, attended the meeting. Dr. Howe addressed the veterinarians on federal issues facing the practice of veterinary medicine.

ALLIANCE AUCTION

The SDVMA Alliance raised over \$8,600 in a benefit auction as part of the event. The money is used for scholarships for veterinary and veterinary technician students.

BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

The following board members were elected for the coming year: Dr. Cindy Franklin, Yankton, president; Dr. Tom Rentschler, Tea, president-elect; Dr. Todd Carr, Sioux Falls, vice-president; Dr. Christy Teets, Rapid City, secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Ethan Anders, Lodgepole, West District Representative. Other board members include Dr. Jeff Stolle, Groton, North District representative; Dr. Mark Braunschmidt, Sioux Falls, South District Representative; Dr. George Twitero, Rapid City, AVMA delegate; Dr. Chris Chase, Brookings, AVMA Alternate Delegate; and Dr. Penny Dye, Rapid City, past-president.

The 2013 SDVMA annual meeting will be held Aug. 11-14 in Sioux Falls.

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