# Women Recognized in Manufacturing Week

Many parts within a clock are needed to make it work: gears, wheels, pulleys, weights and other components are a necessity in the clock's function. Yankton is much like this clock, our numerous manufacturing plants essential in our town's operation. According to the Yankton Chamber of Commerce website www.yanktonsd.com, manufacturing is one of four top major industries in Yankton, making up over 18% of our community's workforce, more than double the national average of 9% (www.nam.org). Approximately 26 businesses in Yankton are classified as manufacturers.

Because manufacturing contributes to 10% of South Dakota's workforce, in 2014 Governor Dennis Daugaard established S.D. Manufacturing Week, celebrated the end of September culminating with National Manufacturer's Day on October 3. We celebrate the occasion this year from September 28–October 3. These events were created to raise awareness of what manufacturing does for our community and encourage other communities to participate. While manufacturing companies play an important role in our community, their employees are exceptionally vital to the success of the organization. With employees driven by Midwestern culture and strong work ethic, it's no wonder why so many manufacturing companies flourish in our territory. Behind the scenes of these complex operations are numerous dedicated, diligent women with many years of experience. Reaching out to some of our manufacturing companies in Yankton, I wanted to recognize some of the devoted women working behind the scenes.

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