

Mount Marty College since October 2002, has resigned. The Mount Marty Board of Trustees has announced the appointment of Dr. Carrol Krause of Rapid City as interim president of the college.

March 29

Sean Calhoun of Patrick Henry Middle School in Sioux Falls has won the South Dakota spelling bee competition for the second consecutive year. He will represent South Dakota at the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee in June in Washington, D.C.

Janet Moderegger the chief deputy in the Yankton County Register of Deeds Office has retired after 34 years. She will be honored at a reception this week at the Yankton County Government Center.

March 30

Charlie Battery was welcomed home today at a deactivation ceremony held at the YHS/Summit Center. This was the second time in four years that the Yankton based Charlie Battery has returned home from war. During their yearlong mission in Kuwait, the 1/147th oversaw security for the Seaport of Debarkation/embarkation. Through those efforts, massive amounts of ammunition and equipment streamed safely into Iraq and Afghanistan.

April

April 4

Actor John Forsythe has died at the age of 92. He was known as the oil baron Blake Carrington in the TV drama Dynasty for which he won two Golden Globe awards. He was also the voice of Charlie in 1970s detective show Charlie's Angels. Forsythe died at his home after contracting pneumonia.

April 5

Easter Sunday St. John's Lutheran Church parishioners also celebrated the resurrection of their building. St. John's members worshipped in their sanctuary for the first time in a year, after arson caused \$2 million damage to their church at 1009 Jackson Street. Last year's fire occurred the day before Palm Sunday.

In fact, yesterday's services were held on the one-year anniversary of the fire. The congregation had worshipped at Mount Marty College during the past year.

April 7

Brad Dykes will be the honored guest at Yankton School District 63-3 Foundation's fourth annual dinner/roast/auction that will be held this Friday at Minerva's. Matt Michels will be the master of ceremonies. Dykes retired earlier this year from HyVee.

April 8

Yankton's Chan Gurney Municipal Airport was recently named the state Office of Aeronautics' 2009 large general aviation Airport of the Year. It is the first time an airport in the large general aviation category has gotten the award in back-to-back years.

Tony Perk, manager of A'viands food service, was asked to provide 250 dozen cookies for the Capitol Centennial Celebration in Pierre this summer. He decided that it had to have a South Dakota theme. Perk approached YHS technical education teacher Brad Johnson to see if his class could fabricate a design out of metal. Brian VanDeRostyne, a senior at Yankton High School, created five theme cookie cutters. He created a coyote, state capitol building, pheasant, buffalo and an outline of the state of South Dakota.

April 10

The effort to design a logo

with which to symbolize Yankton's 150th anniversary next year has been a homecoming of sorts for one artist and an educational experience for a group of students. Several months ago, a committee to design the symbol of the city's sesquicentennial tapped Bill Johnson — Yankton native and former vice president of creative services at Sony. "The purpose is to have a logo that different organizations can use when advertising whatever they're doing for the 150th," said committee member Pam Meylor. "One of the things that I personally feel makes great art is collaboration, rather than isolation," Johnson said. "I know Shane Miner, and I'm familiar with that graphic design program that they've got up there at Mount Marty, so I pitched the idea to Pam to get these students involved in this." Miner, an assistant professor of graphic design and media arts at Mount Marty, then worked with a group of students to digitize these designs and "alter them in different ways to give them variations on a theme," he said. These designs were eventually whittled down to three, which residents will have a chance to vote on from April 12-23.

April 11

Dixie Carter, best known for her acting role in the sitcom Designing Women (1986-1993), died yesterday. Carter died in Houston, Texas, from complications from endometrial cancer, which was diagnosed earlier in 2010.

April 12

Phil Mickelson held off Lee Westwood, Tiger Woods and a host of others to claim his third Masters title over the weekend in Augusta, Georgia.

April 16

Volcano ash causes Europe flight disruptions to worsen. Ash from an erupting volcano blanketed the ground in Iceland this week and left a widening trail of grounded aircraft across Europe as thousands of planes stayed on the tarmac to avoid the hazardous cloud. Eurocontrol, the European air traffic agency, said the flight disruptions that upended travel in Europe and reverberated throughout the world would become even worse this weekend. The World Health Organization says Europeans should try to stay indoors if ash from Iceland's volcano starts raining down from the sky.

April 17

In his race to become Sioux Falls mayor, Mike Huether said he also represents his hometown of Yankton. Huether will run in the April 27 runoff election for mayor of Sioux Falls. Mike said it's also about Yankton residents who believed in him and helped him through a difficult childhood. Huether also noted exceptional people in Yankton who influence his life to this day. He spoke with tremendous pride and gratitude for a school and community that offered moral support and carried high expectations. Huether honed his leadership skills in school activities, including the Bucks athletic teams.

April 23

Five will be inducted into the YHS Fine Arts Hall of Fame on May 4th: Terry Wright, Diane Christopherson Radack, Julie Neufeld, Gary Hansen and Clayton Christopherson.

April 24

Jenny and Corey Briest Hometown Project wins national backing. Briest's Yankton home was built and furnished with \$283,000 cash and in-kind donations from around the nation. The project, believed to be the first of its kind in the country, accommodates Corey's war injuries and has become

endorsed as a national project by the Associated General Contractors of America. Besides caring for her husband, Jenny is carrying the cause for other military families through the "Wounded Warrior" project.

April 28

Yankton native Mike Huether

won the Mayor's race in Sioux Falls, SD. He graduated from Yankton High School in 1980. He will assume the mayor's office on May 17th.

April 30

Four people will be inducted into the YHS Athletic Hall of Fame on May 11. They are Dr. Robert Beilby, Dave Bitterman,

Jenni Larson Dietrich and Lance Wipf. The top receiver in Buck history, Dave Bitterman, graduated from YHS in 1977. Lance Wipf, the top shot putter in Buck history, graduated from YHS in 1993. Jenni Larson, one of Yankton's first volleyball players, graduated from YHS in 1995. Dr. Robert Bielby, a longtime contributor to YHS, and also instru-

mental in helping raise funds for Williams Field, the new track and field facility that opened in 2008.


May

May 1

Louisiana's oil spill may be five times bigger than previously thought.

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