



Custer Courthouse Dedication



Seventh Circuit's Presiding Judge, Jeff Davis, speaks to court personnel and community members gathered for the dedication ceremony of the new Custer County Courthouse on March 20, 2012.

After nearly two years of construction, the new Custer County Courthouse was completed on March 1, 2012. The dedication ceremony took place on March 20, 2012, with the courtroom and gallery filled with court personnel and

community members. The ceremony commenced with the Custer VFW Post 3442 Honor Guard's Presentation of the Flags, followed by the Custer High School All State Chorus's rendition of the National

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Welcome to the fifteenth issue of the UJS Newsletter!

Articles, information and feedback are welcome. Articles and information will be printed as space allows. Please email your information to Gloria Guericke.

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Anthem. Master of Ceremony Dave Hazeltine, Custer County Commissioner, introduced speakers Jeff W. Davis, Presiding Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit; Travis Bies, Custer County Commissioner; Gene Fennell Project Architect of Fennell Designs; and David Green, Project Manager and Director of Custer County Planning.

Presiding Judge Davis's speech captured the rich history of the Custer County Courthouse, describing its early days circa 1880 to the present, and is reproduced below.

DEDICATION OF THE CUSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Our courthouses have long served as the foundation of a community. Custer County is no exception. The original Dakota Territory Courthouse was built in 1880-1881 and served as not only the center of government, but also as a meeting place for church services, socials and community activities. The original courthouse was built from bricks made in the local kiln and was of an Italianate design. The contract was awarded to Cray and Johnson for the amount of \$10,440. It was opened in January 1881—eight years before South Dakota became a state. The left and right wings were added in 1919. A new courthouse



Presentation of the Flags by Custer VFW Post 3442 Honor Guard

was built in 1973, where we are standing today. The 1881 courthouse has served as the Custer County 1881 Courthouse Museum since 1976 and is dedicated to preserving the history of the area.

The history of this county is rich. There were three hangings in Custer County—only one of them legal. In 1878, Lame Johnny, also known as Cornelius Donahue, turned horse thief and stage robber.

At one time, he was a Custer County Deputy and also had worked as a bookkeeper for Homestake and was a graduate of Stephen Girard College

in Philadelphia. He was arrested by a U.S. Marshall and shackled to the floor of a stage coach headed to Deadwood for trial. A lynch mob dragged him off the stage and hung him from a cottonwood

tree. The gnarled tree trunk and iron manacle are displayed at the museum.

In 1881, Fly Speck Billy borrowed a gun from Abe Barnes, and after becoming intoxicated, shot and killed him with his own gun at a Custer saloon. He was arrested by Sheriff Code who tried to conceal him until his trial. A lynch mob grabbed him and hanged him from a tree near French Creek.

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Seventh Circuit Court personnel in attendance.

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In 1890, John B. Lehman was charged with the murder of James Burns near Fairburn. Apparently, Lehman was an ill-tempered rancher who had a feud with his neighbor, Burns. Lehman shot Burns and killed him. Lehman was jailed in the basement of the courthouse and was eventually convicted three times over nearly two years for the murder. Each time he was sentenced to death. His attorneys successfully delayed the execution and were granted retrials in appeals to the governor and Supreme Court. During the pendency of his appeals, the legislature abolished the death penalty, but it was too late to save Lehman.

In 1891, the lawyers obtained a new trial to determine Lehman's sanity. The panel declared him fit for execution but Governor Mellette intervened five hours before the hanging. The parole board declined to help Governor Mellette stay the death penalty and the work began on building the

gallows in the alley behind the courthouse. Until his ultimate end, Lehman remained defiant. These hangings embody the folklore of the settlement of the West and the important role that Custer played in that process.

In 1890, the Burlington Railroad opened Custer County to further development as did the establishment of the Harney National Forest Headquarters in Custer in 1898. Custer State Park, created in 1913, is one of South Dakota's crown jewels. All of these notable historical events has given this area the reputation as one of the main tourist areas in the State, attracting thousands of visitors every year.

The 1881 courthouse continued to serve Custer County during the turbulent AIM outbreak in protest of the death of Wesley Bad Heart Bull, a Native American, by Darold Schmitz, a

whiteman, during a bar fight in Buffalo Gap. Schmitz was charged with second degree manslaughter and released on bond while awaiting trial. That he was not charged with murder angered Native Americans in the community and Bad Heart Bull's mother contacted AIM for help. AIM planned a protest in



Packed Courtroom during the dedication ceremony.

front of the old courthouse on February 6, 1973. A riot ensued. As it progressed, it became more violent, disorderly and widespread. Police cars were wrecked, cars were burned and the front window of the courthouse was broken out.

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NEW FAX NUMBER!

The **Help Desk** has a **new fax number: 773-8494**. If you currently have the old fax number of 773-8101 programmed into your fax machine, please replace it with the new fax number.

Odyssey Clerks Recognized with Certificates of Appreciation

The Odyssey pilot clerks were recognized with certificates of appreciation at this year's Clerks' Institute in Chamberlain. They are (from left to right) Connie Hartley, Clerk in Codington and Clark Counties; Amy Keimig, Clerk in Hamlin County; Linda Klosterman, Clerk in Lake County; Karn Lindner, Clerk in Deuel County; and Judy Kuhlman, Clerk in Brookings County.

The Odyssey pilot clerks have been instrumental in the development of the Odyssey system.

The UJS appreciates the many extra hours of training and data testing by this group of clerks. Their hard work has helped ease the transition from the Legacy system to the Odyssey system for the rest of the clerks.



Left to right: Connie Hartley, Clerk in Codington and Clark Counties; Amy Keimig, Clerk in Hamlin County; Linda Klosterman, Clerk in Lake County; Karn Lindner, Clerk in Deuel County; and Judy Kuhlman, Clerk in Brookings County



State Court Administrator's Message



Patricia Duggan, State Court Administrator

On your next visit to Pierre, you may be surprised to find that offices you automatically headed to are now in a new location. An office "shuffle" occurred as a result of the change in structure of the State Court Administrator's Office.

It all started two years ago when the National Center for State Courts reviewed our offices and one of their recommendations was the creation of a Policy and Legal

Services division. The division of Court Information and Publications was dissolved and staff were relocated respectively.

No one ever enjoys packing, moving, and unpacking, especially when the move falls during busy time periods such as Odyssey implementation and staff trainings, but staff were very accommodating when we were informed about our scheduled remodel start date.

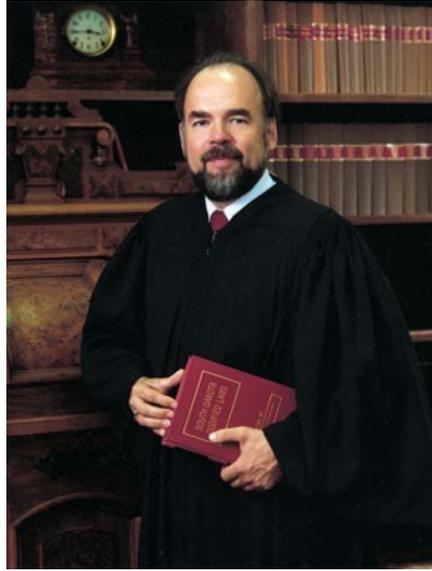
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Chief Justice's Memo

We are now well into the Odyssey Project. Parts of the State are already using it and the rest will join them shortly. With this change, perhaps because of a fear of the unknown, thoughts return to what were "the good old days." From what I have heard and experienced in my 37 years in the legal system, I am not sure the "good old days" were all that good.

We are heading into the hottest part of the summer - so the solution? Turn up the air conditioning. In the old days many courthouses were so hot during the summer that no court was held during that time period. You waited until fall.

Later came the miracle of window air conditioners.



Chief Justice David Gilbertson

The problem was the units were so noisy you could not hear others speak during court, or you had to shut off the units while the court was in session. Thus, they only ran during lunch hours and coffee breaks. In the end they

probably provided more noise than cool air.

County courthouses were open six days a week. Later it was decided on Saturday to close at noon - a highly controversial move.

So we move on. In so doing I am reminded of the line from the Carly Simon song of the 1970's "these are the good old days."



The years teach
much which the
days never know.

Emerson, Ralph Waldo, Essay, Experience, III The Complete Works of Ralph Waldo Emerson: Essays, Boston: Houghton, Mifflin and Company, 1903, p. 69.

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Interesting things were found during the remodels such as the bright green paint (see photo) found under the 1970s wallpaper in the current IT/Help Desk area. Under the carpeting in the former Trial Court Services office we found terrazzo tile.

The Trial Court Services office is now in Room 130, where the Budget & Finance office used to be located.

Budget and Finance is now in Room 127, and IT and Help Desk staff moved from Room 127 to Room B-49 in the Capitol.

Please stop by the next time you are in Pierre and check out our new offices.



Green paint was hidden under the 1970s wallpaper in the current office area for IT and Help Desk staff.

Judge Gienapp Receives McKusick Award

Pierre Attorney 'Charlie' Thompson and Madison Judge David Gienapp Selected As McKusick Award Recipients By USD Student Bar Association.

The University of South Dakota Student Bar Association (SBA) presented the Hon. David R. Gienapp, Madison, and Pierre attorney Charles M. Thompson the 2012 Marshall M. McKusick Award. SBA President Kristi Jones presented the awards (Friday, June 22) during the annual meeting of the State Bar of South Dakota in Rapid City.

Nominations for both were represented by a flood of praise supported by letters that demonstrated both their professional capabilities as well as their contributions to the South Dakota Bar, according to Kristi Jones, Columbus, Neb. She begins her third year this fall at the University of South Dakota School of Law as the newly-elected SBA president... Jones said nomination letters praised Gienapp and Thompson as mentors devoted to giving to the profession and serving society.

"In addition to their stellar careers as advocates for their clients, they have both had an

unmatched devotion and service to the State Bar of South Dakota and the American Bar Association, as well as other organizations in the legal profession," said one nominator. "Both Judge Gienapp and Charlie Thompson embody what it is to be

Qualifications Commission, served as president of the South Dakota Trial Lawyers Association, and as president of the State Bar of South Dakota. He has also been on the South Dakota State Board of Education and South Dakota Board of Regents.

"I've spent most of my legal career attempting to mimic them as excellent lawyers committed to the Law School, the Bar Association, and our profession," read another nomination letter. In addition to their many accomplishments, another nominator said, "I also remember them as both being kind and welcoming to me when I first started practicing law. They acted as mentors."

"They have set an example to every young lawyer graduating from law school, whether from South Dakota or elsewhere," added another nomination letter. "Their contributions to the jurisprudence of a free society and the rule of law through their activities in local, state and national Bar and other legal organizations have been substantial and extensive."

The McKusick Award is presented annually to an outstanding member of the

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Charlie Thompson looks on while Presiding Judge David Gienapp addresses the crowd during State Bar.

a 'lawyer's lawyer.'"

...Judge Gienapp joined the Third Judicial Circuit in 2002 when he was appointed as a circuit court judge by Gov. William Janklow. He became presiding judge of the circuit January 1, 2007, succeeding Rodney J. Steele, who retired. Judge Gienapp received a B.A. degree from the University of South Dakota, and a J.D. degree from the University of Wyoming. His broad background includes serving as a clerk for the South Dakota Supreme Court, assistant South Dakota attorney general, and assistant U.S. attorney. He has chaired the state's Judicial

Marlys Rau Retires After 28 Years with the UJS



Presiding Judge Von Wald and Circuit Court Judge Scott Myren, who offices in Selby, pose with Marlys Rau.



Marlys Rau receives a plaque from Presiding Judge Jack Von Wald noting her 28 years with the UJS.

After 28 years of service to the Unified Judicial System and the State of South Dakota, Marlys Rau decided to retire. A luncheon was hosted on June 11 in Selby in honor of Marlys' years of service.

A "thank you" to Marlys for her dedication and we wish her the best in her retirement!



Ann Byre, the new clerk/magistrate in Walworth and Campbell Counties is sworn-in by Judge Von Wald.

Judge Gienapp Receives McKusick Award, cont'd from pg. 6

South Dakota Bar for contributions to the legal profession. The SBA selects the recipient from nominations by members of the South Dakota Bar. Marshall M. McKusick (1879-1950) was a professor at the USD School of Law beginning in 1902. He was named dean of the Law School in 1911 where he served for nearly five decades...

Nationally and beyond, Judge Gienapp's service and memberships include the American Bar Association; American Board of Criminal Lawyers; American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Trial Lawyers; International Academy of Trial Lawyers; and, International Society of Barristers. He was in private practice at Arneson,

Issenhuth & Gienapp. He and his wife, Nancy, have two grown children: Ryan Gienapp and Tracy Crum.

Excerpts from article by Tom Sorensen. Article and photo, courtesy of the USD School of Law.



Second Circuit CSOs Participate in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge

Second Circuit CSO staff won the First Place Costume Award for the third year in a row at the Polar Plunge. This is the fourth time they've won this award. The Plunge benefits the Special Olympics Program and was



held on Saturday, April 21. Over \$51,000 was raised this year.

Each jumper must raise/donate a minimum of \$100. This was the ninth year Court Services has participated in this event.



“Willy Wonka” and staff at work.



Front row: Jake Vander Zee, Laura Jacobs, Crystal Aman. Back row: Lisa Neuhardt, Jason Lillestol, “Willy” was Ben Jacobs (Laura’s husband), and Ross Vande Griend.



Clockwise from top center: Jake Vander Zee, Jason Lillestol, Laura Jacobs, Crystal Aman, Lisa Neuhardt, Ross Vande Griend

The man of action has the present, but the thinker controls the future, his is the most subtle, and most far-reaching power.

Holmes, Oliver Wendell, “Sidney Bartless”, in Speeches. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1934, p. 43.

A Man of Many Talents

Jerry Hofer, Court Services Officer in Parker, impressed his family, friends and co-workers with his performance as the Cowardly Lion in the Schmeckfest production of the *Wizard of Oz*.

One co-worker said that Jerry's performance was amazing. Even more impressive is the fact that this is the first production in which Jerry has participated.



First Circuit CSOs Participate in “Toss Your Boss” Polar Plunge Fundraiser for Special Olympics Program



Chuck Frieberg being thrown into the water by his staff for the “Toss Your Boss” Polar Plunge.

First Circuit Court Services staff participated in the Polar Plunge 2012 in Yankton on April 15. The money raised to “Toss our Boss” went to the Yankton area Special Olympics.

The CSO staff appreciated Chuck allowing them to throw him in the water for this good cause.



“Richard Simmons” and his aerobics class, from left to right: Amy Keppern, Chuck Frieberg, Brian Rempfer, Janeice Sudbeck, Sharon Kraft

It All Started with a PPAR Review

During my PPAR, State Court Administrator Pat Duggan requested that I visit several Circuits and do some job shadowing to further expand my knowledge of the Unified Judicial System.

This directive was well received as I have wanderlust in my blood and love any opportunity to travel and meet people.

The first step for a site visit is to contact the site and set up an appointment. Nola LaRosh, the Clerk of Court in Sully County, was surprised I would want to visit a rural Clerk's office, but she was most gracious in accommodating my request. "Gracious" appears to be the norm for Nola.



*Nola LaRosh, Sully Co.
Clerk of Court*

The visit started with a quick tour of the courthouse as I was fascinated by the architecture and details. We then settled down to business.

Nola explained her job as we proceeded through the setting

up of the court calendar and then moved on to processing traffic ticket fines and the various court documents that arrived in the morning mail.

Despite all my questions, we got things wrapped up by noontime.

Nola was very patient and thoroughly answered all my questions. She would make an excellent teacher if she ever decides to switch careers.

The next visit was with Marsha Priebe, CSO in Chamberlain. Marsha is a high energy, very caring person who loves her job—except for the occasional disappointments when one of her clients makes a misstep. Marsha has a background as a licensed professional counselor and a nurse, which she feels makes for a perfect fit for her job as a CSO, as she takes many things into consideration with her clients.

Marsha's caring was evident as she was looking forward to seeing a client who had recently lost a child. She had called with condolences, but was anxious to see the client to make sure they were truly okay. Marsha stressed that you care about your clients but you always need to keep a clear separation from your court-related work.

Marsha informed me that she is in the office 1-3 days a week and the rest of the time is spent traveling to see her clients, most who live on the reservation and have difficulty finding

transportation to Chamberlain for their meetings.



*Marsha Priebe, Court Services
Officer, Chamberlain, SD*

Court was being held on this date and Judge Bruce Anderson started court promptly at 1:30. Marsha and I sat near the front. Clerk of Court Doris Juhnke diligently recorded the actions. I was most impressed with a case where Judge Anderson was aware that his decisions would greatly affect the future of a young adult who had gotten in with the wrong crowd. He worked with the individual to determine restitution, jail time and treatment. My impression was that the young adult was overwhelmed at the consequences of his action and I doubt this individual will ever appear in court again in this kind of situation.

I'd like to recognize Charlene Miller, Marsha's support staff, who handled a number of phone calls while I was there and was very thorough in

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explaining situations and programs to callers.

The following day I sat in on a Drug Court for the first time. The positive energy in the Sioux Falls courtroom was my first impression of the emotional highs and lows of the next 45 minutes. Judge Riepel and CSO Laura May made a great team with their clientele of approximately 18 people currently in the program.

As each client approached the bench, Judge Riepel asked them the number of days they had been clean. The responses were greeted with applause by the other clients, who seemed to have become a “family.”

Judge Riepel was current on the latest activities with each person and they were recognized for successes or reprimanded with community

service for failures. Mainly, successes were the norm.

Participation in this program allowed the clients to develop skills and they were also provided practical advice such as to show up at least 15 minutes early for a job interview and what to wear—information that may not have been provided to them in the past, depending upon their home life.

I was lucky enough to see one individual graduate to the next level and receive a medal and the recognition of their peers. These individuals have an uphill task ahead of them in getting their life in order, and hearing the successes and failures of others is beneficial.

Judge Riepel informed me she meets daily with Laura May. The team meeting is at 8:00 a.m., before court. Clients

start out attending court weekly and then graduate to every other week and then monthly attendance.

Drug Court was a surprise for me. I didn't expect to be so moved by the progress of these individuals and caring so much for their continued success in making their difficult journey.

I'd like to thank everyone noted in this article who worked with me or let me observe proceedings. I'm very impressed with the professionalism I observed.

I'd also like to thank Pat for the opportunity to further my judicial education.

*Submitted by Gloria Guericke,
SCAO Administrative Assistant*



New Online Announcement and Application Process

The Unified Judicial System (UJS) has moved to an online announcement and application process to recruit and fill open positions. Information on job openings can be found at <http://uj.s.sd.gov/general/jobann.aspx>.

Openings limited to existing UJS employees and Magistrate Judge openings will continue to be announced as previously. When these positions become available and are announced, please follow the directions indicated on the announcement if you wish to apply. However, any other openings will require applicants to apply online.

Existing employees should apply through Employee Space at <http://bfm.sd.gov/hr/es.aspx>. Non-employees should apply through <http://bop.sd.gov/workforus>.

If you have any questions about the new announcement and application process, please contact the UJS Human Resource's office at 605-773-4867.

Welcome to Judge Patricia DeVaney

Patricia DeVaney joined the Sixth Circuit as a Circuit Judge on March 9. Prior to that, DeVaney distinguished herself during two decades of service as an assistant attorney general.

Judge DeVaney opted for the Question and Answer interview so that you would have a chance to get to know her better.

Questions & Answers

In what field is your undergraduate degree?

I have a bachelor's degree in political science, with a business minor.

What motivated you to study law?

I have always been interested in the criminal justice field, and wanted a career that was challenging. I enjoyed mock trials in high school government class and it felt like I had a knack for that sort of thing. And although I hate to admit it, I grew up watching legal dramas and reading crime fiction novels, so I guess I gravitated toward those things. Although I now have a hard time watching or reading them because so few are true to life, I have nonetheless enjoyed the practice of law very much, especially as a trial lawyer.

If you weren't a lawyer or

a judge, what would you like to do?

I would be a writer and with any luck, get something published.



Patricia DeVaney, Circuit Judge in the Sixth Judicial Circuit

What do you enjoy most about being a judge or the greatest reward of your job?

Having only been on the bench a few months, I am still getting my feet wet, and quite frankly, am still in survival mode, so it is a bit early to pinpoint what I find most rewarding at this stage. I am enjoying the challenge of learning new areas of the law. I like the solitude of my new office, which is amazingly quiet compared to my prior practice, and I am grateful for the support I have received from and camaraderie with other judges.

What are your outside interests?

I love the outdoors – boating, fishing, camping, walking; sports – golf, baseball, basketball;

gardening; cooking; spending time with my children.

Who are your role models?

My parents, and the judges who have graciously offered advice and guidance as I have begun this journey.

What is the best advice you have ever received and from whom?

“Relax, be happy and enjoy the job, even though at times it seems nearly impossible to do so.” Retired Chief Justice Robert Miller.

“Quit worrying about stuff that may never happen.” My husband.

What is one thing most people don't know about you?

I was a star player on the Polo High School basketball team!

Words to live by or favorite quote?

People may not remember what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel.

What is your favorite food?

A great pasta; and ice cream.



Meet Our New Judicial Branch Educator

Christine Christopherson joins the UJS from the Department of Education. Christine has been a classroom teacher, an adult educator with Right Turn and at the Women's Prison (where she was Corrections Teacher of the Year), and an education specialist at the Department of Education.

Christine provided responses to a number of questions to help you get to know her better.

Questions & Answers

Describe a little of what you do:

Coordinate with others in the system to plan, organize, prepare, and implement training designed to increase knowledge, productivity, and retention; keep training records for all employees of the system; solicit feedback from employees of UJS to guide training opportunities; develop new avenues for training based on need and current trends in the adult education field; provide resources to UJS employees to accommodate needs on a daily basis via the lending library and personal contact on a one-to-one basis; more to be figured out!

Greatest achievement (or most interesting, or most unusual):

Zip-lining above the jungle in Jamaica.

Tell us a little about yourself:

I have three children, Blake (17), Julia (12), and Malori (5), and my husband, Troy. I stay extremely busy in my personal life running my children around to activities, with most of the time spent at soccer. All three play spring and fall in town, and winter and summer travel teams.



Christine Christopherson

My husband works for FedEx and drives the route in the Mobridge area. He was a Schwan's man for many years and we are all adjusting to spending so much time around each other in the evenings.

I enjoy walking, jewelry making, reading, and most recently started running again. A personal goal is to run the half marathon in Deadwood on the Mickelson Trail next year. If I say it out loud I will be held more accountable, right?

I attended college in Spearfish and graduated with focuses in Elementary/Early Childhood Education, later I earned my K-12 Master of Science in Library/Media Education at Mankato. I taught in Wyoming for a year and moved to Minneapolis where I taught for six years. I was a "budget cut" in 2003 and decided to move back home to be near family.

After moving to Pierre my career took a different turn. I coordinated the Even Start Program through The Right Turn. I taught adults the GED curriculum and their children birth-preschool lessons, as well as parenting skills. I am trained through Boys Town in Nebraska and also taught parenting classes in the Pierre community for the past nine years. When funding was lost I took a position at the Women's Prison in Pierre, where I taught for several years, became the Corrections Teacher of the Year 2009, President of the Corrections Education Association, and presented at many conferences about the love of teaching incarcerated adults.

I left the prison after adding another child to my brood and worked for the Stanley County School District to help get their summer/after school program off the ground and

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UJS's New Drug/DUI Court Liaison

Noreen Plumage joins the Unified Judicial System from Capital Area Counseling Service in Pierre where she was employed for over twelve years. Noreen first worked as a Case Manager, later transitioning to the Teen Court Program. In 2009 she began her work with them as the STOP DUI Court Program Coordinator. Noreen played an integral role in conjunction with the 6th Circuit Court in the establishment and implementation of this program.

Prior to Noreen's employment with Capital

Area Counseling Service, she was a teacher with the Right Turn Program at the SD State Women's Prison.

Noreen opted for a "Question and Answer" interview rather than a formal interview and her responses are below.

Questions and Answers

Describe a little of what you do:

"Navigate" the boat to expand drug courts in South Dakota. The drug court "navigator" is charged with supporting existing courts, assisting circuits with



Noreen Plumage

implementation of new courts, writing relevant grants, evaluating program effectiveness and providing technical assistance to assure courts are following the

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moved to the Department of Education as a Title I Specialist. I spent much of my time traveling to school districts to monitor for compliance of federal law and provide technical assistance to those in need.

They have all been fantastic experiences and I believe they have each given me some valuable tools and experiences to be successful working for the UJS. I am so excited to be the Judicial Branch Educator and will strive to be the best!

Tell us one thing people don't know about you:

I wake up with the idea that I can always be better at something. I try to learn something new every day and pay close attention to what is going on around me. I am a very perceptive person and always ready to help anyone at any time! Oh, and I am a great organizer.

Hobbies:

Reading, jewelry making, running/walking, doing fun "kid" stuff

Favorite URL:

Everydayhealth.com and daily motivational tips sites

Favorite food:

Mexican anything, I like it spicy.

Favorite quote:

"People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care."

What is your favorite childhood Christmas gift and why it is your favorite:

Honestly, school clothes shopping every year was way better to me than Christmas! I got to spend time with my mom and do fun girl things while shopping. That ritual has stuck with me more than any other time of the year as a favorite, and I hope to continue it on with my girls.



Meet I/T Intern Andrew Cedergren

IT Intern Andrew Cedergren opted for a Question and Answer interview instead of a formal interview. Below are Andrew's responses.

Question and Answer

When was the first moment you realized that being an "IT Geek" was cool.

When my elementary school computer teacher showed my class the inside of the computer. It looks like a city map!



Andrew Cedergren

Title / Department?

My title seems to be, "The Intern". However, I tell people my title is, "Unified Judicial System Information and Technology Tech Assistant".

Describe a little of what you do:

A large part of my job so far has been helping the two I/T Techs (Jeanette and Richard) here in Pierre with their daily operations. Imaging new computers, troubleshooting printers, and "managing" incoming inventory seem to be a lot of what I am doing.

Greatest achievement (or most interesting, or most

unusual):

I would have to say my greatest achievement is making it to my last year in college. School and studying have never come easy to me, so it's something I am proud of.

Tell us a little about yourself:

I grew up in Sioux Falls, SD and went to Washington High School. For college I go to Dakota State University in Madison, SD and really enjoy it there. I started as a Computer Network Security

major, but moved to Computer Information Systems with a specialty in Change Management so I could work more with people. This is my first summer away from home and being truly "on my own."

Tell us one thing people don't know about you:

I have a CDL (Commercial Driver's License) that I used to drive a bus the past two summers for a day camp in Sioux Falls, SD.

Hobbies:

My favorite hobby would have to be photography. It's unfortunately

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Key Components of Drug Courts. As navigator (as the name implies), I will travel a majority of my time to the various circuits.

Greatest achievement (or most interesting, or most unusual):

Two Truths and a Lie: 1) I have run in a half mile marathon, 2) I have 18 brothers and sisters, 3) I am a South Dakota State Dart Champion.

Hobbies: Reading, Scrapbooking, Beading, Shopping, Darts

Favorite food: Beef (rare)

Favorite quote: "There but for the Grace of God..."

What is your favorite childhood Christmas gift and why it is your favorite:

A stuffed mouse named 'Herman'. He was the first gift I can remember getting that wasn't pajamas!

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Odyssey—The Next Steps

Odyssey: 6 + 18 = 24

The math works (I checked on a computer) because on May 7th, eighteen counties from the Third and Fifth Circuits joined the 'Original Six' pilot counties running Odyssey.

As we stand today, two circuits and a total of 24 counties have migrated to the new system.

The move included some logistic challenges including the need for a temporary training room in the Brown County Courthouse and expanded use of HelpDesk phone support to address the inability to place on-site support in so many courthouses.

A new practice to the Odyssey move was including seven staff from the Second Circuit during the training and the first Go-Live week. The assistance was much welcomed and the exposure will be very beneficial when their offices convert on October 1.

Changes, confusion and challenges – they were all part

of the weeks before and after May 1, but, as expected, all issues were handled skillfully without alarm or panic by anyone.



Kent Grode, Director of Information & Technology

What's new with Odyssey?

LMS or Learning Management System - A Tyler-provided on-line training program that will allow staff to become comfortable with Odyssey before in-class

training.

What may be around the corner for Odyssey?

SessionWorks - An approved project to streamline data entry in high volume courtrooms.

e-Citations - A solution that will eliminate the need to manually enter traffic tickets in some areas.

What's next for Odyssey?

The Second Circuit will convert on October 1. Prior to that will be lots of fun stuff – workshops, data review, on-line training and classroom training.

And when does Odyssey impact me?

The current conversion

schedule for Odyssey is as follows:

- 2nd Circuit - October 1, 2011
- 1st and 6th Circuits - Late February/Early March of 2013
- 4th and 7th Circuits - Mid June of 2013.



Meet Andrew Cedergren, cont'd.

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kind of tragic as I don't have a camera, and cannot afford to buy a decent one.

Favorite URL:

My favorite URL would have to be Google.com. I can't imagine how I lived before I was able to look up any question or problem I had instantly.

Favorite food:

Chili is a favorite, however my Grandmothers lumpy mashed potatoes cannot be beat.

Favorite quote:

"For me, I am driven by two main philosophies: know more today about the world than I knew yesterday and lessen the suffering of others. You'd be surprised how far that gets you." — Neil deGrasse Tyson



Welcome Aboard!

1st CIRCUIT:

- Teri Beeson, Deputy Court Clerk 1, Clay Co.

2nd CIRCUIT:

- Stephanie Bentzen, Deputy Court Clerk 1, Minnehaha Co.
- Amanda Bruder, Deputy Court Clerk 1, Minnehaha Co.
- Kie-Lyn Haar, Deputy Court Clerk 1, Minnehaha Co.
- Sheila Kieso, Court Services Secretary, Minnehaha Co.
- Brice Meyer, IT Intern
- Georgina Murillo, Deputy Court Clerk 1, Minnehaha Co.
- Danielle Sieck, Deputy Court Clerk 1, Minnehaha Co.
- Ross Smith, Court Services Officer, Lincoln, Co.

3rd CIRCUIT:

- Nyla Kappel, Deputy Court Clerk Magistrate 1, Sanborn Co.
- Samantha Taylor, Court Services Secretary, Lake Co.

4th CIRCUIT:

- Betty Bruner, On-Call Deputy Court Clerk Magistrate 1, Butte Co.
- Alana Jensen, Deputy

Court Clerk 1, Lawrence Co.

- Sandra Koenig, On-Call Deputy Court Clerk Magistrate 1, Dewey Co.
- Laurie Vrem, Court Services Secretary, Lawrence Co.

5th CIRCUIT:

- Lisa Samson, Deputy Court Clerk 1, Brown Co.
- Becky Schlomer, Court Services Secretary, Walworth Co.

6th CIRCUIT:

- Jessica Paulsen, Court Reporter, Hughes Co.
- Patricia DeVaney, Circuit Judge

7th CIRCUIT:

- Kara Barnes, Deputy Court Clerk 1, Pennington Co.
- Kayla Glasshoff, Court Reporter, Pennington, Co.
- Dana Nachtigall, Deputy Court Clerk Magistrate 1, Fall River Co.
- Amber Watkins-Shepard, Deputy Court Clerk 1, Pennington Co.

SCAO/SUPREME COURT:

- Amanda Breemes, Legal Intern
- Andrew Cedergren, IT Intern
- Christine Christopherson, Judicial Branch Educator
- Lyle Hart, Programmer

Analyst

- Noreen Plumage, Drug/DUI Court Liaison

TRANSFER

- Jorin Eisenbraun, Court Services Officer, Lawrence Co.
- Tina Kopp, Deputy Court Clerk Magistrate 1, Meade Co.

PROMOTION

- Annette Byre, Court Clerk Magistrate 1, Walworth Co.
- Kimberly Erickson, Deputy Court Clerk II, Minnehaha Co.

RETIREMENT

- Karn Barth, Judicial Branch Educator, SCAO
- Betty Fokken, Deputy Court Clerk 1, Minnehaha Co.
- Alan Hall, Court Services Officer, Minnehaha Co.
- Diane Kary, Court Services Officer, Minnehaha Co.
- Sean O'Brien, Circuit Judge, Davison Co.

Those who talk
don't know, and
those who know
don't talk.

Kissinger, Henry, Newsweek,
October 9, 1972, p. 25.

Custer Courthouse Dedication, cont'd. from page 3

Pop bottles filled with gasoline were thrown into the courthouse. A flare ignited the gasoline, causing the courthouse to catch fire. Evidence of the fire can still be seen today.

The occupation of Wounded Knee occurred on February 27, 1973, shortly after the outbreak of violence in Custer. The protest continued for 71 days. Three days before the standoff ended, Schmitz was found not guilty by a jury for the death of Bad Heart Bull—with no further interest by AIM.

Before the AIM protests, the County had already begun the process of building a new, modern courthouse where we are standing today. The original bid for this building was \$332,137 and was awarded to Hackett Construction Company. In 1975, the trial of AIM leader Dennis Banks was held here for his role in the Custer riots. Banks was ultimately convicted of riot while armed and assault with a dangerous weapon stemming from the earlier confrontation at Custer.

As times have changed, so have our needs in regards to a courthouse that serves the people. Massive changes in technology have led to changes in how we conduct the government's business. A courthouse equipped with better sound, better seating and better technology was necessary. Custer County recognized those changes. After several years of planning and a

bond referral, which was overwhelmingly supported by the citizens of Custer, a contract was signed with J. Scull Construction for 4.1 million dollars, and we have the 2012 courthouse. We are here today to celebrate that dream that has become a reality to the folks of Custer County. This is a courthouse of which the people deserve to be proud. As Daniel Agnew stated at the dedication of a new courthouse in Beaver, Pennsylvania, in 1877:

What can be more deeply interesting to American freeman than the dedication of a temple to the service of that great and ruling principle, upon which hang all of their rights, their interests, and their happiness.

If only these walls could talk, we would hear the people's great stories. Some of them sad, some of them entertaining, some of them angry and disappointing, and some with laughter and happiness. Through all of this County's history and before South Dakota was a state, Custer County has provided a place for the enforcement of the people's business. A place where a judge and jury would hear the evidence and dispense justice.

So today, as we dedicate this new and improved courthouse, let us remember our past and celebrate this

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Guests admire the artwork hung in the second floor hallway of the Courthouse.

county's dedication to providing a forum for justice to its residents for over 131 years. This building is a testimonial to the people who worked so hard to plan and build it, and let it always serve as a tower of safety for the rights of the people of Custer County.



Christine's Column

Google VP's Secret to Avoiding Burnout

As one of the most well-known women in technology, Google VP Marissa Mayer turned a few heads when she announced that she doesn't believe in burnout.

How can the woman who was hired in 1999 as Google's 20th employee, who once worked 130 hours per week, now say that she doesn't believe in burnout?

Avoiding burnout isn't about sitting down for three meals a day, getting home at a decent hour, or getting eight hours of sleep, she says (Indeed, Mayer pulled her share of all-nighters in her early Google days.)

"I have a theory that burnout is about resentment," the tech maven says. "And you beat it by knowing what it is you're giving up that makes you resentful."

"I tell people: Find your rhythm. Your rhythm is what matters to you so much that when you miss it you're resentful of your work."

For some, the thing that's important might be a vacation, for others it's movie night, and some people may just want eight hours of sleep per night.

What matters to Mayer? A one-week vacation she takes every four to six months. If she has to cancel a trip or postpone it, she starts to feel resentful.

Lesson: Find your rhythm, understand what makes you resentful, and protect it.

— adapted from "Marissa Mayer Offers Five Tips for Young Women Entering Tech," Matt Rosoff, *Business Insider*, "How to Avoid Burnout," Marissa Mayer, *Bloomberg Business Week*. From *Administrative Professional Today*, July 2012 issue.

No one is perfect. We can only live with what has been given to us by nature and the personality we are achieving through our own efforts.

Anderson, George Christian, *Man's Right to be Human*, New York: William Morrow and Company,

All Rise

“For centuries, anyone with business before the court has heard two words called out by the bailiff or court officer; two words called out that demand everyone in the courtroom to come to attention; two words that create order amidst chaos; ALL RISE!” (West Huddleston, CEO NADCP)

In Drug Court, these two words have an even greater meaning. But what is a Drug Court? Drug Courts are a specially designed court calendar or docket, charged with reducing recidivism and substance abuse among non-violent substance abusing offenders. The Drug Court model includes intense judicial supervision of treatment, mandatory frequent and random drug/alcohol testing, community supervision and the use of sanctions and incentives. The Drug Court Team (comprised of Judge, defense attorney, prosecuting attorney, treatment representative, court service officer, case manager, and program coordinator/specialist) meets weekly to staff drug court participants and review their progress. From the Drug Court model, special “tracks” of courts have been developed to

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address specific issues, such as DWI Court, Veterans Treatment Court, Juvenile Drug Court, or Family Dependency Drug Court.

Currently there are two Drug courts in South Dakota, the Northern Hills Court (4th and 7th Circuits) and the Minnehaha County Court (2nd Circuit). Hughes and Stanley County (6th Circuit) is collaborating with Capital Area Counseling and will transition the STOP DUI Court to UJS in October, 2012. Brown County (5th Circuit) DWI Court Team began operation the 1st of July.

“Nationally, Drug Courts have been studied and researched for over two decades. They embrace best practices and have invited evaluators to measure their outcomes. The results have been that Drug Courts are proven to

reduce criminal recidivism, typically measured by fewer re-arrests for new offenses and technical violations when matched with comparison samples of drug offenders undergoing traditional case processing.” (National Association of Drug Court Professionals; Need to Know Brief:

Research Update on Adult Drug Courts, December 2010)



*Noreen Plumage,
Drug/DUI Court Liaison*

“The simple words, All Rise, capture the essence of what a Drug Court does. All Rise describes how instead of imprisoning an addict,

Drug Courts insert hope and support into the very lives of addicted offenders.

Whenever one person rises out of addiction and crime, we ALL RISE.

When a child is reunited with clean and sober parents, we ALL RISE.

When the intergenerational cycle of drug addiction in a family is broken and healing begins, we ALL RISE.

Whether the charge is driving while impaired, theft, burglary or any number of other addiction-driven offenses, we ALL RISE when a Drug Court guides the offender past the chaos and wreckage and toward recovery.”

(West Huddleston, CEO NADCP in a speech at NADCP Conference, 2009)

