



iCivics Coming to South Dakota



Judicial Branch Educator Karn Barth (left) and Circuit Judge Kathleen Trandahl (right) visit with Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor at an iCivics meeting in Monterey, California.

Judge Kathleen Trandahl and Karn Barth recently attended a meeting in Monterey, CA to learn more about iCivics. iCivics is web-based education project spearheaded by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. The program is designed to reinvigorate civic teaching and learning.

In 2009 www.ourcourts.org was launched. In 2010 the website was expanded and renamed iCivics to meet the growing demand from educators who wanted the website to cover a greater range of civics topics.

iCivics is a free, accessible resource for both teachers and students, which addresses all three branches of government. Feel free to check out the iCivics website at www.icivics.org.

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Welcome to the tenth 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.

Chief Justice's Memo

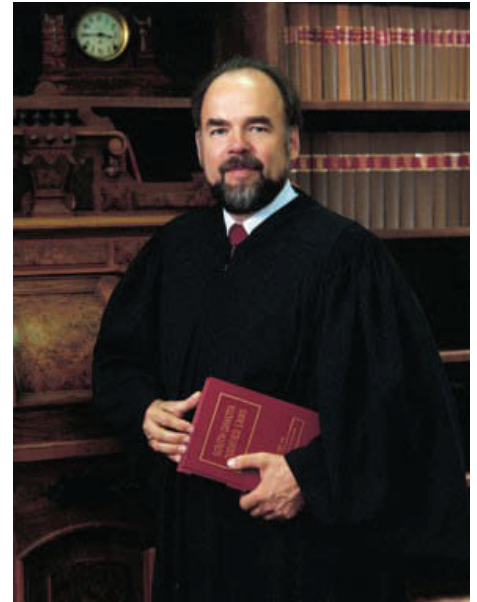
Dear Fellow Members of the UJS:

The Legislative Session was dominated by funding issues. The Governor asked that all state agencies agree to a 10% budget cut to do away with the structural deficit that exists. 85% of the UJS budget goes for personnel and related expenses. I became concerned that a 10% reduction in our budget could result in employee layoffs, termination of our permanent presence at some courthouses and other cutbacks which would hurt our core mission.

I had numerous meetings with the Governor, Lt. Governor and Legislative leadership to address my

concerns. We were able to come up with an alternate proposal which would allow us to meet the 10% goal with no layoffs, courthouse closures or other drastic consequences. This proposal was presented to the Appropriation's Committee for its consideration.

This is not a permanent fix, but will buy us a year in which the economy will hopefully turn around. You may notice certain cut-backs in how we do business but we can work through them. Thank you for your patience and understanding through this process.



Chief Justice David Gilbertson

Of all parts of wisdom,
the practice is the best.

John Tillotson

Welcome to the Kingsbury County Courthouse

As Chief Justice Gilbertson travels the state, he takes photos of the courthouses he visits. These photos have been used in the UJS Judiciary Message booklets. These photos will now be used to feature a different courthouse in upcoming issues of the UJS newsletter.

A "thank you" to Wendy Sand, the Kingsbury Deputy Clerk of Court, for providing the information regarding the Kingsbury County Courthouse.

The Kingsbury County



Kingsbury County Courthouse. Photo taken by Chief Justice David Gilbertson.

Courthouse holds a number of historical documents, including numerous documents signed by Charles "Pa" Ingalls when he was

a Justice of the Peace for this area. There is also a probate file on Mary Ingalls. These documents have been kept because of the history the Ingalls family shares with this area.

Another historical document is the 1892 Nathaniel R. Thompson death warrant taken from his criminal file. Mr. Thompson's death by hanging was the last such death on record in South Dakota. Mr. Thompson was hung in the courthouse yard and the rope is on (*cont'd. on page 3*)

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display in the Attorney General's office in Pierre.

This building's architecture is interesting in that there is a drive-thru between the east and west buildings to load and unload passengers.

History:

The deed for the present courthouse...was received from Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keep on May 30, 1882. It was not until April 1888, however, that the resolution to build a courthouse was successfully introduced. Appropriations for the "East Building" (east of the drive-thru) labor and materials were targeted that same year.

The initiation of the "West Building" (west of the drive-thru) began on April 5, 1892. Not until January 20, 1898, was a building contract awarded. The construction contract for the "West Building" was awarded to M.E. Bush for \$14,800.00. An additional \$44.00 was added for use of Springfield brick in the interior of the building. The additional cost of \$225.00 was incurred to bring the roof height of the "East Building" up to the height of the newer "West Building".

Renovation / Restoration Process:

On April 29, 1980, the Kingsbury County Commission authorized a feasibility study...to determine the possibility of a major

renovation of the Kingsbury County Courthouse facility and the probable construction cost of that renovation process...

The first phase of construction was begun August 4, 1981... This project...(included) the removal of the small building located on the north side of the "East Building"; the installation of handicap ramps and entrances to both buildings; new sidewalks; the removal and replacement of the brick on the "East Building"; the removal of the cementous, paint-like waterproofing from the brick of the "West Building"; the repair and replacement of the windows; the installation of new storm windows; the installation of insulation in the entire attic space; the replacement of the tower flag pole; and repair of the tower itself.

Phase II construction was begun April 29, 1982. This project, ...(included) the following items.

The exterior work consisted of a new drive-thru driveway, ...(and) a new metal roof...

The interior work consisted of a complete "face-lift" of all the wall, floor and ceiling finishes. A new elevator was designed into the existing building of better accessibility to all four floor levels...

First floor of the west building was updated to

house the Auditor, Treasurer and Register of Deeds offices... The first floor of the "East Building" was remodeled to include a central corridor, a stairway to second floor, nurse and community health offices and social service offices.

The second floor level include a fully restored two-story courtroom...Clerk of Courts offices...(and) County Extension offices...

...The Third floor level was modified to connect the "East Building" to the "West Building" and therefore make both accessible to the elevator.

New "old style" doors and door frames now replace the wood doors and frames in both buildings. The wood moldings and trim have been duplicated throughout the facility to maintain the historic significance of the building interior...

The information in this article was compiled by county workers for the Courthouse Centennial held June 12 and 13, 1998.

A good deed is never lost:
he who sows courtesy
reaps friendship; and he
who plants kindness
gathers love.

Basil

Meet New Magistrate Judge Natalie Damgaard

Magistrate Judge Natalie Damgaard began 2011 as a new Magistrate Judge in the Second Judicial Circuit. She provided answers to the questions below so that you would have an opportunity to get to know her better.

Q. In what field is your undergraduate degree?

Criminal Justice

Q. What motivated you to study law?

A couple of my professors in undergrad.

Q. If you weren't a lawyer or a judge, what would you like to do?



Magistrate Judge Damgaard

A veterinarian or a forensic pathologist

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

All of the people I get to work with everyday.

Q. What are your outside interests?

Reading, movies, running, yoga, my family and our three dogs.

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

Be yourself -- my mother.

Q. Favorite quote?

Life can only be understood backwards but must be lived forward. -- Soren Kierkegaard; or "Tomorrow is another day." -- Gone with the Wind.

Q. What is your favorite food?

Fajitas, extra spicy. Or hummus from Bagel Boy.

“Welcome Aboard to the Following New UJS Employees

1st CIRCUIT:

- Chele Goeden, Deputy Court Clerk

2nd CIRCUIT:

- Toni Durnil, Domestic Violence Coordinator
- Megan Reeves, Deputy Court Clerk

4th CIRCUIT:

- Abby Hosie, On-Call Deputy Court Clerk Magistrate
- Pamela Anderson, Court Services Secretary

6th CIRCUIT:

- Ashley Tschumper,

Deputy Court Clerk Magistrate

7th CIRCUIT:

- Marya Vrooman Tellinghuisen, Circuit Law Clerk

PROMOTION:

- Susan Compaan from Court Clerk Magistrate to Circuit Court administrator in the 5th Judicial Circuit.

RETIREMENTS:

- Charlene Sundstrom, Court Operations Specialist, SCAO, April 8.

- Mark Smith, Magistrate Judge in the 6th Circuit, April 8.
- Pam Templeton, Case Management System Director, SCAO, April 23.

The seat of knowledge is in the head, of wisdom, in the heart.

William Hazlitt

Meet David Wal Jal, CSO in the 2nd Judicial Circuit

David Wal Jal was recently featured in the National Association of Social Workers online newsletter.

Below is information from the article to help you become better acquainted with Mr. Wal Jal.

**David Wal Jal, BSW, MSW
Court Services Officer
Second Judicial Circuit Court
Sioux Falls, South Dakota**



Mr. David Wal Jal

Q. Mr. Wal Jal, what is your background?

I was born and raised in the Khor Wakow village near Nasir, South Sudan, in Northeast Africa. This was where I lived for the first ten years of my life. I was forced to flee my home country due to the civil war in southern Sudan. I spent the next ten years in various refugee camps in East Africa. On June 21, 1995, I was resettled as a refugee in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, which is where I call home today.

Q. Where do you work?

I have been working for the South Dakota Unified Judicial System since 2008 as a Juvenile and Adult Court Services Officer. I worked for several years at the [Lutheran Social Services Refugee and Immigration Center](#) as a case manager for newly arrived refugees. Since my arrival in Sioux Falls, I have maintained close ties, both personally and professionally, with the refugee population and other social service agencies.

Q. What is your area of expertise?

I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. With the help of a fellowship through the Bush Foundation, I was able to obtain a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND, as well as a diploma in International Restorative Justice from Queen's Theological College in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. My areas of expertise are Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and general practice (families, individuals, and group etc).

Q. Why did you choose social work as your profession?

I chose the social work profession in honor of those who have dedicated their time

and energy to help me succeed and become who I am today. I did so with the hope that I would be able to contribute to the community and to those who needed help the most, such as the homeless and other disenfranchised populations. I will always remember the welcoming reception and the assistance I received upon my arrival in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I strive to do the same for other populations, and persons in need, in this area. The Social Work profession allows me to work for equality and social justice in our community.

Q. What is your proudest professional achievement?

Receiving a fellowship through the [Bush Foundation Leadership Fellowship](#) to pursue a Master's degree would be my proudest professional achievement. Another rewarding experience has been the opportunity to work for the South Dakota Unified Judicial System as a Court Services Officer. While it can be a difficult job, I know that God guides me and enables me to offer his grace to those who are in need. Through my work, I feel that I am serving God and my community.

Information from National Association of Social Workers online newsletter at <http://www.helpstartshere.org>

Muriel Wenzel Retires after 28 Years with UJS

Muriel (Murt) Wenzel, Jerauld County Clerk of Courts in Wessington Springs, was honored on her retirement on Friday, January 7, 2011.

Pictured with her and her grandson is Third Circuit Court Administrator, Tony Benning, presenting her with a plaque for her 28 years of service to the Unified Judicial System.

Best wishes to Murt on her retirement.



For your convenience, the UJS Policies, IP Rules and Personnel Rules have been combined into one Index, with hyperlinks that will take you directly to the Rule/Policy.

You can access the Index through the link below or through the General UJS Information tab on the UJS Intranet.

http://intapps.sd.gov/applications/SC73/IntUploads/general/Combined_Index.pdf

The three booklets are still listed individually on the Intranet so that you can print a paper copy.

What is a DDoS Attack?

The impact of the internet and specifically Facebook on the recent events in Egypt and Libya will be a topic of discussion for a while. Should governments or anyone be able to deny access to this type of information is part of the debate. The WikiLeaks incident in December resulted in such attempts. Individuals, upset that online payment providers including PayPal, MasterCard, Visa and Amazon stopped taking donations on behalf of WikiLeaks, launched a DDoS attack against those

companies websites.

So what is this DDoS attack? DDoS indicates Distributed Denial of Services and is an attempt to render a computer resource unavailable to its intended users. Although the means to carry out, motives for, and targets of a DDoS attack may vary, it generally consists of the concerted efforts of a person or people to prevent an Internet site from functioning efficiently or at all. One common method of attack involves saturating the target machine with requests, such that it cannot respond to

legitimate traffic, or responds so slowly as to be left effectively unavailable.

Did the WikiLeaks DDoS attacks work? Companies other than Amazon were impacted and had to take necessary steps to firewalls and site configuration to return services to normal. Amazon - well a site designed to handle millions of demanding Christmas shoppers considers an additional +1,000 hackers just a slightly busier than normal day.

Article: Kent Grode, UJS Information and Technology Director

You must look into other people as well as at them.

Lord Chesterfield

Historical Display Cases Redesigned for Capitol Centennial

The UJS display cases outside the Supreme Court Room in the Capitol Building were redesigned this past year as part of the Capitol Centennial Celebration.

The Cultural Heritage Center worked with Chief Justice Gilbertson in the selection of display items and the redesign of the displays. The highlights and historical photos selected provide an interesting tour through South Dakota's judicial history.

The display starts with Dakota Territory and the Territorial Justices, and includes a segment regarding the trial of Jack McCall for the murder of "Wild Bill Hickok."

South Dakota's Statehood brought our first three Supreme Court Justices, who held court in the Hughes County Courthouse in 1890, until the east wing of the original capitol was added for the court in 1891.

The new Capitol Building provided a new home for the Supreme Court and the third display case includes photos of the Justices in their new offices.



Chief Justice Gilbertson in front of one of the redesigned display cases.

The fourth display case provides an overview of the reorganization of the judicial branch in the 1970s, and the final display case shows the court today.

The original display cases were a Centennial project in 1989, where it was hoped to obtain a personal item from

each Justice of the South Dakota Supreme Court. The Territorial Board display was added around 1998.

Over time, it had become obvious that it was impossible to obtain items from the Justices who served shortly after Statehood. Thus, the project as designed would never be completed. In 2010 it was decided to change the theme of the display cases to try to tell the story of the Dakota Territory and South Dakota Supreme Courts as a Court and not dwell on the individual Justices. It now tracks with our booklet, "A Pictorial History of the South Dakota Supreme Court," which was also a 1989 Centennial project.

Please plan to take the time to "walk" through South Dakota's judicial history the next time you are in Pierre.



I/T Snippet:

Why should I close all my applications at the end of the day?

- UJS runs nightly backups of work files. If a Word document is open it cannot be backed up,
- closing Email cleans out temp files and empties the deleted folder,
- all applications need to be closed for the weekly reboot to occur - and the weekly reboot helps ensure that security patches and virus definition files are updated.

Maintaining Court Calendars in Odyssey

Judges, clerk staff and schedulers will be pleasantly surprised with both the functionality and ease-of-use of Odyssey's calendaring feature. Odyssey provides two types of calendars – a Master Calendar and a Resource Calendar. A Master Calendar is maintained by clerk staff or a scheduler. It

offers a view of all court sessions and defines and summarizes what can be scheduled into the court sessions. A Resource Calendar provides a view of all commitments, including unavailable time for a particular resource (judge). Hearings can be scheduled from either calendar, as well as directly

from the case itself, and all three locations are automatically updated at the same time. Other features include the 5-day calendar view, monthly calendar view, multiple days view, hearing notices, and a copy and paste function, as well as many other exciting new options.

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Example of a Master Calendar:

The screenshot shows the Odyssey Master Calendar interface. The window title is "Calendar" and the application is "JSFR1VMDev10". The main heading is "Brookings Test Calendar's Calendar for February, March 2011". The calendar is owned by "Brookings". The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options like "Case Manager Home", "Searches", "Add a Case", "Protection Orders", "Court Administration", and "Fees & Finances". The main calendar area shows a 5-day view from Monday, February 21 to Friday, March 4. Each day's entry includes the time and location of the session.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February 21 9:00 Brookings - Magistrate 1h, 15m of 8h	February 22 1:30 Brookings - Gienapp Cri 30m of 1h, 30m	February 23	February 24 9:00 Ad-Hoc_05CR111-000004 15m of 15m 9:00 Brookings - Gienapp Div 0m of 8h 9:00 Test 3 of 50	February 25
February 28 9:00 Brookings - Magistrate 8h of 8h	March 1 1:30 Brookings - Gienapp Cri 0m of 1h, 30m	March 2 9:00 Brookings - Foley Juv-A&N 0m of 3h	March 3 9:00 Brookings - Foley - PO-Civi 0m of 3h 9:00 Brookings - Gienapp Div 0m of 8h 1:30 Brookings - Foley ITV Hrgs 0m of 3h, 30m	March 4
March 7 9:00 Brookings - Magistrate 30m of 8h	March 8 1:30 Brookings - Gienapp Cri 0m of 1h, 30m	March 9	March 10 9:00 Brookings - Gienapp Div 0m of 8h	March 11
March 14 9:00 Brookings - Magistrate 0m of 8h	March 15 1:30 Brookings - Gienapp Cri 0m of 1h, 30m	March 16	March 17 9:00 Brookings - Gienapp Div 0m of 8h	March 18

The bottom of the window shows the system tray with the date "2/22/2011 10:25am" and a "Messages" icon.

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Pursuant to UJS Information and Technology policy, clerks and schedulers will be given view/update access to their respective county Master Calendar(s) or as designated by the circuit administrator. View only access to Master Calendars will also be determined by the circuit administrator.

Judges and clerks/ schedulers will be authorized to maintain/schedule in judge's Resource Calendars upon completion of a re-requisite training session and with the judge's approval. Judge's Resource Calendars can be made private or view/update access can be granted to specific users.

Efforts to configure various aspects of the calendaring options to the Third Circuit's specific needs are currently in progress and will be in place when the pilot counties go-live. Pilot counties include Brookings, Clark, Codington, Deuel, Hamlin and Lake.



Example of a Resource Calendar:

The screenshot displays the Odyssey Resource Schedule application. The window title is "Resource Schedule" and the user is identified as "JSPR1VMDev10". The main heading is "Resource Schedule" with a sub-heading "LeeAnn Pierce's Schedule for February, March 2011". The calendar is organized by month and day of the week. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options like "Case Manager Home", "Searches", "Add a Case", "Protection Orders", "Court Administration", and "Fees & Finances". The calendar grid shows the following schedule entries:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February 21 9:00 Brookings - Magistrate 1h, 15m of 8h	February 22 9:00 Codington - Magistrate 1h, 30m of 8h	February 23 9:00 Moody - Magistrate 0m of 8h	February 24 9:00 Ad-Hoc_05CR111-000004 15m of 15m 9:00 Test 3 of 50	February 25
February 28 9:00 Brookings - Magistrate 8h of 8h	March 1 9:00 Codington - Magistrate 2h of 8h	March 2 9:00 Beadle - Magistrate 0m of 8h	March 3 9:00 Lake - Magistrate 0m of 3h	March 4
March 7 9:00 Brookings - Magistrate 30m of 8h	March 8 9:00 Codington - Magistrate 0m of 8h	March 9 9:00 Moody - Magistrate 0m of 8h	March 10 9:00 OUT	March 11
March 14 9:00 Brookings - Magistrate 0m of 8h	March 15 9:00 Codington - Magistrate 0m of 8h	March 16 9:00 Beadle - Magistrate 0m of 8h	March 17 9:00 Lake - Magistrate 0m of 3h	March 18

The bottom of the window shows the system tray with the date "2/22/2011 10:27am" and a "Messages" icon.

TKS Changes to Family Medical and Military Leave

Immediate changes have been made to TKS to better track Family Medical Leave and Military Family Medical Leave.

Employees will notice that once they have been approved for leave covered under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), that they will have options in the TKS to designate the leave and

keep better track of hours used.

FMLA is not a separate leave bank, but is protected leave provided to employees who are eligible and entitled to the maximum 12 workweeks, or 26 workweeks under military leave, of continuous, intermittent, or reduced



Beth Urban, Director, and Lisa Mammenga, Personnel Specialist, from the UJS Human Resources Office.

Communication Tips, *Karn Barth, Judicial Branch Educator*

I get requests for trainings on various aspects on the art of communication more than any other topic. So, through the UJS newsletter I will share various communication tips with you.

3 Simple Steps to Boosting Morale

Praise can lift people's spirits, improve morale, increase productivity and make the workplace a more pleasant place to be. To master the art of praise, remember these tips;

- **Talk about people behind their backs.**

That's right; go ahead and speak to a peer about a mutual colleague's good work on a project, how the person helped you or how the person is a pleasure to

work with. When you praise a co-worker to the person's peers, they learn what kind of behavior you value, and the person you praise will think more highly of you for giving credit where it's deserved.

- **Compliment people in front of the boss.**

The next time you thank a co-worker for helping you, do it within earshot of the boss.

Example: "James, I can't thank you enough for helping with that transcript. I couldn't have done it without you." Many workplace heroes go unnoticed because they don't want to hog the credit. If you work with such a person, don't let the person's good work go unnoticed.

- **Thank people for the little things.**

Does one of your co-workers have a flawless attendance record? Is the person always

cheerful? Too often, people pay attention to those things only when they're missing. Why not mention how much you appreciate them now? The top reason people leave their jobs is because they feel their contributions aren't valued.

Adapted from "The Positive Power of Praise," Joan Lloyd, www.bizjournals.com

By associating with wise people you will become wise yourself.

Menander