New employees join the DRN team

DRN is happy to announce the addition of seven team members, including three full-time staff members and four summer employees. Michelle Knauff, Venice Schmitz, Marcus Rondestvedt, Jeremy Gusaas, Andrew Jepson, and Kellemon Hinton recently joined the DRN team.

Michelle Knauff joins DRN as the marketing specialist. She enjoys reading, flying, fishing, and spending time outdoors. Rondestvedt graduated from North Dakota State University with a bachelor’s degree in marketing and minor in sociology. She has held previous positions as a public relations coordinator at the Jamestown Regional Medical Center, a marketing intern at DRN and the ND Department of Agriculture.

Venice Schmitz, Fullerton, was hired as a customer care specialist at the Oakes customer service office. She and her husband Jeff have four grown children. Schmitz has lived and worked in Dickey County her whole life. She enjoys camping, being outdoors, boating, and spending time with friends and family, including her four grandchildren.

Marcus Rondestvedt joined DRN’s technical assistance team. Rondestvedt is from Lisbon, Minnesota. He enjoys playing his guitar and singing in the band Go Murphy in Fargo. Rondestvedt is majoring in music–voice and a minor in IT.

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Michelle Kunrath joins DRN as the marketing specialist. She enjoys traveling, reading, fishing, and spending time with friends and family, including her four grandchildren. "Being at DRN has been a great experience and I’ve had great rapport while I learn my new position," said Kunrath.

Marcus Rondestvedt joined DRN’s technical assistance group (TAG). "Where he is not working or spending time with his wife, LaTina and their two sons, Carolee and River, he enjoys playing his guitar and singing in the band Gro Murphy in Fargo. Rondestvedt is from St. Louis and graduated from Jamestown College in 2010 with a major in music–voice and a minor in IT."

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DRN will be sponsoring the 5K Walk and 5K Run in remembrance of past employees Mark Scalon and Margaret Barton. DRN started the Annual 5K Run/Walk in honor of Mark, a great manager of DRN, who lost his battle with cancer in February of 2005. Margaret, a retired office manager, courageously battled cancer while working in the Life Office of February 2004. Her battle with cancer ended in August 2004. Both Mark and Mary have also been fighting cancer, so this event is to honor them.

Registration forms are available at www.dickeymarion.com. Entry fees can be dropped off at any DRN office in Lisbon, Oakes, or Ellendale. Or, mail completed registration forms to: DRN, March for Memories, P.O. Box 80, Ellendale, ND 58436. For more information, please call Jeremiah Guymon at 701-344-6095.

New directory listings

Ange-Julie Dickey ............................ 999-3495
Musick Dickey ..................................999-3495
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Description of available services:

CLINICAL: The department is staffed with highly skilled professionals and is equipped to provide comprehensive, patient-centered care.

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Learn more about Dickey-Marion Insurance at dickeymarionins.com

In appreciation of their customer’s business, DRN will be hosting complimentary spouse and family outings for those 5 p.m. All DRN employees are invited to show support during any of these summer events of food and fun.

Tuesday, July 28

Gukes–Hockey Park

Wednesday, July 29

Falkland’s Red Oak Inn

Thursday, July 30

Jell–City Park

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UREA Superchargers/Grass Roots Racing

RSM will still be on the move! If you have questions or comments, please contact Jake Wyant at 701-344-6095.
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Scholarship recipients were selected based on their academic achievement and community involvement. A committee of judges reviewed the applications.

Outstanding Capital Credits

The following customer accounts have outstanding capital credits. If your name is listed or you have information regarding a name below please call DRN 877-559-4692 or 701-344-5000.

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DRN announces 2015 scholarship winners

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The 2015 DRN/FRS $3,000 scholarship winner is: Haley Gilstad, Ashley. Winners of a $500 scholarship from DRN include Zachary Fischer and Jakob Neu, Ashley; Braedan Mathern and Billy Zotnick, Edgeley; Shania Merkel and Dahlin Pahl, Ellendale; Tiegan Irion and Rose Malone, Kulm; Mercedes Bierman and Fallon Swenson, LaMoure; Ashley Larson and Alexis Mund, Lisbon; Blake Roorda and Adreanna Trepuc, Litchville-Marion; Brooke Tayer and Joshua Weber, Miltor; Mackenzie Dietz and Winners continued on page 4.>>

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Photos by: Alyson Meehl

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success perhaps is due to his passion for the day-to-day contact with his customers and the commitment to the insurance industry. This speaks loudly once again for his belief in not only offering his services, but building relationships with his customers with the personal attention each one deserves. Although they have been in business since 1974, Gene began his career in 1981 and purchased the business in 2003. When asked what attracted him to this industry Rode stated, "I like the idea of helping people. I’ve always been an old-fashioned type of person. My customers and I are friends, not just people I deal with. We want to do the best job we can for our customers." Not knowing exactly what he would like to do after graduation, Gene stated, "It was DuWayne Bott who would never take no for an answer, suggesting more than once that I should come and work for him. I finally decided to commit to one year and have never looked back!" He will forever be an important mentor in my life along with Rick Maddock, my high school teacher and principal. March for Memories

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For photo from left to right: Roxanne Klug, Nancy Noot and Gene Rode.

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Michelle Kneff joins DRN as the marketing specialist. She enjoys reading, fishing, and spending time outdoors and at the lake with her family. Kneff received her high school diploma from Oakes High School and graduated from North Dakota State University with a degree in marketing and minor in sociology. She has had previous positions as a public relations coordinator at the Jamestown Regional Medical Center, a marketing intern at DRN and the ND Department of Agriculture. Vonne Schmitz, Fullerton, was hired as a customer care specialist at the Oakes customer service office. She and her husband Jeff have four grown children. Schmitz has lived and worked in Dickey County her whole life. She enjoys camping, being outdoors, hunting, and spending time with friends and family, including her four grandchildren. "Being in DRN has been a great experience and I've had great support while I learn my new position," said Schmitz.

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Working as a temporary installation assistant are: Andrew Jepson and Kellemon Hinton. Jepson graduated from Oakes High School in 2014 and attended NDsu with a major in agricultural economics. In his spare time he enjoys spending time on the lake and running. Kellemon Hinton, originally from Beloit, Wisconsin, moved to Ellendale at eight years old. Hinton loves all types of music and enjoys playing guitar, piano, drums, playing base guitar and singing. He recently graduated from Ellendale High School and will attend college at North Dakota State University pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering aspiring to become an agricultural engineer. Hinton will also be participating in NDsu's men's track and field team.

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