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Marco Hires New Employees

Marco has added three new staff members in the St. Cloud office: Corey Leinen, Voice Technician; Amanda Jaeger, AR Representative; and Tanner Ripka, Internal Technical Specialist.

Nurse Practitioner Joins HealthPartners Central Minnesota Clinics

Nicole Marti, Certified Nurse Practitioner, has joined HealthPartners Central Minnesota Clinics. Marti is a graduate of Minnesota State University in Moorhead and received her Family Nurse Practitioner Certification from Minnesota State University in Mankato. She will be seeing patients at the Sartell clinic and at the HealthStation clinic in the Coborn's Superstore in Sauk Rapids.

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Doherty Staffing Solutions Earns WRC Certification

Doherty Staffing Solutions is the first in Minnesota to be awarded Workers' Compensation Risk Certification (WRC). WRC recognizes staffing companies that practice best-in-class risk management to reduce workplace injuries and related costs. To be awarded certification, companies undergo a thorough review of their operational practices.

PineCone Vision Center Staff Attain Certification, Join Committee

Dr. Nicolas Colatrella and Dr. Stacy Hinkemeyer of PineCone Vision Center have attained American Board of Optometry Certification, a voluntary process that establishes standards demonstrating that the doctor has exceeded basic requirements and maintains the appropriate knowledge, skills, and experience needed to deliver quality patient care.

Jennifer Novak, practice administrator at PineCone Vision Center, has joined the American Optometric Association's Para Optometric Awards and Recognition Committee.

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Federated Challenge Gives \$300,000 to BBBS of Central MN

The Federated Insurance Foundation donated \$300,000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Central Minnesota based in St. Cloud. The donation comes from funds that were raised at the Federated Challenge for Kids of Minnesota. Since 2005, BBBS of

Central Minnesota has received \$1.6 million from the Federated Challenge, which represents the largest single source of funding in the organization's history.

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Kellen Named Minnesota Transit Professional of the Year

Metro Bus Director of Operations and Technology Tony Kellen was named Minnesota Transit Professional of the Year at the Minnesota Public Transit Association annual conference in St. Paul, Minnesota. This award is presented to individuals who have designed and implemented a specific program demonstrating innovative concepts or effective problem-solving techniques of proven value.

Metro Bus Executive Director David W. Tripp (left) presented Kellen (right) with the award.

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Hill Museum & Manuscript Library Awarded National Medal of Honor

The Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML) at Saint John's University has been awarded the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The National Medal is the nation's highest honor for libraries and museums and is sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN) nominated HMML for the award.

The 2011 award winning libraries and museums will be honored at a Washington, D.C. ceremony. Each library and museum also receives an honorarium of \$10,000.

KDV to Expand Expertise and Client Base (no photo)

Kern, DeWenter, Viere, Ltd. (KDV) and David B. Campbell, Ltd. (DBC) have announced that DBC will join KDV. The merger broadens KDV's portfolio of expertise, services and clients as it strengthens its presence in the Twin Cities. Because of the merger, KDV is now one of the largest accounting and consulting firms in Minnesota.

GNP Company™ Wins Meatingplace's 2011 Jesse Jewell Award (no photo)

Gold'n Plump Poultry grew and changed its name to GNP Company, and now has won the Jesse Jewell award given by a major industry publication, Meatingplace. Each year, the Jesse Jewell Award is given to "a poultry processor whose products, processes or overall approach to marketing or management have improved not only its own bottom line, but raised the standard of excellence for the entire poultry industry, just as Jesse Jewell did."

CEO Mike Helgeson and his father, Don Helgeson, chairman of the board, accepted the award on behalf of GNP Company at the 2011 Annual National Chicken Council Meeting in October.

Jared Brewington appointed to Board of Directors

Jared A. Brewington, Green Energy Products, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of Compatible Technology International.

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Clifton Gunderson, LarsonAllen Announce Plans to Merge

Clifton Gunderson and LarsonAllen, ranked as two of the nation's top 20 certified public accounting and consulting firms, announced plans to merge and form one of the top 10 accounting firms in the United States. The merger will take effect Jan. 2, 2012. The new firm will be named CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA).

The new firm will have more than \$550 million in combined revenue, employ more than 3,600 professionals, including 500-plus partners, and will operate from 25 states and Washington, D.C.

DEED Awards Funding to Train Workers at CentraCare Health System

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) has awarded a \$178,406 grant under its Minnesota Job Skills Partnership to train 279 workers at CentraCare Health System - Long Prairie.

Nurses, emergency medical technicians, medical technicians and medical transcriptionists will learn techniques to improve the quality and safety of patient care using a national program developed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and offered by Central Lakes College.

CSB and SJU Maintain No. 1 Ranking in Mid-Term Study Abroad Participation

For the second consecutive year, the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University are ranked No. 1 nationally among baccalaureate institutions with students who participate in mid-length study abroad programs, according to Open Doors 2011, the annual report on international education published by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

The two schools had 367 students study abroad in mid-length programs during the 2009-10 school year. The 2011 report also found that CSB and SJU ranked No. 4 nationally among baccalaureate institutions for total number of study abroad students, with 573 students who studied abroad in 2009-10.

Marco CFO Jennifer Mrozek Named as CFO of the Year

The Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal recently announced Jennifer Mrozek, CFO at Marco, Inc. as the CFO of the Year winner in the medium private company category.

Mrozek has been with Marco since 1998 and became CFO in 2003. Her tenure as CFO has been marked by helping the company grow its revenue from \$40 million to \$90 million and doubling its profits. Mrozek has also taken a lead role in negotiations and system integration for seven companies it acquired over the past two years.

Finalists and winners were recognized on November 17th at the luncheon and awards presentation at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis.

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