

## Viborg, Hurley Superintendent Resigns

From P&D Staff Reports

A week after the two districts voted to consolidate, Patrick Kraning is resigning as the superintendent of both the Viborg and Hurley school districts.

Kraning's resignation is effective at the end of the month and comes in the final year before the two districts merge. The consolidation takes effect July 1, 2012.

Kraning said he resigned to complete his advanced degree. The Lake Andes native holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell. He has been working on his education specialist's degree but finds himself unable to continue his coursework while running the two schools.

He said he will complete his master's degree in December and finish the specialist's program at the University of South Dakota in the spring.

He has served as Viborg superintendent for 13 years, adding the Hurley position during the last two years. In addition to his administrative duties, he serves as athletic director and girls basketball coach.

Kraning's wife, Lisa, teaches and coaches at Centerville. They have two children, Alyssa and Zach. The son is a senior at Viborg High School.

The Viborg and Hurley school districts will launch a search for a new superintendent.

## Yankton Co. Farmers Union To Meet

The Yankton County Farmers Union will hold its monthly meeting tonight (Thursday) at the Fryn' Pan restaurant, Yankton.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. At 8 p.m., guest speakers Craig Schumann, the executive director of the Farm Service Agency, and Rich Schwartz, the Yankton County FSA director, will discuss the upcoming farm bill and its effect on local producers.

Coffee, donuts and door prizes will be available. For questions, call Alvin Novak at 605-364-7303.

## Tractor Destroyed In Fire Wednesday

An apparent engine fire destroyed a tractor at the Yankton Livestock Auction Wednesday afternoon.

The Yankton Fire Department was summoned at approximately 4 p.m. for a fire that started in a John Deere tractor that was used as a fork lift. By the time firefighters arrived, auction personnel had extinguished much of the blaze by using an on-site sprayer.

The tractor was a total loss.

## College Students Sought For Intern Positions

PIERRE — The South Dakota Legislature is looking for nineteen ambitious college or university students to serve as legislative interns for the 2012 Legislative Session. The internship positions are open to all college and university students. Applications for the intern positions must be filed with the Legislative Research Council in Pierre by Oct. 15.

The Legislative Research Council's internship program is designed so students can achieve a greater understanding of the government process, as well as provide assistance to the legislative branch of government. As interns, students will work with the legislative leadership and assist them with bill briefs, constituent service, and other legislative tasks. The students will also earn valuable college credits for their internship and receive just under \$4,000 in compensation for their services.

Additional information regarding the program can be found at the Legislative Research Council's website, <http://legis.state.sd.us/intern>.

Interested students should contact David L. Ortbahn, Principal Research Analyst, Legislative Research Council, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070.

## 'Adopt-A-Less-Adoptable-Pet' Week This Week

Heartland Humane Society is going to have our adult cats that have been here a year available for half-price adoption through Sept. 25.

For more information on adopting a cat or dog, stop by the shelter at 601 Burrell Street in Yankton, go to our website at [heartlandhumane.org](http://heartlandhumane.org), email [hhs@midconetwork.com](mailto:hhs@midconetwork.com) or call 605-664-4244.

## Hay To Be Removed From State Right Of Way

PIERRE — The South Dakota Department of Transportation requests the cooperation of all farmers and ranchers in removing processed hay from the highway right of way. State regulations require that hay be removed from the right of way within 30 days of being processed, but no later than Oct. 1.

Removing hay bales from the highway right of way is an important safety consideration for motorists. The bales or stacks can be a safety hazard for vehicles forced to leave the road and, in some cases, can restrict a driver's sight distance. Hay left in the road ditches late in the year can also cause snowdrifts across the highway.

For more information, contact Jason Humphrey at 605-773-3571.

## Applications For Mrs. South Dakota Needed

Applications are now being accepted for the title of Mrs. South Dakota International 2012, an official preliminary to the Mrs. International Pageant, which will be held at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts Theater in Chicago. The dates are July 19-July 23, 2012.

The Mrs. South Dakota International 2012 Pageant will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011, at the Orpheum Theatre in Sioux Falls.

The woman selected as Mrs. South Dakota International will become an ambassador from South Dakota and will receive an official title and sash.

Competitions will include:

- Private one on one interview, with each contestant selecting a platform, which she will speak about through her reign 50 percent;
- Fitness Wear (in lieu of swimsuit competition), 25 percent;
- Event Gown — Husbands escorting their wives on stage, 25 percent.

Married women between the ages of 21-56 living in South Dakota that are interested should call Jessie Brower, South Dakota State Director, at (605) 360-1117 or email [mrssouthdakota@gmail.com](mailto:mrssouthdakota@gmail.com).

## OBITUARIES

### Herman Goeken

Herman F. Goeken, 95, of Yankton died Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011, at Avera Sacred Heart Majestic Bluffs Assisted Living Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Mark Lichter celebrating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, with military graveside rites by Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791, Yankton, and SDARNG, Sioux Falls.

Visitations are 3-9 p.m. Friday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7 p.m. and prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

### Alice Kupfer

Alice A. Kupfer, 72, of Yankton died Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011, at her home in Yankton.

Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

# Dieter Named Chair Of USD Nursing Dept.

VERMILLION — Carla Dieter, Ed.D., R.N., F.N.P.-B.C., has been named chair of the University of South Dakota's Department of Nursing. Most recently, she served as the interim chair and is an associate professor for the USD Department of Nursing. She has been the director of Nursing Education Scholarship at USD since 2010.

"Carla's commitment to nursing and nursing education fits perfectly with the goals of USD Nursing going forward," stated Dr. Rodney R. Parry, M.D., vice president and dean of the Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota.

Dieter has had extensive teaching experience in undergraduate and graduate education as well as being an experienced Family Nurse Practitioner. Prior to USD, she served in various undergraduate and graduate positions at the South Dakota State University College of Nursing. Most recently as associate professor and family nurse practitioner at Student Health Services, Dieter coordinated the graduate Family Nurse Practitioner and Doctor of Nursing Practice program at SDSU. Additionally, she has led faculty in evaluating the scholarship of teaching and learning



Dieter

across the nursing curriculum while at both USD and SDSU. Before her career as a nursing educator, Dieter was a nursing staff member at hospitals in Sioux Falls, Norfolk, Neb., Osmond, Neb., and Omaha, Neb.

"This is an exciting time to be part of the Department of Nursing at USD because we have the capability of providing our students with several opportunities to reach their nursing goals," added Dieter, who noted that as part of the School of Health Sciences, USD Nursing offers an associate degree in nursing on the main campus in Vermillion and at four outreach campuses in Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls and Watertown. Additionally, USD has admitted their first class of R.N.-B.S.N. students this fall. "And USD will be taking their strong reputation in nursing education forward as they develop a four-year baccalaureate degree in nursing."

Currently, Dieter is the recipient of several awards throughout her distinguished career, including the Outstanding Nurse Practitioner

Educator Award from the National Organization of Nurse Practitioners (2009), State Award for Excellence from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (2006) and the Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching from the SDSU College of Nursing (2003). She has been a part of successful grant writing teams, authored several nursing and education publications and presented at workshops throughout North America.

"Carla's extensive resumé in the nursing profession and in nursing education provide the USD Nursing Department with the necessary leadership to see the program grow continuously and provide our students with exciting new opportunities," stated Barbara Brockevell, Ph.D., OTR/L, interim dean, School of Health Sciences.

She received a Doctor of Education degree from USD, Post-Master's Certificates in Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty and Parent-Child Nursing Specialty from SDSU, a Master of Science degree from SDSU, a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Nebraska Medical Center and an Associate Degree in Nursing from the College of St. Mary.

## FEMA

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to [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov).

"From there, you get your foot in the door. That's the first step," said Elliot Parsowith, a community relations field officer with FEMA. "(The case) will be evaluated as to what programs they might be eligible for through FEMA. There is a possibility they could get a grant, or they could be referred to SBA for a loan. SBA makes loans for homeowners, as well as businesses. It depends on a lot of variables."

SBA provides home disaster loans, business physical disaster loans and economic injury disaster loans. Interest rates for those who have no credit available elsewhere range from 2.5 percent

to 4 percent, depending on the type of loan.

Homeowners can borrow up to \$200,000 to repair or replace their primary residence. Homeowners and renters can borrow up to \$40,000 to replace personal property. Meanwhile, businesses can borrow up to \$2 million for any combination of property damage or economic injury.

If you receive a denial or ineligibility letter from FEMA after registering, Parsowith said individuals should not give up.

"It is definitely not the end of the line because it can happen for many different reasons not having to do with their actual claim," he said. "If you get a denial letter or an ineligibility letter, go ahead and appeal it if you think it's an error or if you have to update your file. People do have to take the initiative to update their claim from time to time. Keep FEMA advised."

## Nations

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cycle of violence in the Middle East."

The French president proposed a one-year timetable for Israel and the Palestinians to reach an accord.

Palestinian officials made it clear that the latest proposal, while welcome, would do nothing to prevent them from going to the Security Council and seeking full statehood.

"This is a moment of truth," said Nabeel Shaath, an Abbas adviser.

At the heart of the fight, Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pursued support from other leaders but not each other. Various mediators searched for consensus for a diplomatic solution to preclude the showdown and revive peace talks.

Netanyahu thanked Obama for defending Israel, which fears that a Palestinian state drawn by the U.N. would include borders leaving the Jewish state vulnerable to attack. The United States is Israel's staunchest defender in demanding that direct talks are the only means to Palestinian statehood, a position that leaves Obama arguing against fast world endorsement of a Palestinian homeland he has repeatedly said he supports.

Palestinian senior aide Saeb Erekat said the pursuit of full U.N. membership would not be slowed: "We will not allow any political maneuvering on this issue," he said.

Beyond the public eye, U.S. and other officials began to concede that an effort to deter Palestinians from bringing the matter before the world body had failed, and the so-called Quartet of Mideast peace mediators worked on a deal intended to address the longstanding concerns of both sides. The Quartet consists of the United States, the European Union, the United Nations and Russia.

Under that compromise plan, the Quartet would issue a statement in which Israel would have to accept its pre-1967 Mideast War borders, with land exchanges, as the basis for a two-state solution, and the Palestinians would have to recognize Israel's Jewish character if there was to be a deal, officials close to the talks said.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss ongoing diplomacy.

European officials, supported by the U.S., were outlining the compromise agreement to the Israeli and Palestinian governments and asking for tough concessions from each.

The Palestinians would petition the United Nations Security Council on Friday, as expected, but would agree not to press for action on the request for statehood recognition for a year, or would withdraw it later. That would allow Abbas to save face and prevent an embarrassing defeat that might empower his Fatah party's rival faction, the militant Islamic group Hamas, which is considered a terrorist group by Israel and the United States.

In the 15-member Security Council, approval of a resolution requires nine "yes" votes and no

One example of when FEMA may issue a denial is if there has been no insurance settlement yet. Once that occurs, the individual may simply call FEMA with his or her case number and update the file to have it reconsidered.

In some cases, an individual may not thoroughly read the material given by FEMA or may not follow through with the organization's requests.

"You have to continue going through the process," said Tanjia Smith of the SBA. "You don't stop with registering. As they send you information, provide them with the additional information they need."

Also Wednesday, emergency officials warned citizens that the deadline to file flood insurance claims could be as early as Thursday, Sept. 29.

Claims for flood damage in policies underwritten by the

National Flood Insurance Program must be filed within 120 days for buildings damaged by the rising water of the Missouri River. The flooding began June 1, meaning that deadline would be next Thursday.

"File those flood insurance claims now," urged Deputy State Coordinating Officer Tina Titze of the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management. "Don't miss out on the benefits of the policy you've paid for because you forgot to file."

Federal Coordinating Officer Mark Neveau of the Federal Emergency Management Agency added, "We're concerned that people who could not get in to see their damage for as long as ten weeks or more may not have filed their claim. But the deadline is just around the corner. Call your agent before it's too late. They are there to help you."

## Center

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cake walk."

Food will be available throughout the day, and a meal sponsored by Great Plains Communications will be served from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

"We'll be serving brats, walking tacos, hot dogs, funnel cakes and cookies. A coffee vendor will be there, too," Becker said.

Once activities conclude, the event will finish up with a little nod to the past.

"In the old days, Center use to show movies on Saturday nights, so we are going to project a movie in the Center park," Becker said.

The movie night will be begin at dusk and will feature the film "Flicka."

The celebration is sponsored by the Village of Center Park and Improvement Committee, and money raised during the event will go towards park improvements.

Registration for activities is open up to and including the day of the event. For more information or to sign up, contact Sue Wiebelhaus at (402) 288-4219 or [shw19782002@yahoo.com](mailto:shw19782002@yahoo.com).

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Thursday, September 22

7:40 a.m. Yankton Chamber (Carmen Schramm)

8:15 a.m. Yankton Convention/Visitors Bureau (Lisa Scheve)

Friday, September 23

7:40 a.m. Yankton P&D (Nathan Johnson)

8:15 a.m. Yankton Area Ice Assn. (Dave Spencer)

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