

**Daugaard Seeking Interns For Spring Session**

PIERRE — Gov. Dennis Daugaard is currently accepting internship applications for the next legislative session in Pierre, continuing into the spring of 2013. The paid position will run from January to May. Governor's Office interns have the opportunity to work at the highest level of state government in crafting policy and functioning in the legislative process. The Governor's Office internship is highly substantive and will provide an in-depth education on South Dakota state government. The intern's duties will depend on interests and strengths. Typical duties have included aiding in policy development and staffing the governor, lieutenant governor and first lady. The position is open to all post-secondary students or recent graduates. Preference will be given to state residents attending South Dakota colleges or universities. Applicants should submit a resume, cover letter and references by Nov. 1, via email, to: Will.Mortenson@state.sd.us. Preference is for a resume, but an application is available online at: <http://bop.sd.gov/workforus/intern/default.aspx>. For more information on duties or logistics, visit <http://sd.gov/governor/Internship.aspx> or contact Will Mortenson at: Will.Mortenson@state.sd.us.

**South Dakota Legislature Internships Available**

PIERRE — The South Dakota Legislature is looking for 22 ambitious college or university students to serve as legislative interns for the 2013 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 \$4,800 in compensation for their services. Additional information regarding the program can be found at the Legislative Research Council's web site, <http://legis.state.sd.us/intern>. Interested students should contact David L. Ortbahn, Principal Research Analyst, Legislative Research Council, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5070.

**Tyndall Young Artists Show Seeks Entrants**

Youth artists in kindergarten through high school are invited to enter the 13th annual Young Artists Show to be held in October at the Art & Antique Gallery in Tyndall. The theme this year is "Anything with Wings." All mediums will be accepted, such as paintings, drawings, sculpture, clay, photography, and mixed media. One entry per youth. There are three age categories and there will also be one People's Choice award. Entry deadline is Sept. 29. Entry forms are available by stopping at the gallery or they can be requested through email: [dakotaprairie@hcinet.net](mailto:dakotaprairie@hcinet.net). Entry is free. Each participant receives a certificate of merit. For more information, call 605-589-4050.

**Creative Writers' Camp To Be Held Sept. 29**

VERMILLION — Teachers, school administrators, and other educators are invited to nominate talented high school students for "The Sorcerer's Apprentice: A Creative Writers' Camp," to be held Saturday, Sept. 29, at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. The Dakota Writing Project (DWP), a local teachers' organization affiliated with the National Writing Project, and the Vermillion Literary Project (VLP), an award-winning student organization, are hosting the one-day camp. The camp, which will run from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., includes workshops on comic book narratives, memoir writing, point of view in fiction, screenwriting, poetry, revision, performance, and poetry slams, to be followed by a public reading and mini-poetry slam in Farber Hall. Participants enjoy a day of workshops and receive a camp T-shirt, lunch, refreshments during breaks, and a copy of the VLP magazine. Reduced-fee scholarships based on financial need are available; email [dwp@usd.edu](mailto:dwp@usd.edu) for information. Enrollment is limited, so nominated students are encouraged to register as soon as possible. The registration form, camp schedule, workshop descriptions, and additional information are available online at <http://tinyurl.com/dwpsacamp> or <http://connect.nwp.org/dakota-writing-project/p/8>.

**New Route Highlights Nikki's Fund 5K Run**

VERMILLION — Nikki's Fund and the University of South Dakota are sponsoring the seventh annual Nikki's Fund 5k Run for Suicide Prevention on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Prentis Park. Nikki's Fund was created in memory of Nicole Vallie Harris, the daughter of Janine Harris who manages the Al Neuharth Media Center on the USD campus. Nikki died from suicide on June 15, 2005 and this year's event will be in her honor and in memory of Stacey Myers, a USD student and Nikki's Fund volunteer who was killed in a car accident this summer. The 2012 race/walk is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. at Prentis Park (also the finish site) and takes participants on a route through downtown Vermillion, including Main Street (heading west), north onto Franklin Street, east on Clark Street for several blocks, north onto Dakota Street past the USD campus, east on Cherry Street until making the final turn on Pine Street toward Prentis Park and the home stretch. Prizes from the 5K will be awarded to the first place finishers in the male and female categories of 15 and under, 16 to 25 years old, 26 to 54 years old, and 55 and over. Registration forms for the Nikki's Fund 5k Run for Suicide Prevention are available at the front desk of the Al Neuharth Media Center on the USD campus; at the USD Student Counseling Center, which is located at the Cook House; on-line at [www.allspportcentral.com](http://www.allspportcentral.com); or participants can complete a registration form the day of the run at 8 a.m. at Prentis Park. Runners and walkers can save \$5 by pre-registering at the cost of \$10 before Sept. 13 while cost is \$15 after that date, including the day of the race. T-shirts and refreshments will also be provided. Nikki's Fund 5k Run for Suicide Prevention is part of National Suicide Prevention Week, Sept. 9-15. All proceeds are used for USD students in crisis situations and promotion of suicide prevention awareness throughout the campus community. All monies raised, including participation fees and all donations, stay in the Vermillion community to assist students in obtaining the help they need and provide resources determined by USD and the Student Counseling Center. Additional events planned for National Suicide Prevention Week at USD include a Student Counseling Center and Nikki's Fund information table from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 11-12, at the Muenster University Center and a "Day of Silence" suicide prevention awareness program at noon on Sept. 13 at the Muenster University Center Pit Lounge. For more information about Nikki's Fund or to make a donation, call (605) 677-5424.

**Child And Adult Care Food Program Announced**

South Central Child Development Inc. announces the sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The same meals will be made available to all children enrolled in the Head Start Program at no separate charge. Meals will be provided at Head Start locations and day care homes administered by our organization. A list of Head Start locations and day care homes is available at our office, which is located at 401 Walnut Avenue SW, Wagner SD 57380. Eligibility for the center's meal reimbursement is based on the following annual income scales effective from July 1, 2012, until further notice. (Listed as Family Size — Eligibility Scale for free Meals/Eligibility Scale for Reduced Price Meals):  
1 — \$14,521/\$20,665  
2 — \$19,669/\$27,991  
3 — \$24,817/\$35,317  
4 — \$29,965/\$42,643  
5 — \$35,113/\$49,969  
6 — \$40,261/\$57,295  
7 — \$45,469/\$64,621  
8 — \$50,557/\$71,947  
For each additional family member add \$5,148 \$7,326  
This information provided on applications for free or reduced price meals is confidential

and is used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (voice) or (800) 877-8339 (TTY) or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish) USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

**DITCHING THE FLAMES**



**Dry conditions resulted in another area grassfire Wednesday, this one a ditch fire on 302nd St. near the intersection of 444th Ave. northeast of Yankton. Unlike Tuesday's ditch fire which wound up scorching almost 40 acres of land, Wednesday's blaze was contained quickly, despite the presence of a brisk northwest wind. There is little relief to the fire threat in sight, although there is a small chance of thunderstorms today (Thursday).**

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**Freeman**

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they put out their best work and become connected with people in the community, he said. "A big part of it is sending (the letters) to their parents and other people they know. It makes the project real for them," he said. The less-structured approach doesn't mean students aren't excelling in academics, said Freeman Academy superintendent Pam Tieszen. The classrooms will also make heavy use of technology, she said. "Our students still have to do standardized tests, and they are accountable with their grades," she said. "We are incorporating a number of skills in the everyday lessons. With gardening, they work on their costs and learn about the weather. If they study the Civil War, they will learn about music and art, and we can incorporate local history. Parents are also excited about the possibilities for field trips." Adding the four grades wasn't as simple as finding a room, Tieszen said. The decision tested the school's willingness to invest resources, change its student body and try new approaches, she said. And it was done on an extremely tight timeline, starting this summer and literally running up to the first day of school, Tieszen said. "We have had grades 1-4 in mind for a long time," she said. "The last attempt was shortly before I came here, in 2008. At the time, we had approached the idea with adding one grade at a time." The subject resurfaced last spring at a board meeting, and more information was gathered on the proposal. Tieszen said she knew a number of questions faced any such effort. Finances loomed as a major issue in terms of hiring a teacher and renovating a classroom, she said. Freeman Academy parents would also be looking at 12 years of tuition, which this year stands

at \$5,400 per student for grades 5-8 and \$6,100 per student in high school, with the opportunity for financial assistance. "If we were introducing grades 1-4, I wanted to keep tuition for those students as low as possible. Basically, I wanted us to break even as we got this started," Tieszen said. "After looking at it from the perspective of a one-room schoolhouse model with one teacher for all four grades, we decided to explore the idea with parents." One of those parents, Sherilyn Ortman, said she and her husband didn't favor the addition of a pre-K-4 program when it was proposed a few years ago. "For a variety of reasons, we didn't feel the timing was right, neither for many constituents nor for the Freeman community," she said. This year, the Ortman's had decided to home school their first-grade son, Liam, and had already purchased all the curriculum. Sherilyn blogged about the decision and was contacted by a Freeman Academy board member about the school's possible addition of grades 1-4. "Before the board made its final decision, I visited with Pam (Tieszen) and said that my husband and I would prefer they take their time, advertise for a good teacher, get some things in order and start in Fall 2013. I told her that even if they went ahead, we would not be enrolling Liam this first year," Ortman said. "But she invited us to the July 10 informational meeting anyway, and we went because we were highly interested. We had some questions to ask, but never needed to ask them. Pam addressed all of them in her presentation, and we were impressed that she had really done her homework and that we could, in good conscience, enroll Liam." Tieszen believed an enrollment of 10 to 15 students was needed to make the program work at tuition of \$2,500 per student. With that hurdle cleared, she faced the task of immediately finding a teacher. "We weren't sure if many younger teachers were familiar with the one-room school or project-based learning," she said.

Enter Goede, a Sioux City native and Augustana College graduate who had taught in the Sioux Falls schools. He worked the past year as a founding member for a Washington, D.C., charter school. In that position, he taught special education for early childhood students. Goede learned of the Freeman Academy opening from a Yankton friend. He applied for the opening, was hired in late July and spent the past month getting the academy's program up and running. Goede liked what he found upon arriving in Freeman. "The infrastructure was in place, which made a huge difference. I didn't have to set up a lunch program or recess, which was a big relief," he said. "And there is a huge sense of community in Freeman. They know and look out for each other. It's like the African saying, 'It takes a village,' and that's what this community embodies." Freeman Academy board president Myles Brockmueller, a 1982 graduate of the school, said he has been pleased with the new program. He also sees the change as a parent of two sons at the academy, a seventh grader and a fourth grader in the new classroom. "I believe the addition of grades 1-4 at Freeman Academy is a logical extension of what Freeman Academy has been doing for over 100 years: providing families with the opportunity to have their children nurtured and educated in a Christian environment," he said. Brockmueller finds special satisfaction seeing young students use a classroom that has served the academy for more than a century. "God willing, I believe this will be an exciting new chapter in the history of Freeman Academy," he said. The addition of the lower grades has created a new energy on campus, Tieszen said. The younger students work in their own location, but they also interact with older students on a "buddy system." So far, high school students read to the younger students, and an arrangement could be made for "buddies" to eat lunch together. In addition, Tieszen has no-

**Modern Woodmen Offer Free Ecology Program Materials**

To help kids understand the part people play in the environment, Modern Woodmen of America offers free ecology program materials to schools, homeschoolers and youth groups. Covering natural resources, endangered species, ecosystems and more, the updated "Partners in Ecology" program includes easy-to-use materials that meet many national science education standards. Hands-on program activities are tailored by age group for preschoolers through eighth-graders. Modern Woodmen representatives donate youth educational programs on a variety of subjects, including ecology, exercise and nutrition, financial literacy, civics and American history, safety and life skills, and public speaking. As a tax-exempt fraternal financial services organization, Modern Woodmen sells life insurance, annuity and investment products not to benefit stockholders but to improve the quality of life of its stakeholders — members, their families and their communities. Locally, Modern Woodmen has an office at 904 W. 23rd Street, Yankton. For more information, contact Cathy at 605-665-7799 or [mwa@iw.net](mailto:mwa@iw.net).

ticed a number of quieter students in the grades 1-4 classroom are now becoming more confident, engaging in more interaction and displaying a louder voice. Ortman sees the new approach meeting students' needs. "My husband and I feel that kids these days are going to need a different set of skills to survive in the next 20 years than we have in the past 20," she said. "They'll need to be creative thinkers and problem solvers, better stewards of the earth's resources, adaptable and resilient, and they'll need to be able to cooperate with others. So mostly, I hope Liam's education addresses these things. I also hope that, in time, this model extends into FA's upper grades." Tieszen has already thought ahead, seeing the project-based model trickling upwards into the school system, starting with the fifth and sixth grades. She also foresees the possibility of the one-room model splitting into two rooms if enrollment grows. Tieszen said she remains grateful at the rapid pace of everything falling into place, from Goede's hiring to volunteers who prepared the room. "We had people that were concerned about the program's longevity. Was this something that was going to close next year?" she said. "But we have a lot of energy around it, from the board to the community. People are very excited, and we have many people who are invested in the school and want this to be successful." Tieszen credits a high power for making the entire process work. "This school, this community, doesn't move this quickly on matters like this," she said. "This is something working at God's speed." You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at [twitter.com/RDockendorf](http://twitter.com/RDockendorf)

**OBITUARIES**

**Glen Olson**

Glen Lewis Olson, 85, of Yankton and formerly of Gayville died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2012, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton. Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Gayville Lutheran Church, Gayville, with the Rev. Ralph Egbert officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton City Cemetery. Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Friday at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with a prayer service, video tribute and time of sharing at 7 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

To send an online sympathy message, visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

**Helen Benson**

VIBORG — Helen Benson, 85, died Sept 3, 2012, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, Viborg. Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at First Baptist Church, Viborg. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today (Thursday), with family present from 6-8 p.m., at the Viborg Funeral Home. Register online at [www.viborgfuneralhome.com](http://www.viborgfuneralhome.com).

**Harley Anderson**

Memorial services for Harley Anderson, 87 of Wausa, Neb., are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012, at Thabor Lutheran Church, Wausa. Pastor Michelle Oetken will officiate, with burial in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Wausa. Military Honors will be conducted by VFW Post No. 5824, Wausa. Visitation is one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday. Harley died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2012, at Golden Living Center, Wausa.

*I would like to thank all my family and friends for all the cards and flowers I received for my birthday. Each card was a joy to read. Blessings to all.*  
~ Donna Schmidt

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

<b>Nedra Kaufman</b> 10:30 AM, Friday Gayville Lutheran Church Gayville	<b>Glen Olson</b> 10:30 AM, Saturday Gayville Lutheran Church Gayville
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