

## State seeks storm damage assessment

Gov. Mike Rounds has asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a joint preliminary damage assessment to begin determining damages and costs associated with the recent ice storm in South Dakota.

A preliminary damage assessment begins the process of determining the extent of damages and the costs incurred by the state, cities, counties, tribes and eligible private, non-profit organizations because of the ice storm that struck the state last week.

The request is a step in the process toward requesting a presidential disaster declaration. A presidential declaration allows FEMA to implement a recovery program that could lead to reimbursement of the state, cities, counties, tribes and eligible non-profit organiza-

tions for up to 75 percent of the eligible costs related to the ice storm.

The storm, a strong system that brought freezing rain, ice and blowing snow across much of South Dakota, resulted in widespread power outages, particularly in the north central part of the state. At one point in the storm, nearly 12,000 households were without power, and a water deliver system serving a three-county area that includes the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation was out of operation. The water system has since been returned to operation. As of Friday, about 2,000 people remained without electrical power.

On Thursday, Jan. 21, Gov. Rounds signed an executive order declaring a state of emergency because of the storm. That order authorized the state Depart-

ment of Public Safety to coordinate a storm response effort to support city, county and tribal efforts to deal with the impacts of the storm.

At the same time, the governor activated the state's Emergency Operations Center to coordinate the storm response.

As of Friday, Jan. 29, the center had coordinate delivery and placement of 79 generators, 379 cots, nearly 3,300 prepared meals and the equivalent of 38,500 bottles of water to the area of South Dakota hardest hit by the storm. Two Incident Management Assistance Teams with 17 members were sent to the impacted area, and the South Dakota National Guard has had more than 140 members and several dozers, wreckers and water tanks involved in the operation.

### CHECK IT OUT

By Anne Marshall

#### Upcoming Events at the Library

February is Library Lover's Month! What do you love about your library? There are pink information forms located at the circulation desk for you to fill out and share your thoughts. Do you have suggestions that will improve the Vermillion Public Library? Responses will be used for a display to be set up later.

On Thursday, Feb. 11, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day for early elementary students. Stop by after school to read valentine stories, play a game and create valentine crafts. Snacks will be provided.

The Young Adult Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 4 p.m. to discuss Burying the Sun, by Gloria Whelan. Books are available for check-out at the circulation desk.

February is also the Winter Olympics month. On Thursday, Feb. 18, come participate in the Library Olympics After School Program for upper elementary students. Learn about the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia, have a snack, make a craft item, and test your skill in the special Library Games.

The Friends of the Vermillion Public Library Used Book Sale is scheduled to start on

Thursday, Feb. 25 and runs through Feb. 28. 2009 Summer Reading Program participants who earned Book Bucks may stop by earlier on Wednesday, Feb. 24 after 5 p.m. to use your Book Bucks to purchase a great selection of items.

If you have a special collection you would like to share with the community, the library has a display case located behind the circulation desk just waiting for your treasures. Please stop by or call the library at 677-7060 to inquire about scheduling a date.

#### DearReader.com Book Club

The DearReader.com Book Club offers many selections to Internet patrons. Each book runs for five days, Monday through Friday. Some genres offer selections every other week. Check out this service by registering at the library's Web site, <http://vpl.sdn.net> and clicking on the book club icon. Online patrons can also find the club at [www.support-library.com/su/su.cfm?x=470596](http://www.support-library.com/su/su.cfm?x=470596). The following selections for the week of February 8, 2010 are:

AUDIO BOOK: Voluntary Madness, by Norah Vincent.

BUSINESS: Inside Drucker's Brain, by Jeffrey A. Krames.

FICTION: The Grift, by

Debra Ginsberg. GOOD NEWS: When You Need a Miracle, by Ann Spanglor.

MYSTERY: Evil At Heart, by Chelsea Cain.

NON-FICTION: The Guinea Pig Diaries: My Life as an Experiment, by A.J. Jacobs.

PRE-PUB: Please check online for this selection.

ROMANCE: His Captive Lady, by Anne Gracie.

SCIENCE FICTION: The Sword of the Lady, by S.M. Stirling.

TEEN: Lifting the Sky, by Mackie D'Arge.

THRILLER: Collision of Evil, by John J. Le Beau.

#### New Adult Historical Fiction

On a stifling, hot afternoon in September 1901, a young anarchist, Leon Czolgosz, who has been stalking President William McKinley, waits in line to meet the president. Inside a handkerchief is concealed a .32-caliber revolver. When he greets the president, Czolgosz fires two shots. The Anarchist, by John Smolens, brilliantly renders a haunting and belligerent twentieth-century landscape teeming with corrupt politicians, kind-hearted prostitutes, dissidents, and immigrants eager for a fresh start.

It is the time of the Crusades. The Islamic world is divided and the Franks have

captured the Holy Land. As the mighty Saladin struggles to unite the warring clans of Arabia against the invaders, a young Bedouin woman faces danger. Sand Daughter, by Sarah Bryant, author of The Other Eden, brings readers an epic filled with emotion and rich atmosphere.

As the Russian Revolution is breaking all around him, Charlie Doig must fight a private war even if he dies in the attempt. He is going to track down and kill Prokhor Glebov, the Bolshevik who murdered his wife, Elizaveta. The chase takes place across Russia in Cold Blood, by James Fleming, who is one of modern fiction's great novelists.

One of the most renowned figures in medieval history, Richard the Lionhearted, inspired by a vision of the Holy Land, led his knights onto the battlefields of the Third Crusade. During the years of fighting and intrigue, his life was intertwined with the lives of two strong, vibrant, and drastically different women, Berengaria, princess of Navarre, and his mother, Eleanor of Aquitaine. Norah Lofts, one of the best known historical novelists brings her fans another mix of historical fact and a perfect story in The Lute Player: A Novel of Richard the Lionhearted.

## Free fluoride varnish, sealants provided by USD Dental Hygiene

The University of South Dakota's Department of Dental Hygiene is offering a free fluoride varnishes and sealants to anyone 18 years and younger by appointment. A grant from the South Dakota Department of Health is making the dental screenings available.

The screenings will be Wednesday, Feb. 10 and Thursday, Feb. 11, Wednesday, March 31 and Thursday, April 1 and Thursday, April 22 in Sioux Falls and Vermillion. Hours vary and a limited number of appointments remain. Call (605) 367-8046 for an appointment in Sioux Falls or (605) 677-5378 for an appointment in Vermillion.

A parent or guardian must accompany children during the appointment.

"Fluoride and sealants are two effective ways to prevent cavities," said Ann Brunick, RDH, M.S., chair of the dental hygiene program.

Fluoride varnish is a protective coating that is painted on teeth to help prevent new cavities and help slow cavities that have just started. The procedure is approved by the FDA and endorsed by the American Dental Association and Dental Hygienists Association.

Sealants are made of thin, plastic material and are placed on the chewing surface of back teeth to seal off grooves and pits so that bacteria cannot enter them and start the decay-ing process.

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## Johnson welcomes Gayville native to Washington office

U.S. Senator Tim Johnson (D-SD) has welcomed Sonia Hernandez of Gayville to his Washington, DC office. A graduate of Gayville-Volin High School, Hernandez is the daughter of Claire Packard of Gayville and Sal Hernandez of Vermillion. A member of the Yankton-Sioux Tribe, Hernandez is currently a sophomore at the University of South Dakota majoring in political science.

"Through internships, students gain valuable insight into the political and legislative process in Washington," Johnson said. "I am glad Sonia has been able to join us this spring and I know she has been making the most of her experience."

"I am particularly interested in education reform," said Hernandez. "I feel this internship will allow me to better understand the aspects of this issue and of the legislative process in general."

The Washington, DC internship program matches interns' interests to South Dakota and federal issues while providing a first-hand opportunity to experience a wide-range of office duties. Interns may attend hearings, research issues for projects, and work with the office administrative staff.

College sophomores, juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply for Johnson's upcoming summer internship program. College credits or a stipend are available. To apply for a state office internship, please call toll-free at 1-800-537-0025. To apply for a Washington, DC legislative or press internship during the summer term or beyond, interested students should submit a cover letter, resume, references, and a writing sample to:

Senator Tim Johnson  
ATTN: Legislative Intern Coordinator or Todd Deutsch,  
Press Intern Coordinator  
By Fax to: 202-228-5765  
Or by Email to: [intern\\_coordinator@johnson.senate.gov](mailto:intern_coordinator@johnson.senate.gov)  
or [todd\\_deutsch@johnson.senate.gov](mailto:todd_deutsch@johnson.senate.gov)

## USD Theatre students receive Kennedy Center ACTF honors

Students from The University of South Dakota Department of Theatre received awards at the regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Overland Park, Kan., Jan. 17-23.

Junior Erin Gallion of Salina, KS, won the Makeup Design Competition with her designs for "Peter Pan". In winning the competition, Gallion also advanced to the national competition at the Kennedy Center this April in Washington, DC. While in Washington, she will compete nationally against other emerging makeup artists and have an opportunity to participate in workshops and master classes with expert designers and industry professionals.

USD students honored at the regional festival included Kevin Kelly of Aberdeen, and his scene partner Aaron Kuchta of Hartington, NE, who advanced to the semifinal round of the Irene Ryan Acting Competition out of 285 competitors.

Additionally, a Certificate of Merit for Ensemble Acting was awarded to the cast of the USD Theatre production of "Doubt." Directed by David Mancini of Los Angeles, CA, the cast fea-

tured Avalon Kann of McGregor, Iowa, Nichole Jorgenson of Tea, S.D., Adam Hansen of Wakefield, NE, and Ebony Shanklin of Sioux Falls. Also winning a Certificate of Merit was Katie Olwell of Sioux Falls, for her costume design of "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress." Additional students from USD participating in festival competitions were Rachel Foulks of Ponca, NE, Kevin Noteboom of Bloomington, MN, and Nick Amundson of Vermillion for their work in stage management, scenic design and property design.

The regional festival brings together close to 1,700 students from colleges and universities in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. Students showcase their talent as they compete for scholarships and awards in all areas of theatre, including acting, design, playwriting and dramaturgy. Additionally, students use the festival to audition for summer employment and attend a variety of workshops.

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## Daugaard leads governor candidates in fundraising

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Republican Lt. Gov. Dennis Daugaard of Garretson has a big lead in fundraising over all other candidates hoping to be South Dakota's next governor, according to year-end campaign finance reports.

Daugaard raised more than \$750,000 last year and had nearly \$1.3 million on hand on Dec. 31, while Republican state Sen. Dave Knudson of Sioux Falls collected nearly \$528,000 in 2009 and ended the year with almost \$458,000 in his campaign account.

Other Republican candidates raised far less money, according to reports filed with the secretary of state's office in the past few days.

On the Democratic side, Sen. Scott Heidepriem of Sioux Falls raised nearly \$339,000 after entering the race in late July. Heidepriem ended the year with nearly \$197,000 on hand.

The only other announced Democratic candidate for governor, former state lawmaker Ron Volesky of Huron, reported raising no money and spending none.

This year's race has drawn a crowded field because Gov. Mike Rounds, a Republican, cannot seek re-election because of term limits. Rounds is backing Daugaard for the GOP nomination.

Daugaard began 2009 with about \$811,600 and then raised another \$750,000 in donations and interest. After spending about \$283,400, he ended the year with nearly \$1.3 million on hand. The lieutenant governor got nearly all his donations from individual contributors, including many top state officials.

Daugaard said Tuesday he's pleased with his fundraising effort because people have been generous during the economic downturn. He said it's difficult to set a fundraising goal.

"It's hard to predict what

one needs. I don't know. It's the first time I've run for governor," Daugaard said.

The campaign for governor is expected to heat up after the South Dakota legislative session ends in March. Daugaard presides over the Senate as lieutenant governor; Knudson is majority leader and Heidepriem is leader of the minority Democrats.

"Most South Dakotans are unaware of who the candidates are still," Daugaard said. "They don't know much more beyond our names probably. It takes money to get the information out there."

Knudson said it's been tough to raise money in a bad economy, but he is satisfied with his efforts so far. The Sioux Falls lawyer started last year with nearly \$168,500 on hand, raised more than \$527,600 in donations and gave \$35,000 to his own campaign. He spent about \$273,000, which left him with about \$458,000 at year's end.

"I think we'll be able to raise enough money to run a strong and vigorous campaign," Knudson said.

Heidepriem, a Sioux Falls lawyer, began his campaign with about \$730 in the bank and then raised more than \$338,800, which he said was a record for a Democratic gubernatorial candidate in a year before an election. He lent his own campaign \$4,050 and spent about \$147,100, ending the year with about \$196,600 in the bank.

Heidepriem said he thought he did well compared with Daugaard and Knudson because he was raising money for only five months, while they were seeking money during the entire year. He said he believes he will need to raise up to \$3 million to run a campaign through the November election.

"We're right on schedule, right where we want to be," Heidepriem said.