

Award-winning illustrator pens new American Indian children’s tale

Award-winning illustrator and author S.D. Nelson has taken the old and the new and fused them together. His latest children's book from the South Dakota State Historical Society (SDSHS) Press showcases his beautiful art and the powerful messages that run through American Indian storytelling traditions.

In Greet the Dawn: The Lakota Way, Nelson offers young readers (ages 4-9) a joyous way of appreciating their culture and surroundings. Pickup trucks and eagles, yellow school buses and painted horses, Mother Earth and Sister Meadowlark all join together to greet the dawn. They marvel at the colors and sounds, smells and memories that come with the opening of the day. Animals and humans alike turn their faces upwards and gaze as the sun makes its daily journey from horizon to horizon.

Greet the Dawn is Nelson's take on the Lakota way, a means of living in balance, something that is perfect for our hectic modern world, a

lesson that we all can benefit from. He is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and his art reflects his ancestry. His story takes the reader on the daily journey from dawn to dusk, and he urges each of us to seize the opportunity that comes with the dawn of each new day.

Nelson has won numerous national awards for his work, including an Aesop Accolade for Dance in a Buffalo Skull, also from the SDSHS Press. His work can be seen in private and public collections throughout the country. He has illustrated or written eight children's books.

Greet the Dawn: The Lakota Way can be purchased for \$18.95 (plus shipping and tax where applicable) direct from the South Dakota State Historical Society Press by contacting (605) 773-6009, emailing [orders@sdshspress.com](mailto:orders@sdshspress.com), or visiting [www.sdshspress.com](http://www.sdshspress.com). The book can also be purchased from most bookstores.

USD Student Bar Association to present 2012 McKusick Award

The University of South Dakota Student Bar Association (SBA) will present Third Circuit Court Judge David R. Gienapp of Madison and Pierre attorney Charles M. Thompson with the 2012 Marshall M. McKusick Award. SBA President Kristi Jones will present the awards on Friday, June 22, during the annual meeting of the State Bar of South Dakota in Rapid City.

Thompson graduated from Colorado State University in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in animal nutrition. He received a Juris Doctor degree in 1969 from the University of South Dakota School of Law. While at USD, he was a member of the Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity and a member of the Board of Editors of the South Dakota Law Review.

He is admitted to practice before the federal courts at all levels, including the United States Court of Claims and the United States Supreme Court. In 1995, Thompson received an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from USD.

Additionally, Thompson has pursued bar improvement activities through active membership in the ABA. He has been active in the American Bar Association, serving from 1978 to 2002 as a Member of the House of Delegates and was a member of the Board of Governors from 1983-1986.

Thompson also has been an active member of the State Bar of South Dakota having served as president of the Young Lawyers Section in 1974-1975 and as

President of the State Bar in 1986-1987. He is also a member of the South Dakota Trial Lawyers Association (president 1981-1982), the American Judicature Society (Board of Directors 1981-1985), and the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Thompson is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a Fellow of the College of Law Practice Management, and served on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer (1982-1990) of the National Judicial College. He is also a member and vice chair of the Board of Directors of BankWest, Inc., in Pierre, and serves on the Board of Directors of the South Dakota Community Foundation.

Thompson was born in Childress, TX, and was raised on a ranch in the Pierre-Fort Pierre area.

Gienapp joined the Third Judicial Circuit in 2002 when he was appointed as a circuit court judge by Gov. Bill Janklow. He became presiding judge of the circuit Jan. 1, 2007, succeeding Rodney J. Steele. Gienapp received a B.A. degree from the University of South Dakota and a J.D. degree from the University of Wyoming.

His broad background includes serving as a clerk for the South Dakota Supreme Court, assistant South Dakota Attorney General and assistant U.S. attorney. He has chaired the state's Judicial Qualifications Commission, served as president of the South Dakota Trial Lawyers Association and was president of the State Bar of South

Dakota.

He has also been on the South Dakota State Board of Education and South Dakota Board of Regents.

Nationally and beyond, Gienapp's service and memberships include the American Bar Association, American Board of Criminal Lawyers, American Board of Trial Advocates, American College of Trial Lawyers, International Academy of Trial Lawyers and International Society of Barristers. He was in private practice at Arneson, Issenhuth and Gienapp.

He and his wife, Nancy, have two grown children, Ryan Gienapp and Tracy Crum.

Jones said nomination letters praised Gienapp and Thompson as mentors devoted to giving to the profession and serving society as well as their contributions to the South Dakota Bar. Jones, who is from Columbus, NE, will begin her third year this fall at the University of South Dakota School of Law as the newly-elected SBA president.

The McKusick Award is presented annually to an outstanding member of the South Dakota Bar for contributions to the legal profession. The SBA selects the recipient from nominations by members of the South Dakota Bar. Marshall M. McKusick (1879-1950) was a professor at the USD School of Law beginning in 1902. He was named dean of the Law School in 1911 where he served for nearly five decades.

281 providers in South Dakota receive \$10,515,257 under EHR incentive programs

More than 100,000 health care providers have been paid under the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) announced today. Of those, 281 eligible providers in South Dakota have received \$10,515,257 in payments.

CMS Acting Administrator Marilyn Tavenner and National Coordinator for Health Information Technology Farzad Mostashari, M.D., Sc.M., first proposed the 100,000 goal in March in a blog that declared 2012 the “Year of Meaningful Use” (<http://blog.cms.gov/2012/03/2/2012-the-year-of-meaningful-use/>).

“Meeting this goal so early in the year is a testament to the commitment of everyone who has worked hard to meet the challenges of integrating EHRs and health information technology into clinical practice,” said Acting Administrator Tavenner. “Not only have state Medicaid programs, public health departments, and many other stakeholders given their support to the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs, but numerous eligible health professionals and hospitals have recognized the potential of EHRs to provide better patient care, reduce medical errors, cut down on paperwork, and eliminate duplicate screenings and tests.”

The EHR Incentive Programs, which began in 2011, provide incentive payments to eligible professionals, eligible hospitals,

and critical access hospitals as they adopt, implement, upgrade, or meaningfully use certified EHR technology in ways that improve care. Eligible professionals include physicians, nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and some physician assistants.

As of the end of May 2012:

- Over \$5.7 billion in EHR Incentive Program payments were made.
- More than \$3 billion in Medicare EHR Incentive Program payments were made between May 2011 (when the first payments were released) and the end of May 2012.
- More than \$2.6 billion in Medicaid EHR Incentive Program payments were made between January 2011 (when the first states launched their programs) and the end of May 2012.
- More than 110,000 eligible professionals and over 2,400 eligible hospitals have been paid by the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs.
- Approximately 48 percent of all eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals in the U.S. have received an incentive payment for adopting, implementing, upgrading, or meaningfully using an EHR.
- One out of every 5 Medicare and Medicaid eligible professionals in the U.S. has received an incentive payment for adopting, implementing, upgrading, or meaningfully using an EHR.

“The EHR Incentive Programs have really helped jump-start the use of electronic health records by health care providers all across the country,” said Dr. Mostashari. “Thanks in great part to the work conducted by the ONC-

sponsored Regional Extension Centers and Beacon Communities Programs, more and more providers across the country – especially those in rural communities – are now ready to use EHRs.”

ONC, which works closely with CMS on the EHR Incentive Programs, provides grants to Regional Extension Centers (RECs) to support health care providers in the adoption and Meaningful Use of EHRs. In this capacity, RECs serve as:

- Trusted advisors that provide unbiased support throughout the EHR process – from start to finish.
- Experts with broad, practical Health IT knowledge.
- Two-way pipelines connecting providers to the local and federal resources needed to understand the changing healthcare landscape.

Through the end of May 2012, over 133,000 primary care providers and 10,000 specialists were partnering with RECs to overcome common EHR adoption barriers. Of these providers, 70 percent of small practice providers in rural areas as well as 74 percent of critical access hospitals are working with RECs. RECs work to ensure these clinicians meet meaningful use standards and receive incentive payments through the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs. Over 12,000 providers working with RECS have already received incentive payments.

ONC also provides more than \$250 million over three years to the 17 selected Beacon Community Cooperative

Agreement Programs. Each of the communities, with its unique population and regional context, is actively working to:

- Build and strengthen the health IT infrastructure and exchange capabilities within its community, positioning each community to pursue a new level of sustainable health care quality and efficiency over the coming years;
- Translate investments in health IT in the short run to measureable improvements in cost, quality and population health; and
- Develop innovative approaches to performance measurement, technology and care delivery to accelerate evidence generation for new approaches.

OBITUARIES

**Carl Styles**

After many years of struggling with COPD, Carl Styles passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Friday, June 15, 2012.

He was born in 1942 and was one of 14 children born to Harold and Mary Styles of Draper.

Carl married the love of his life, Roberta (Hoff) and moved to California where together they raised five children. As their children were growing, the Styles relocated to their roots in South Dakota where Carl worked in construction. Upon retirement, Carl spent his time doing what he loved which included: fishing, hunting, playing and collecting guitars, riding his lawn mower to visit with neighbors, and spending time with his family.

Carl was greatly loved and will be missed by his wife of 50 years; his children, Robert (Lori), Harold (Nancy), Roger (Denice), Carla (Scott) Baker, and Terry (Carrie); 16 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; as well as his

siblings Ed, Paul, Leroy, Dan, Richard, Rosemary, and their families.

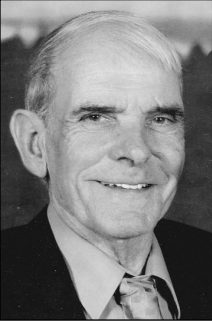
He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, three sisters, and several in-laws.

Carl was stubborn but incredibly unselfish

therefore, his body was donated to transplant and medical research to continue his efforts to help and benefit others.

A special thank you to the Aseracare Hospice Staff for their exceptional in-home care during Carl's decline.

A celebration of Carl's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2012 at Miller West Funeral Chapel (41st and Valley View Rd). The family will be present one hour prior to the service.



STYLES

**Sylvia Kirschenman**

Sylvia Kirschenman, 87, of Yankton, passed away Monday, June 18, 2012, at the Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton.

Sylvia Herman was born April 8, 1925 in Hutchinson County to Joseph and Genevieve (Wieger) Herman. She attended Parochial School in Parkston and Country School in Hutchinson County and received her GED later in life. She married Leo Kirschenman on Feb. 26, 1946 in Parkston. They lived together for 30 years in the house that her father and husband built on the farm east of Menno before moving to Yankton.

Sylvia worked as an office manager for the Kmart Company for 13 years, and after her retirement she continued to do bookkeeping for various companies in the Yankton area.

Sylvia had a passion for making quilts, of which she graciously bestowed upon family and friends. She also had a green thumb and loved her flowers, inside and out. Nothing would make her happier than playing and, of course, winning a good game of cards be it pinochle, bridge or skipbo.

She is survived by her husband, Leo, of Yankton; and a daughter, Lisa (Daniel) Ven Osdel of Gayville; a sister,

Margaret Carlson of Sioux Falls; and a brother, Gerald (Nori) Herman of Parkston. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Carrie (Dan) Mart, Jacob, Joseph and Casey Ven Osdel; and two great- grandchildren, Carter Mart, Penny Ven Osdel; and fuzzy child Fritz.

Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 25 at the St. Benedictine Catholic Church in Yankton with burial to follow in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Yankton. Visitation will begin at 5:30 p.m. Sunday with a Rosary at 7 p.m. followed by a prayer service all at the church. [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com).

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