

S.D. Seeks Disaster Declaration For Flood Damage

PIERRE — Several area counties are included in a presidential disaster request submitted by Gov. Mike Rounds to help South Dakota recover from widespread spring flooding.

The request is for public assistance in 30 counties where preliminary assessments show flooding caused damages estimated at more than \$8.1 million to roads, culverts, bridges and other public infrastructure.

In a letter to President Barack Obama, Rounds said an unusually wet fall in 2009, followed by several severe winter storms, set the stage for an extremely wet spring. Heavy

runoff, flooding and ponding water have caused significant damage to state and local infrastructure, the Governor said.

South Dakota currently has received two Presidential Disaster Declarations to help in recovering from a Christmas blizzard and a late-January ice storm.

The request is a necessary step for federal disaster funds to be made available to South Dakota. If the President grants the dec-



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laration, up to 75 percent of eligible costs could be reimbursed by the federal government. The Governor's request does not guarantee federal funding will be made available to South Dakota.

Counties included in the request are: Aurora, Beadle, Brown, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clark, Clay, Codington, Day, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Hamlin, Hanson, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lyman, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Sully, Turner and Union.

REGION DIGEST

R.C. Chooses Current Employee As Fire Chief

From P&D Staff Reports

Yankton Fire Chief Tom Kurtenbach has not been selected to head up the Rapid City fire department.

Rapid City Mayor Allen Hanks announced Tuesday that Mike Maltaverne, a 20-year veteran of the Rapid City fire department, has been chosen for the job.

Rapid City announced late last week that Kurtenbach was one of five finalists for the position. He has been Yankton's chief for five years.

Maltaverne will replace Mark Rohlfing, who has been selected as the new fire chief in Milwaukee.

'Too Many Immigrants' Forum At USD Today

VERMILLION — "Too Many Immigrants?" will be the topic of today's (Wednesday) Noon International Forum, to be held in Farber Hall on the University of South Dakota campus in Vermillion. It is sponsored by the Beacom School of Business.

Panelists include: Dr. Lucy Dai (sociology), Rubi Mendez (Spanish) and Melissa O'Rourke (law school). The moderator is Dr. Benno Wymar (economics).

This event is free and open to the public.

'Dining For Disaster' Benefit On April 29

"Dining for Disaster" is a one-day fundraising event for the Yankton County American Red Cross. It takes place Thursday, April 29. Restaurants in the area have agreed to donate a portion of their sales for a day to the Yankton Red Cross for disaster relief.

Some of the restaurants participating include: 81 Seafood Chophouse, Arby's, Burger King (ask for coupon), Godfather's Pizza, Hy-Vee Kitchen, McDonald's, Mexico Viejo, Minerva's Grill & Bar, Murdo's, Pizza Ranch, Quizno's, Starbucks, Waterfront Gourmet Grill and Yesterday's Cafe.

The Yankton County American Red Cross Facebook page will carry an updated listing of participating restaurants.

'Yankton Art Night' Set For April 30

On Friday, April 30, five Yankton art galleries are working together to provide a "Yankton Art Night." The Yankton community is invited to come out on Friday evening and experience the local arts. All exhibits are open to the public and free of charge.

These area galleries will be open extended hours during the evening:

- Art House Gallery: Photography show by Anna Cable; 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; located at 110 W 3rd.
- Lewis and Clark Theatre: "Captured: A Photographic Montage by JoAnn Lambertz," 5 p.m.-7 p.m.; located at 328 Walnut St.
- G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery: "Variations on a Theme: One-of-a-Kind Prints" by Susan Heggstad; 5-7 p.m.; located at 508 Douglas Avenue.
- OneTen Gallery: Open House with artist Dan Bartos, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; located at 213 W Third.
- Studio Art Center: Nature & Wildlife Art Show opening featuring student work; 12:30 p.m.; located at 412 Douglas St.

For more information, call 665-9745, e-mail Pam@YanktonAreaArts.org or see www.YanktonAreaArts.org.

Spaghetti Feed, Raffle At St. Rose April 30

CROFTON, Neb. — The St. Rose Spaghetti Feed and Raffle Drawing will be held at the St. Rose Parish Hall, Crofton, Neb., at 5-7 p.m. Friday, April 30.

The spaghetti feed is hosted by St. Rose School teachers and staff as a benefit to St. Rose School. The raffle drawing at 7 p.m. Centennial logo contest winners announced along with winning logos for St. Rose School centennial. There is a free-will admission.

For more information, contact Scott Becker at 402-388-4393 or visit www.stroseschool.us.

Scouts To Hold Monthly Scrap Drive May 1

Yankton Boy Scout Troop No. 133 will hold its monthly scrap newspaper and aluminum can collection Saturday, May 1. Papers and cans will be picked up at the trailer courts and apartment complexes in Yankton. Also, paper and cans will be picked up at Riverside Acres.

Have newspapers and cans secured in sacks or small cardboard boxes and ready to be picked up by 9 a.m. Saturday. Paper and cans may also be taken to the Riverview Park Reformed Church Parking Lot, 1700 Burleigh, between 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday.

For more information on the newspaper and aluminum can collection, call 665-0685. The Boy Scouts cannot handle tin or plastic. These need to be placed with the recycling the city picks up or taken directly to the landfill for recycling.

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OBITUARIES

Dennis Kaiser

Dennis R. Kaiser, age 80, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Saturday, April 24, 2010 at Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton.

Funeral services are 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 29, 2010 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Paul Opsahl officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yankton with military honors by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791.

Visitation is one hour prior to the funeral service.

Pallbearers are Kelly Jensen, Alan Kaiser, Chad Kaiser, Curtis Knapp, Joe Simonsen and Mike Steinberg.

Dennis was born September

24, 1929 in Yankton, South Dakota to John A. and Frances (Bohatty) Kaiser. He was the youngest of four children. The children had to walk three miles on a gravel road to attend Cement School while they lived on the farm, but if they crossed the fields it was shorter. While living in town, they attended Yankton Public Schools. He received an honorable discharge from the United States Air Force. Dennis had a passion for cars that was intensified while he worked at Tielke



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Motors for 24 years as a lube technician. He would talk about cars at any time. Later, Dennis worked at Sunshine Food Store but had to retire because of health issues. Dennis was a member of the American Legion Post No. 12 and a life member of the Moose Lodge No. 1356. His special memory was riding on the Illinois Central train from Yankton to Sioux City and then riding the Milwaukee train from Sioux City to Chicago when he was 17. He and Grandma went to visit her sisters in Chicago.

Dennis is survived by one sister, Mildred Kaiser Lane of Yankton; sister-in-law, Bertha Kaiser of Yankton; niece, Judi (Sonny) Lane Olson of Yankton

and many other nieces and nephews.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Elmer and George Kaiser; sister-in-law, Orinne Kaiser and brother-in-law, Leo Lane.

To post an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Alvin Ackerman

Alvin Ackerman, of Yankton, SD and formerly of McLaughlin, SD, passed away of natural causes on Saturday, April 24, 2010 in Yankton. He was 89 — just six weeks shy of his 90th birthday.

Funeral service will be 7:00 PM, Saturday, May 1, 2010 at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with Rev. David Wildermuth officiating. Burial of cremated remains will be at a later date in McLaughlin, SD.

Visitation will begin one hour prior to the service on Saturday evening.

Mr. Ackerman was born June 8, 1920 on the family farm to Mary and George Ackerman, near Streeter, ND but most of his life resided in McLaughlin SD. Like many of his generation, the Depression presented challenging times for the only son of a single mother. Mr. Ackerman served in the US Coast Guard in World War II, although an injury in basic training kept him from active service abroad. He served as a Seaman 1st Class at the Milwaukee Coast Guard Station

until his honorable discharge in 1944. After the war, he returned to McLaughlin, and became the manager of the grain elevator at Mahto. He developed an interest in radio and electronics, and became a self-educated electrician and electrical subcontractor. He married Alma Dockter in 1949. Together, Al and Alma raised six children, who survive him, including Carol of San Antonio, TX, a music educator; Mark (partner Michael Kjar) of San Antonio, TX, a professional oboist; Julie (Tom) Stotz of Yankton, SD, a registered nurse; Susan of Portland, OR, an attorney; Gary (Rebecca) of Austin, TX, a nationally certified chef, and Mary (Joel) Zabel of Garvin, MN, a welder/technical specialist.

Mr. Ackerman's children knew him as a man who could (and would) fix anything. He restored several antique cars. For his children, he repaired



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many cars, keeping them running long past their useful lives. He was a school bus driver for McLaughlin. He had a custom combining business and recalled driving combines over the Meridian Bridge at Yankton with just two inches clearance on either side. He loved hunting and trapping, as well as fishing which he pursued with a passion on the Missouri River near Mobridge, the northeast glacial lakes in South Dakota and the Snake River in Idaho. He served on the McLaughlin School Board and was proud to be a member of the American Legion at McLaughlin for over 60 years. He loved all kinds of music and as a young man played the harmonica. He was a competitive card player, had a keen mind and interest in news and sports (particularly if his grandchildren were competing), an offbeat sense of humor, and great love for and pride in his grandchildren TJ (Nicole), Michael (Kirsten), Susan, Hannah, Emma Rose, Joel, Tommy and Nicole, who survive him. He was especially happy to meet his first

great-grandchild, Aubrey Elizabeth Stotz, who was born April 13, 2010 in Yankton. In addition to his family, he is also survived by many beloved friends in the McLaughlin area.

While McLaughlin, SD remained as "home" in his heart, he moved to Yankton to be near his daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Tom Stotz, and their children, in 2007, and resided at Sunrise Apartments until his death.

He was preceded in death by his wife Alma in 1983, mother Mary Gaub, father George Ackerman, Step-Dad Martin Gaub, step-brothers Ed Gaub, Albert Gaub, Marie Gaub, Joe Gaub, and Rueben Gaub, half-brother Ray Ackerman.

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Dr. Thane Smith

Dr. Thane Smith, age 69 of Yankton, S.D., died of complications of Alzheimer's Disease on January 23, 2010, at the Sanford Care Center, Vermillion, S.D.

Thane was born on February 9, 1940, in New York City to Edward and Doris (Latham) Smith. He graduated from Trinity Pawling School in 1958, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) in 1962, and Carnegie Mellon University

(Pittsburgh, P.A.) in 1968 where he received his Master's and Doctorate degrees in solid state physics. During his career, he published numerous technical papers and had many patents for his various inventions. He worked as a Research Physicist and Senior Scientist at AIL/Systems, COMSAT Laboratories and M-Tron Industries.

His many interests included sailing, astronomy, science fic-

tion and computers. He never met a cat that he did not like.

Thane is survived by his wife, Jean "Dee" of Yankton and his two sons, Christopher of Maryland and Matthew of Arizona and his brother Lawrence of Connecticut.

Memorial Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel in Yankton, S.D. with Rev. Paul Opsahl officiating. In Lieu of flowers, memorials

may be directed to: Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut Street, Yankton, S.D. 57078 or Heartland Humane Society, P.O. Box 585, Yankton, S.D. 57078.

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Rodney Hennings

CROFTON, Neb. — Rodney L. Hennings, 64 of Crofton, Neb., died Monday (April 26, 2010) at Bloomfield, Neb.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Crofton, with the Rev. Michael Schmitz officiating. Burial will be in the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery in Crofton.

Visitation is 4-9 p.m. Thursday, with a vigil service at 8 p.m., at the church. Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Friday at the church.

Wintz Funeral Home, Crofton, is in charge of arrangements.

To share a memory, visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Katherine Slaba

WAGNER — Katherine T. Slaba, 96 of Wagner died Monday (April 26, 2010) at St. Benedict Health Center, Parkston.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Assumption Catholic Church, Dante, with burial at St. John Catholic Cemetery, rural Wagner.

Visitation will be at Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner, from 2-5 p.m. today (Wednesday). Rosary/Wake services are at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the church.

www.yankton.net

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