

Joachimsen At Home In Weigand-Burbach

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CROFTON, Neb. — The Weigand-Burbach Area of the Nebraska Game and Parks has always been home for Larry Joachimsen.

It should feel like home for him. He has worked for the Game & Parks in northern Knox and Cedar County for 42 years.

"I started working for the Game & Parks Commission in 1970 out of the Bloomfield office," Joachimsen said. He described his position as working in resource services in special use areas for wildlife and shelter-belts.

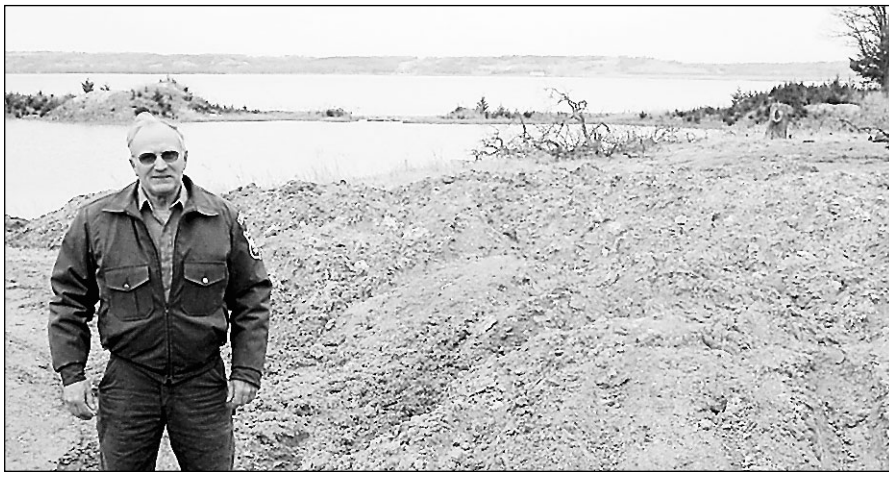
He is now the interim superintendent of the Weigand-Burbach Area, taking over for the retired Daryl Holmberg.

Joachimsen graduated from high school in Bloomfield and worked for a rancher for a few years. He always liked being outdoors; he was a hunter and a fisherman, so getting a job with the Game & Parks was right down his alley.

Back in those days, there wasn't a Burbach area but the park rangers began the work on developing it into a modern camping area in the 1970s. Game officials took over the marina at Weigand and put up the buildings, new boat docks and ramp, and developed the asphalt roadways and pads. An office in Weigand didn't come until 1994.

"Parks weren't what they are today by no means," Joachimsen said. "Most of the campers were eight-to-ten feet. If you had a boat which was 12-14 feet long and it had a 10-12 horsepower motor, it was a big deal."

"When I see 100 pickups and boat trailers parked in the area next to the marina, I know we are having a good weekend,"



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Larry Joachimsen is the new interim superintendent of the Weigand-Burbach Area of the Nebraska Game and Parks, an area that has been home to him for 42 years.

he added.

Today, even though there are 150 electrical sites in the area and 105 boat slips, there is still work to be done, he said.

As Joachimsen drove through the Miller Creek boat basin project, he admitted he feels very good about the completion of this development. It was a necessary addition to the park system not only to add more lake access, which is scarce on the Nebraska side, but also to add a safe basin for boats to pull into in case of severe weather.

"The lake is a big draw for us, and any way we can offer more opportunities for fishing, boating, sailing, it is good for our business," he said.

The Miller Creek project will be completed as soon as weather allows. There is about 20 feet of concrete left to be poured on the boat ramp, and a large area

left to level out and seed for tent camping and tree placement.

Joachimsen said they can already see a change in the water current with the three jetties designed by the Corps of Engineers. The lighting on the jetties will be solar, as per Coast Guard requirements, and will make the visibility of the jetties safer for boats going into the Miller Creek basin.

Construction on the South Shore basin project will begin soon. Joachimsen is looking forward to a pre-construction meeting with contractors. When completed, the South Shore basin will be comparable to the Miller Creek project and designed so boats will be able to pass in and out side-by-side through the opening to the lake. Joachimsen said they plan for an area where 18-20 pickups and boat trailers will be able to park after dropping

their boat of the ramp.

Both projects were a result of a grant award the Game & Parks received from the Environmental Trust Fund and the Restoration Act.

There are other projects Joachimsen is working on, as well. A larger, six-inch water line for rural water will be placed along the park area in the near future. Rural water runs now to the marina and the superintendent's on-site home but Joachimsen would like to see rural water piped to all the camping areas.

He would also like to see the Game & Parks build some camper-cabins similar to the ones across the river in the Lewis & Clark Recreation area. The small cabins would only have a table, chairs, beds and a heating/air conditioning unit. The cabins would share a park shower and restroom facility. They seem to complement the other park amenities and are very popular in South Dakota.

Joachimsen will not be moving to the on-site home because he lives only two miles west of the Weigand-Burbach area with his wife Linda. He plans on living there for a long time, even after retirement. His two children are married: Kyle is married to Heather and have two children, Tristan and Tanner; and Michelle is married to Jeff with children, Grant, Addison and McKenna.

Joachimsen doesn't know how long this appointment will last. He is getting close to retirement but will enjoy running the show for as long as it lasts. He admitted he has been told no a couple times but no one has hollered at him yet.

"I love my job and have always loved the area," Joachimsen said. "There are a lot of good people here and I have good neighbors. What else could I ask for?"

ON THIS DATE

75 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, April 7, 1936

• By a narrow margin of 20 votes, Canton citizens yesterday changed their form of civic government from the commission form to the aldermanic form. The vote, heaviest on record in the city, was 582 to 562.

• There will be two matters presented to the electors of the City of Yankton at the election to be held on April 21, according to an announcement of City Auditor William Stier and City Attorney Howard Warren. These will be the election of one city commissioner and the proposition of continuing free musical concerts during the summer months.

50 YEARS AGO

Friday, April 7, 1961

• Yankton's Junior High School auditorium was literally packed with science exhibits and viewers Thursday night as the school staged its annual science fair as a preliminary to the regional science fair to be held at the University of South Dakota April 15.

• Several hundred members of Explorer posts, Scout troops and Cub packs from approximately a dozen towns in the Lewis and Clark Scout district will participate in the Scout-o-rama to be held Saturday evening in Nash gymnasium.

25 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, April 7, 1986

• A rural Utica man shot and injured his wife Sunday, then turned the gun on himself. He died instantly from a gunshot wound to the head, according to authorities.

• Vermillion voters will go to the polls Tuesday for municipal elections. In the mayor's race, incumbent Merle Offerdahl will face off against William Utley.

OBITUARIES

Sylvia Wittmeier

SPEARFISH — On Tuesday, April 5, 2011, the Lord took Sylvia Mae (Reed) Wittmeier, of Spearfish, to her heavenly home. She was 97 years and 5 months.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Spearfish with Pastor Gene Bauman officiating. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service. Burial will take place at 9:00 A.M. CST at the Tyndall Cemetery in Tyndall, SD on Monday, April 11. A memorial has been established to benefit St. Paul L.W.M.L. (Lutheran Women Mission League).

Sylvia was born Nov. 2, 1913 to I.G. and Edna (Wallace) Reed in Spokane WA. She moved to Appleton, MN at the age of 7 where her Dad managed a privately owned hunting lodge. She and her Dad and brother lived with her Grandma Sarah Reed.

She attended Hantho Consolidated School thru 8th grade. Riding to school in a horse drawn wagon or sled, driven by her Dad and stopping to pickup other students on the way.

They moved to Sioux Falls, SD where Sylvia attended Washington High School. After High School she moved to Tyndall and lived with her cousin, Lyle Wagner's family. She was trained as a beauty operator in Lyle's Beauty Shop.

It was in Tyndall she met and married C.J. (Pat) Wittmeier on July 21, 1934. In 1939 they moved to a farm, which belonged to Pat. They raised their 3 children, Jill, Rod & Rick on that farm.

Sylvia was very active in St. Johns Lutheran Church serving as a Sunday School teacher for 20 yrs and a member of the Ladies Aid. She started the first Beauty Shop, free to all residents, in the Good Samaritan Home in Tyndall.

After selling the farm in 1973, she and Pat worked as dorm parents at Springfield College. One day a week, she would open their apartment doors as she baked cookies for all the students on their floor. And on room inspection days, she carried with her handmade paper clothing and would properly clothe the pin-up posters hanging on the young men's walls.

In 1975 Pat suffered a stroke and they moved to Spearfish, SD to be near their daughter's family. She became a very active member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church developing many friendships and was a wonderful "Gram." She lost Pat in 1988. She lived independently until November of 2010 when she became a resident of the Dorsett Care.

Preceding her in death are her husband Pat, son, Rodney, granddaughter, Karla, brothers, Lee and Lloyd.

Left to have happy memories: daughter, Jill (Ken) Anderson of Spearfish; son, D. Rick (Roxanne) of Hot Springs, SD; grandchildren: Laurie (Howie) Albrecht of

Andre Olson

A memorial service for Andre Olson of Menno will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 7 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall, with Rev. Dean Schroeder officiating. A family burial of his urn will take place at a later date in the Gayville Cemetery, Gayville. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Andre Ernest Olson was born Sunday, December 22, 1940 at Gayville, South Dakota to Marvin and Vera (Nyrop) Olson. He was baptized into faith at the Gayville Lutheran Church. Andre traveled with his family in his youth. Andre enjoyed swimming and listening to his mother play the piano and taking long walks. He lived in Gayville during his younger years and lived in Redfield before coming to the Menno-Olivet Care Center 1997. Andre passed away on Monday, April 4, 2011 at the age of 70 years, 3 months and 12 days.

Sturgis, SD, Kris (Mike) Thomas of Gillette, WY, Stacia (Jim) Roggenbaum of Bradford, PA, Matthew (Jodell) Anderson of Madison Lake, MN, Nichole (Dave) Philo of Sparks, NV, Jessica (Dave) Frank of Sparks, NV, Jacob Wittmeier of Portland, OR, Ray (Sharon) Schmit of Gillette, WY; great grandchildren: Kristina Young, Ashley, Rachel, Michael Anderson, Taylor & Morgan Roggenbaum, Reed, Jameson, Noah Philo, Lenin, Emma Franks, Ryan Schmit; step grandchildren: Danielle Tveter of Rapid City, SD, Nichole Tveter of Minot, ND, Amy Swearson of Minot, ND

She left us with this hand written message:

*To My Wonderful Family,
I love you all so very much and when I leave you, I pray, as I do every day, you will always have a saving faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and become ever closer —*

See you later
Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels & Crematory Service in Spearfish. Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com

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Andre will be remembered by his sister, Linda (Olson) Gibson and husband Gary of Tyndall; two nieces: Debbie Schiltz of Gayville and Brenda Dockendorf of Tyndall; three nephews: Kevin Gibson of Springfield, Brian Gibson of Wayne, Nebraska and Brad Gibson of Tyndall, and all of their families. He is also survived by many cousins and several great-nieces and -nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

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Deloris Kotschegarow

Deloris Mary (Repp) Kotschegarow, age 69 of Yankton passed away unexpectedly Monday, April 4, 2011 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 8, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be David Kotschegarow, Roger Kotschegarow, Jason Kotschegarow, Greg Kotschegarow, Lawrence Repp, and Terry Wootton.

Deloris Repp, daughter of Edward and Cecelia (Schweitzer) Repp, was born on February 10, 1942. She was united in marriage

to Nikolai Kotschegarow on July 12, 1960.

Grateful for having shared her life are her children: Beverly and Clifton Katz and their five children, Huron; Anita and Terry Wootton and their three children, Yankton; David and Lisa (Miller) Kotschegarow and their four children, Yankton; Julia Kotschegarow and her four children and two grandchildren, Yankton; Roger and Cindy (Gregg) Kotschegarow and their four children, Hutchinson, KS; Jason Kotschegarow, Sioux Falls; Greg Kotschegarow, Huron; Kathy Kotschegarow, Yankton; and one brother, Lawrence (Mary) Repp, Rapid City. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Nikolai, and her brother James Repp.

Deloris will be remembered best as a mother and grandmother. She put the needs of her chil-

dren and grandchildren before her own and was always willing to help. She made sure that holidays and special occasions at grandma's house were filled with delicious food, laughter, and love. We were all blessed to have known and loved her, and although she is no longer with us, her spirit will live on in all her children. We are comforted knowing that Nikolai reached out his hand and took hers, and they are now reunited in Heaven. God bless you, Deloris, and may you finally find solace in rest.

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Online condolences at:
www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Roger Nelson

ORANGE CITY, Iowa — Roger Kevin Nelson, 50, of Orange City, IA, formerly of Vermillion, SD passed away at his home.

His memorial service will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion.

Visitation will be on Thursday April 7th from 5:00-7:00 at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion.

Roger was born on May 13, 1960 in Sioux Falls, SD to Eugene and Loretta (Lorenz) Nelson. From the beginning, Roger had a love for his family and the farm life. Working the land, raising animals, and helping his two older brothers were some of the childhood memories he cherished.

After being raised on the farm and attending Parker Public Schools, Roger attended SDSU for a short while before accepting a position with the Vermillion Broadcaster. He continued his

publishing career at Alkota and other publishing companies.

He married Cindy Huber on July 31, 1982 in Vermillion. In this union, they raised two children Ryan and Brooke. Some of his favorite pastimes with his children were playing and coaching sports, attending Minnesota Pro games and camping.

Roger is survived by his mother Loretta Nelson of Vermillion, son Ryan (Hilary) Nelson and grandson Blake of Devils Lake, ND, daughter Brooke Nelson of Minneapolis, MN, brothers Rich (Mona) Nelson of Overland Park, KS, and Dave (Amy) Nelson of

Vermillion, SD, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Eugene Nelson, and two special Uncles.

Online condolences and obituary: hansenfuneralhome.com

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THANK YOU

The family of Emil Pechous would like to thank everyone for their memorials, flowers, cards, food and kind thoughts and words of comfort during the loss of our father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Thank you to the Tyndall Good Samaritan Center for the loving care he received while he was a resident. Special thanks to Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home for their kind and compassionate care in the funeral planning. Also, thank you to Father Joe, Father Thury, Monsignor Herrmann for their services and spiritual guidance, the St. Wenceslaus Choir, Robert Rueb and Florence Sutera for the music, altar servers and the ladies of Circle #3 for preparing and serving the delicious funeral meal. It was all very much appreciated. God Bless!

Donna Pishek and family
Eileen Bares and family
Grace and Don Rothschild and family
Joyce and John Hauck and family
Joe and Sue Pechous and family

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