

Only Part Of Severe Weather Drill Today

A statewide mock tornado warning will occur today (Wednesday) at 10:15 a.m. as planned. However, a mock tornado watch will not be issued at 10 a.m.

Todd Heitkamp with the National Weather Service office in Sioux Falls has advised that the mock tornado watch has been cancelled by the Storm Prediction Center. A potentially serious severe weather outbreak is forecasted for other parts of the United States, and the Storm Prediction Center will not have available time to issue the mock tornado watch.

The Yankton County Office of Emergency Management is encouraging local families, businesses and organizations to take time during South Dakota Severe Weather Awareness Week, April 25-29, to make plans — and exercise those plans — for when severe weather hits.

If local weather conditions allow it, a mock tornado warning, including the sounding of tornado sirens, will occur at 10:15 a.m. The public is encouraged to take the time during the drill to review severe weather response plans at home, at work or while out in the community.

Tornados have already killed more than three dozen people in the United States this year. In an average year, 800 tornadoes are reported nationwide, resulting in 80 deaths and more than 1,500 injuries.

Preparing to respond may reduce the likelihood that you or a family member is included in those numbers.

To learn more about severe weather preparedness, and about tornados, go to the Sioux Falls National Weather Service website at www.weather.gov/sfd.

Dam Road To Close Today, Thursday, Friday

The road that crosses Gavins Point Dam, also known as Crest Road or the spillway, will be closed from 7:30 a.m. until noon today (Wednesday), Thursday and Friday to conduct maintenance at the powerplant. Motorists are encouraged to find alternate routes.

Friendship Club Monthly Meeting Is Thursday

The HSC Friendship Club will hold its monthly meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday at Minerva's in Yankton. The meeting site is for April only.

Farmers Union To Hold Monthly Meeting Thurs.

Yankton County Farmers Union will hold its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at the Fryin' Pan Restaurant. Extension educator Cindy Bergman will be the featured speaker. Coffee, desert and door prizes will be available.

Authorities To Collect Extra Prescription Drugs

On April 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Yankton Police Department, the Yankton County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for disposal to Yankton's Hy-Vee, Rexall, Walgreens, Walmart, Yankton Medical Clinic or Yankton Public Library. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

The Vermillion Police Department will also be collecting drugs at the Vermillion Public Safety Center, Davis Pharmacy and the Vermillion Hy-Vee.

Additionally, drugs will be collected at the Cedar County Sheriff's Office in Hartington, Neb., and at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Neb. Those locations will be overseen by the respective sheriff's offices.

Last September, Americans turned in 242,000 pounds — 121 tons — of prescription drugs at nearly 4,100 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,000 state and local law enforcement partners, including the Yankton Police Department and the Yankton County Sheriff's Office.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines — flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash — both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Four days after last fall's event, Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow an "ultimate user" of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the Attorney General to accept them. The Act also allows the Attorney General to authorize long-term care facilities to dispose of their residents' controlled substances in certain instances. DEA has begun drafting regulations to implement the Act.

Creighton, NPPD Join For Arbor Day Event

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Arbor Day will be celebrated Thursday, April 28, when the City of Creighton and Nebraska Public Power District join together for a special community event that will include local elementary students planting trees in a city park.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, students from Creighton Elementary School and St. Ludger's Academy will help the Creighton Tree Board plant two trees at Water Tower Mini Park. The event will feature a Tree City USA proclamation from Creighton Mayor Janet Booth, safety and educational activities with the participating students, plus the planting of the trees by the students. The public is invited to attend.

On an annual basis, NPPD sponsors an Arbor Day event in various communities throughout the state of Nebraska. Creighton has achieved and maintained Tree City USA status over the past 117 years, making it a natural fit for this event according to NPPD's John Humphrey, operations program manager. Bruce Park Arboretum, a community highlight, features hundreds of species of woody plants.

"Over the past few years, some trees in Creighton have been damaged due to storms," Humphrey explained, "so NPPD believes the community is a perfect location to hold an Arbor Day event and for us to assist the community in helping to restore some of the damaged vegetation and support the effort and work of the Creighton Tree Board."

But it is also an opportunity to reach out to communities concerning vegetation management. "Participating in Arbor Day events

allows NPPD to reach out to our customers with our vegetation management practices, promote electrical safety and educate others on the hazards of planting near overhead power lines and other electric facilities," he added.

NPPD is a member in good standing of the Tree Line USA program, which recognizes electric utilities that demonstrates practices which protect and enhance America's rural and urban trees. NPPD's membership in the Tree Line USA program, sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation, provides an avenue to help promote the safety and reliability of power lines through public education programs on the proper planting of trees and vegetation for its customers.

"It is important that NPPD maintains and operates a reliable electric system, but also continues to be strong advocates and stewards of the environment," said Humphrey. "The best way to demonstrate this is by planting the right tree in the right place."

NPPD maintains vegetation on more than 5,000 miles of transmission and sub-transmission lines across the state to ensure a reliable electric system, protect the public safety for customers, be compliant with federal regulations, and minimize cost of future maintenance. NPPD follows proper tree-trimming guidelines set by the National Arbor Day Foundation, Utility Arborists Association, International Society of Arboriculture, and the Tree Care Industry Association. NPPD has been recognized over the years for its professional arboriculture practices along power lines.

Extension, 4-H To Offer Lassos And Legends Program

BROOKINGS — The South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service and the Clay County 4-H Lucky Trailblazers club will host the Lassos and Legends program on April 28-30.

The events include a youth public-speaking contest on April 28, a dinner and program with Today's Horse magazine publisher Deb Black on April 29, and a tack swap and youth ranch-horse clinic on April 30. To get information on any or all of these events, call organizer Will Kennedy, Extension 4-H/Youth Development educator, at 605-677-7111.

Kennedy said the events are tremendous opportunities for the community to enjoy good food, good company, and to hear a "legend" speak.

"These events will help support youth pro-

grams in this area, and we feel fortunate to have Deb Black serve as our 'Legend' this year," Kennedy said. "Deb plays a major role in the Midwest as founder and publisher of South Dakota's own Today's Horse magazine, and while our events are horse-related, you do not have to be a horse lover to enjoy the evening."

The youth public-speaking contest is open to speakers 18 and younger, and will include sponsor-donated cash prizes for the winners. Speakers must register with Kennedy before April 19. The tack swap will be held from 9 a.m.-noon at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Vermillion. Staff will provide tables and participants are welcome to bring tack they want to sell or come to shop. Call Kennedy to reserve

a table.

Kennedy said the youth ranch-horse clinic on April 30 is open to 4-H youth who will be given the opportunity to not only hone their horsemanship skills but also learn more efficient ways to work cattle.

"We wanted to make this clinic available since the South Dakota 4-H horse show will host a ranch-horse competition demonstration this year," he said. "Youth from this clinic are eligible to be selected for that event, and it's a great way for other 4-H'ers to see the skills required for this style of equine activity."

Kennedy can answer questions on any of the Clay County horse-related events by email. Write him at Todd.Kennedy@sdstate.edu.

Faith

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"A few years back, we asked former students and St. Rose parents to write in to us what the school means to them," he said. "The answers we received were really interesting. Many families who lived elsewhere moved back to Crofton because they could send their children to St. Rose."

St. Rose has maintained the lowest tuition of any Catholic school in Nebraska while turning out students who excel in all areas, Curt Arens said. However, the school's real value can't be measured in dollars and cents, he said.

"St. Rose puts faith in the classroom, not just in religion class, but in every class every day," he said. "In today's secular world, when faith seems to be a negative idea, we need faith education and affirmation as much as possible."

St. Rose School continues using one of its original buildings. The school bears the same name as the parish sharing the same block. The entire church-school complex was recently named to the National Historic Register.

St. Rose has grown from its beginnings with three Sisters and 36 students, Becker said. At age 102, Helen Filipis remains the oldest living St. Rose graduate. She is a member of the Class of 1924.

Today, St. Rose enrolls 97 stu-

dents in pre-kindergarten and grades 1-8. Most students come from Crofton, but the school draws students from Fordyce; Menominee, Neb., and Bloomfield, Neb.

The school started the preschool when Becker arrived four years ago. The program has grown from 13 students last year to 24 students this year, with 32 students registered for next year.

St. Rose has upgraded its facilities and has embraced technology, Becker said.

"We are putting new carpeting in both buildings. We have put fence and gravel in the school playground," he said. "We have updated all our computers, and we are getting some Smart boards for the coming school year."

The school staff plans to begin work this weekend on the prayer garden south of the elementary school. The garden, honoring the School Sisters of St. Francis, will be completed in time for the July centennial celebration.

The garden offers bricks for sale, engraved with the name of a designated individual. Ninety bricks have been sold at \$100 each, with the money benefiting the school and church. More bricks will be sold and the garden updated over time.

As another project, the faculty and students are compiling items for a time capsule to be buried during the July event, said second grade teacher Kristi Steffen.

"We are putting together a picture of each class, the First Com-

munion class from this year, our St. Rose Stars sports teams and the eighth grade trip to Lincoln," she said. "We are also putting in current copies of the latest newsletters from our school."

Steffen serves on a school staff consisting of nine teachers, including Becker, and one aide. Staff members for grades 5-8 are departmentalized by subject areas.

Sandy Blaaidid has spent her entire 36-year teaching career with the St. Rose first grade. She is a product of Catholic schools, having attended St. Ludger in Creighton, Neb., and Mount Marty College.

"There have been a lot of (academic) changes here at St. Rose, all for the better," she said. "Technology has brought the greatest changes, and we have the accelerated reading program."

Blaaidid points to another major change — the departure of the School Sisters of St. Francis and the introduction of Becker as a male head teacher. Both administrations have served the elementary school well, she said.

St. Rose also makes great use of volunteers. Judy Guenther — who is retiring — will be recognized at the centennial celebration for her 30 years as volunteer physical education teacher and junior high coach.

Another prominent member of the school is the Rev. Michael Schmitz, pastor of St. Rose Church in Crofton and St. Andrew's Church in Bloomfield.

"I'm spiritual leader for the (school) complex," he explained, noting that he celebrates Mass and teaches religion classes for the students. He said that he develops his religious instruction to meet the students' grade levels.

Faculty and students also attend retreats at the Broom Tree center near Irene and at a Benedictine center near Schuyler, Neb.

In addition, a faculty member leads a monthly assembly, usually focusing on a spiritual theme. This year, the assemblies have followed the centennial theme.

The centennial has been marked by special events throughout the school year, Becker said. The year started with an open house and ice cream social, followed by family movies. The most recent event, the spring concert, featured music from the past 100 years.

St. Rose has more than 2,000 alumni, Becker said, and he hopes to use the centennial as a springboard for molding future generations of students.

"Hopefully, we provide an education that forms our students very well, for high school and college as well as for now," he said. "It's academics, but it's also the manner in how they act and in how they make the choices they face in life."

In that respect, St. Rose will continue preparing its students for the next century, Becker said.

"We are headed in the right direction," he said.

OBITUARIES

Helma Konrad

TRIPP — Funeral services for Helma Konrad of Tripp will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 27 at the Emmaus Lutheran Church in Tripp, with Rev. Richard Weeman officiating. Organist will be Andra Semmler. Interment will follow in Gracehill Cemetery, Tripp.

Honorary casketbearers are Helma's great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Active casketbearers are Robert Nuss, Nick Konrad, Robert Konrad, Neil Konrad, Lane Konrad, Kyle Konrad, and Chad Konrad.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Helma (Bietz) Konrad was born Tuesday, December 9, 1909 on a farm east of Tripp to Fred and Pauline (Ziebart) Bietz. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kaylor. They moved to Kaylor, where Helma attended school through the 9th grade. She loved to read and write. She was united in marriage to Walter Konrad on December 20, 1927, also at St. John's Lutheran Church. Together they farmed north of Kaylor until moving to Tripp in 1957. Helma became a resident of the Good Samaritan Society of Tripp on November 29, 2005 due to the big ice storm. This was an opportunity to make more friends and she enjoyed visiting with the residents and staff. Helma enjoyed being with people, whether playing cards or just visiting with friends. She was blessed with near-perfect recall regarding names, dates, and events. Helma tried to live her Christian faith and family and church were her highest priorities. She appreciated those around her, being optimistic and always seeing good in others. Helma passed away on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011, having attained the age of 101 years, 4 months, and 17 days.



Konrad

Blessed be her memory.

Helma is survived by four children: Norman (Leola) Konrad of Tripp, Marlene Nuss of Tripp, Dwayne (Bonnie) Konrad of Burlington, Colorado, and Harlan (Judy) Konrad of Watertown; a sister, Linda (Bill) Rhodes of Port Angeles, Washington; a sister-in-law, Frances Konrad of Parkston; 13 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Fred and Pauline Bietz, she was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, on October 12, 1996; son Willard Konrad on September 20, 2002; son-in-law Floyd Nuss on March 29, 2002; a grandson, John Konrad; and a great-grandson, Thomas Konrad.

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Kyle Bender

Kyle Bender, 26, of Yankton, missing since Dec. 11, 2010 was recovered in the Missouri River, Sunday, April 24, 2011.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Steve Weispfenning officiating. A balloon release will take place at Riverside Park immediately following the services.

Visitations begin at 6 p.m. Friday, with a memory sharing service at 7 p.m., at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

ton. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

A video tribute will be played at the church beginning at 1:30 p.m. before services on Saturday.

Bonnie Anderson

ALCESTER — Bonnie Anderson, 87, of Alcester and formerly of Vermillion, died peacefully, Monday, April 25, 2011, at Morningside Manor, Alcester.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Iverson-Sieck-Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion.

To Be Well...

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**Michael Peterson, MD
Radiation Oncologist
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Dr. Peterson will present on the various forms of radiation treatment for skin cancer.

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