

Freeman Police Chief Suspended From Duties

From P&D Staff Reports

FREEMAN — Freeman Police Chief Eric Seitz has been suspended indefinitely following an indictment on three drug-related charges, according to the *Freeman Courier*.

Seitz is scheduled to appear in court May 8 on the misdemeanor charges of obtaining controlled substances concurrently from different medical practitioners, the *Courier* reported.

Seitz allegedly obtained the drugs between the approximate dates of Aug. 1, 2012, and Oct. 31, 2012, according to paperwork filed in Yankton County.

The substances in the indictment are hydrocodone and carisoprodol, the *Courier* reported.

Seitz turned himself into Hutchinson County authorities this week. He posted a \$500 cash bond and was released.

Freeman mayor Sam Sorensen suspended Seitz because the bond prohibits the police chief from carrying a firearm, not because of any work-related performance issues, City Attorney Mike Fink told the *Courier*.

Pizza Ranch To Host YCTC Fundraiser

The Yankton Children's Theatre Company will be holding a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch in Yankton on Monday, April 8.

If patrons use a special coupon from 5-8 p.m., Pizza Ranch will donate a percentage of the profits to YCTC. The coupon can be downloaded from this site:

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Benefit Supper Set For Centerville Woman

CENTERVILLE — Deidra Rahn lives in Centerville and was recently diagnosed with a cancer called Burkitt's lymphoma. This is an aggressive, rapidly proliferating B cell lymphoma. This type of cancers is very responsive to chemotherapy and has a very positive prognosis when it is caught early.

Members of the Centerville community are rallying together to have a benefit supper with a silent and live auction for Deidra and her family to help defray the medical expenses. The Deidra Rahn Benefit will be held on April 20 at the Centerville American Legion Hall. The supper and silent auction begin at 4:30 p.m. and a live auction begins at 7 p.m. Modern Woodmen, Irene Group Branch 1950 will match funds up to \$1,000.

Deidra is married to Chris Rahn and they have lived in Centerville since 1998. They have five children who have all grown up and gone to school in Centerville. Deidra currently works for the Department of Social Services in Vermillion and serves the elderly population of Union County.

Financial gifts for the Rahn family may be donated to the Deidra Rahn Benefit at the One American Bank of Centerville at 549 Broadway, Centerville, SD 57014. If you would like to donate an item for the auctions, contact Melissa at 605-661-0791 or Gary at 605-530-2365 or 605-563-2102.

If you are interested in serving on the benefit committee, feel free to contact either of the aforementioned people.

IdeaFest 2013

Astronaut Mark Kelly Set For USD

VERMILLION — Capt. Mark Kelly, astronaut and retired U.S. Navy Captain, a best-selling author, prostate cancer survivor and an experienced naval aviator who flew combat missions during the Gulf War, will be the guest speaker for IdeaFest at the University of South Dakota on April 10 at 7 p.m. in Slagle Hall's Aal's Auditorium.

Kelly's lecture, "Endeavour to Succeed," will address his success in space as well as his personal life and how it forever changed in the assassination attempt on his wife, U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-Ariz.). Kelly and Giffords co-authored, "Gabby: A Story of Courage and Hope," released in November 2011, which explores Kelly's public service as a pilot and astronaut, his wife's public service as a politician, and their struggles following the shooting that left her critically injured.

Kelly served as commander of Space Shuttle Discovery and flew his first of four missions in 2001 aboard Space Shuttle Endeavour, the same space shuttle that he commanded on its final flight in May 2011. He was selected as an astronaut in 1996 and received a B.S. degree in marine engineering and nautical science from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1986. In 1994,



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Kelly received an M.S. degree in aeronautical engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School.

Presented in partnership with the Beacon

School of Business Opportunity Fund and the Arthur Volk Symposium, "Endeavour to Succeed" is free and open to the public and one of two lectures scheduled for IdeaFest, April 10-11. Dr. David Sweatt, the Evelyn F. McKnight-endowed chairman of the Department of Neurobiology at the University of Alabama Medical School, and the director of the Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute, will present a second keynote address, "Neurobiology of Creativity," at 7 p.m. on April 11. Sweatt's lecture, presented in partnership with the Division of Basic Biomedical Sciences at the Sanford School of Medicine, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Center for Academic Engagement, is at the Muenster University Center and is also free and open to the public.

IdeaFest is an annual event that showcases accomplishments in graduate and undergraduate research, creative scholarship and academic engagement. Established in 1992 as a celebration of academic and cultural diversity at USD, IdeaFest is hosted by the Center for Academic Engagement, Council for Undergraduate Research and Sponsored Activity, USD Graduate School, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, and the USD Office of Academic Affairs.

Gavins Point Dam To Conduct Spillway Flow Test

As part of the ongoing rehabilitation and repair of the damage from the Missouri River Flood of 2011, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, will temporarily shift discharges out of Gavins Point Dam from the powerhouse to the spillway on Wednesday, April 10, to conduct a spillway flow test.

The purpose of the test is to gain additional information on the current condition of the spillway. Beginning around 7:30 a.m., releases will be diverted from the powerhouse to the spillway. Discharges will be increased from the current 24,000 cfs to 26,000 cfs for part of the day. Total releases may

be increased to 40,000 cfs for a brief period of time depending on the responses observed at the lower discharge rates.

The total test period is not expected to exceed eight hours. At the completion of the test, releases will be returned to the powerhouse in accordance with scheduled daily releases.

Repair work has entailed additional investigations into the foundation conditions underlying the concrete slabs located immediately downstream of the spillway structure. Subsurface investigations are nearing completion. They included the installation of pressure transducers beneath the

spillway chute to assess and monitor uplift pressures that may develop during operation of the spillway.

"This effort is a continuation of the baseline flow testing that was conducted on March 12. It is necessary to obtain additional information regarding the current condition of the spillway," said Geotechnical Engineer Steve Butler. "Gaining this information will help us determine whether additional interim repairs are warranted and help us assess the long term reliability of the spillway's design."

Minor increases in stages downstream of the project may occur due to the short periods of

higher releases.

"The forecast for next week includes a chance of precipitation in the Yankton area. If the precipitation in the Yankton area is too heavy, the test could be moved to April 11th or 12th," Butler said. "There is also a chance for heavier rainfall in the lower basin, but the run-off from these storms should be through the system before any increases in flows from this test reach the lower basin. We will monitor river and weather conditions between now and next week and, if conditions change, the test will be modified or postponed to prevent adverse impacts to river users or adjacent landowners."

OBITUARIES

Howard 'Hod' Nielsen

Howard "Hod" Nielsen, age 92 of Yankton passed away early Wednesday morning, April 3, 2013 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 8, 2013 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton with Rev. Dave Wildermuth officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery with military graveside rites by Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard, Yankton and the SDARNG, Sioux Falls.

Visitations will be from 4-7 p.m. Sunday, April 7, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with the family present. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Howard "Hod" Nielsen was born to Niels and Ida (Mortenson) Nielsen on March 4, 1921 in Yankton, South Dakota. He attended Yankton public schools, graduating from Yankton High School in 1938, serving as senior class president. He attended the University of South Dakota until entering the Army Air



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Texas in October 1941, six weeks before Pearl Harbor. He served with the Eighth Air Force for over four years as one of the first photo reconnaissance pilots. He was stationed in England and saw combat in Europe, flying an unarmed P-38. Some of his missions included photographing coastlines of Normandy in preparation for the Allied Invasion. He was one of only seven pilots in his group of twenty-seven to survive. He was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, and a President Unit Citation. He achieved the rank of Captain. Because of the top secret information he possessed

Corps after his junior year. He was active in sports and journalism in high school and college. At the University he played football and belonged to Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

He entered flight training in Vernon, Texas in October 1941, six weeks before Pearl Harbor. He served with the Eighth Air Force for over four years as one of the first photo reconnaissance pilots. He was stationed in England and saw combat in Europe, flying an unarmed P-38. Some of his missions included photographing coastlines of Normandy in preparation for the Allied Invasion. He was one of only seven pilots in his group of twenty-seven to survive. He was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, and a President Unit Citation. He achieved the rank of Captain. Because of the top secret information he possessed

about the D-Day location, he was sent back to the states where he traveled to Washington, D.C. and several other cities to debrief his superiors on his missions.

On January 11, 1944 he married Anita O'Rielly in Yankton. They lived on bases in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Coffeyville, Kansas until the war ended, when they returned to Yankton. While in Coffeyville, their first child Janet, was born in 1945. Karen followed in 1947, and Howard Richard, Jr. in 1955.

Following the war, Hod and his brother Roy owned and operated Nielsen Sport and Camera Shop in Yankton. Hod left the business from 1951-1954 to work with KOTA Radio in Rapid City. He returned to the business in 1954 until it closed in 1960. He then worked in the insurance business for several years.

He began doing sports play by play for KYNT in 1958, continuing for over 30 years. He became sports editor of the *Press and Dakotan* in 1968 working there for many years, writing columns daily, then weekly. He retired from his column in 2007

at age 86. He was honored to be South Dakota Sportscaster of the Year in 1976 and South Dakota Sportswriter of the Year in 1993, 1994, and 1996. He was the only person in any state to be honored in both categories.

Hod received Distinguished Service Awards from the National High School Athletic Coaches' Association, the South Dakota High School Activities Association, the South Dakota High School Coaches' Association, and Mount Marty College. Other awards include the North Central Conference Ed Kolpack Award, the USD Dan Lennon Award, the SDHSCA Max Hawk Award, the Friend of Youth from the Yankton Optimist Club, the Friend of Football Award from the SD High School Football Coaches, the Friend of the Pointers Award from Southern State Teachers College Alumni, and the Yankton College Pro Causa Citation.

Hod has been included in the following halls of fame: SD Intercollegiate Conference, North Central Conference, University of South

Dakota Coyotes, Yankton High School Sports, Yankton High School Fine Arts, South Dakota Basketball Coaches, Mount Marty College, and South Dakota Aviation. He also received an honorary doctor of letters from Mount Marty College in 2007.

In 1993 Nielsen became Yankton's Citizen of the Year. He was a member of the Yankton School Board of Education for eight years (1968-1975), serving as president from 1973-1974. He was an early organizer of the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame and served on the Selection Board until 1999. He was the first president and one of the founders of Yankton's Quarterback Club. He was a member of Hillcrest Country Club in its early years. He served as a Heisman Trophy voter for many years.

Hod was included in Tom Brokaw's book "The Greatest Generation" and in Greg Laska's "Blue Stars." He belonged to the Elks Club. He was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church where he was baptized, confirmed, and married.

Mourning his loss are his chil-

dren: Janet (Loren) Gratz of Tucson, AZ, Karen (Wes) Wingett of Norfolk, NE, Dick of Lincoln, NE; his grandsons: Robbin (Erica) List of Robinson, IL, Nathan Gratz of Tucson, AZ, Evan (Johanna) Gratz of Green Bay, WI; and his three great-granddaughters: Bailey List of Bainbridge Island, WA, Lucy and Annika List of Robinson, IL; his sister, Virginia of Oklahoma City, OK; and sister-in-law, Elaine Nielsen of Yankton, SD.

He was preceded in death by his wife of sixty-six years, Anita, three brothers: Niels Robert, Roy, and Willard.

Memorials may be directed to the family for Hod Nielsen Memorial Scholarship, 804 Skyview Circle, Norfolk, NE 68701.

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www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Ronald Grimme

Ronald F. Grimme, 66, of Yankton passed away early Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at the Sunset Manor in Irene.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m., Saturday, April 6, 2013 at the United Methodist Church in Tyndall, with Rev. Duane Coates officiating. Burial will be in the Tyndall Cemetery.

Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tyndall is in care of the arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Brian Gibson, Brad Gibson, Kevin Gibson, Danny Jerke, Randy Gibson, and Dennis Olsen.

Ronald was born in Yankton to Fred and Betty (Gibson) Grimme on December 31, 1946. He was baptized in the Methodist Church in Avon, SD in 1947. He graduated from Geddes High School in Geddes, SD in 1965. He later attended Ambassador College for a period of time. While living in Yankton, Ronald was employed at Pizza Hut and various other businesses.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Betty (Gibson) Grimme, grandparents, Louis and Pauline Grimme, and Ernest and Jeanette Gibson.

Everyone who knew Ron

saw a kind, generous and gentle man. His memory will be cherished by his sister, Patricia (Grimme) Michaels and her husband Bob Corry, his niece, Shannon Evangelista, a nephew, Greg Michaels, and a great nephew, Lucas Michaels. Family members Gary and Linda Gibson, Norman Gibson and family, and Verna and Glen Jerke visited him Easter Sunday, just two days before his passing.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Ron's caseworker and friend Fred Bender. They would also like to deeply thank the Sunset Manor staff and the Sacred Heart Hospital staff for their professionalism and the tender mercies that they extended to our Ronnie.

Ronald's wishes were to have memorials directed to National Alliance of Mental Illness, PO Box 88808, Sioux Falls, SD 57109.

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www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

George Horner

George R. Horner, 81, of Vermillion, died Thursday, April 4th, 2013, at the Sanford Care Center, Vermillion, South Dakota.

George was born Dec. 1, 1931 in Sioux City, the son of Samuel and Ann Marie (Lass) Horner. He grew up in Vermillion, SD and attended Vermillion schools, and graduated from High School in 1949. In High School, he participated in football, track, basketball and debate. After graduation, he attended The University of South Dakota, majoring in Political Science, and graduated in June, 1953. The fall of that year, he entered Law School and received his Law Degree in June of 1956. He was admitted to practice in the State of South Dakota as well as the State of Nebraska. He was recognized for his legal service of 50 years by both states.

George married Terri (Terese) Van Overscheld June 27, 1954, in Custer, South Dakota. George and Terri had two children, Catherine Ann, born in Vermillion, in 1956 and Robert Allan born in Omaha, in 1958. After graduation from Law School, he and Terri moved to Omaha, Nebraska where he was employed at USF&G Insurance Company as a claims attorney. They lived there for 10 years when George was promoted to adjuster



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in charge at the Grand Island office. In 1968, George became City Prosecutor. George had a lifetime interest in sports and while living in Grand Island was a (volunteer) certified lifeguard for the YMCA. He was selected as a member of the All-Star Team in the Industrial Basketball league. He won swimming awards, and received trophies for his running. He was on the Board of Directors, Grand Island YMCA, Board of Deacons, First Presbyterian Church and President of the Central Nebraska Reserve Officers Association.

In 1969, George joined the Faculty at The School of Business, University blood donor, an award winning photographer, and gardener. He retired from the School of Business Dec. 1996. Because George was a Reserve Officer, he was able to maintain his commitment to the Navy along with his commitment to The School of Business. He took his active duty during the summer and during the Christmas Holidays. During his naval career, he was stationed for duty at The Pentagon, Norfolk, Virginia, Jacksonville, Florida, Seattle, Washington, Honolulu, Hawaii, and San Francisco and Coronado, California. George's Naval career expanded 38 years (12 years enlisted and 26 years as a commissioned officer in Naval Intelligence). During his many tours of naval service, George served as a Summary Courts Martial officer, and Acting Inspector General, U.S. Naval Intelligence Command. He was 3rd Fleet In-

telligence Officer during Operation "Jennifer" (recovery of a sunken Soviet submarine in the 1970s). George was Intelligence Officer on staff in Operation "Varsity Spring" and in Operation "Kernal Bogey" which were two of the largest combined Fleet exercises in the Pacific during the Cold War. He wrote a brief for the President of the United States regarding the prisoners of War in Viet Nam. George held "Top Secret" clearance during his entire tenure as a commissioned officer.

George loved fishing and caught trout, bass, northern pike, walleyes, lake trout and pan fish, in more than a half dozen states and three provinces of Canada. He made several trips with friends to three Canadian provinces and received a Master Angler Award from the Province Ontario for season's second largest walleye caught in the entire province.

He has successfully hunted deer, antelope, geese, ducks, quail, pheasants and grouse in South Dakota, Nebraska and Wyoming. He also enjoyed photography and took many outstanding pictures during his travels.

George is survived by his wife, Terri, of Vermillion, a daughter, Catherine Bennett (Bill) of Taos, New Mexico and a son, Robert Horner (Audrey Hanken), of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, three grandchildren, Jasmine Cecelic (Zach), Ashley Horner and Alex Horner;

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