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Boston Marathon bombings and the Texas fertilizer plant explosion — showed the importance of emergency response in both urban and rural settings.

Garvin pointed to another incident much closer to home — the United Airlines Flight 232 crash at the Sioux City airport in 1989.

Two years before that happened, they held the disaster exercise with FEMA and it paid off (during the Flight 232 crash)," he said.

A disaster doesn't need to cover such massive proportions, Garvin said. Cedar County has experienced blizzards, floods and the Coleridge, Neb., tornado in 2003 that claimed one life and created massive damage.

To maintain a realistic setting for this Saturday's drill, partici-

pants are not given the exact location or scenario until their pagers go off at the start of the exercise. The scenario will involve multiple medical victims and situations that will also require intervention by the fire departments.

To help keep everyone safe, some streets and roadways may be blocked off during the exercise. A separate observation area will be established for anyone not involved with the exercise who wishes to observe.

An invitation has also been extended to local elected officials, the Nebraska State Patrol, Mercy Air Care of Sioux City and LifeNet Air Medical of Norfolk, Neb. The Nebraska Health and Human Services (HHS) emergency medical services division and the University of Nebraska HEROS project staff will assist the local exercise design team during the exercise.

The local Boy Scout troop will participate in the exercise as part of the work on its emergency preparedness merit badge, Garvin said.

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"The Boys Scouts will do a mix," he said. "Some of them are coming to provide first aid, and some of them are being victims. They are working on both sides of the fence."

The Boys Scouts will also learn firsthand how emergency responders operate and the important role that young people can play in filling those roles, Garvin said.

Cedar County operates a mutual aid association, which coordinates agreements among units for assisting in an emergency. Garvin said. Such mutual agreements help quickly dispatch resources, reflected in Saturday's drill.

The upcoming Cedar County drill has received a great deal of planning, Garvin said. During the past year, training has been offered for first responders in communications, triage and public information.

The Cedar County dispatch center will be used for Saturday's drill, Garvin said. The county has upgraded its 911 communications in recent months, and Nebraska's mutual aid channel allows emergency personnel to talk across county lines and state borders, he said.

Saturday's drill will show what needs to be tweaked, Garvin said. "If we simulate this in real life, real time, you notice things are not quite following a plan and some things that need to be adjusted," he said. "There is a good comparison between what actually happens and what is supposed to happen."

Saturday's exercise will provide good training for both veteran and new emergency responders, Garvin said.

We hope we never have to use this training," he said. "But by holding these drills, we can pick up some skills and practice other skills so they don't fall by the wayside."

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Fields

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Iowa is no longer in drought. But more than 91 percent of Nebraska remains in extreme or exceptional drought, as of last week's report. This week's report will come out Thursday.

The rains have raised topsoil moisture levels. A U.S. Department of Agriculture survey report for the week ending Sunday said lowa farmers rated topsoil moisture 91 percent adequate or surplus. In the same weekly report for Nebraska farmers, the figure was 59 percent adequate or surplus.

But the subsoil moisture is needed to ensure healthy plants with deeper roots, crop experts have said. The Iowa report said subsoil moisture remained 66 percent short or very short. The Nebraska ratings were 90 percent short or very short. Nebraska's few bright subsoil spots were found in or near Beatrice and Falls City in southeast Nebraska, said state climatologist Al Dutcher, who found fully saturated soil down 4 feet in both locations.

"Most of the generous moisture with this event is the Platte River southward," Dutcher said of the recent rains.

The wet conditions have delayed field preparation work, and there remain concerns about the planting. Many corn farmers prefer to spread their seed corn by mid-May. Any later and yields can falter.

Commodities broker Doug Simon, of Ag Risk Consulting in Lincoln, said the storms have helped the soil and raised hopes for this year's corn.

But, he said, "the most important thing is what happens in June, July and August" as the corn grows and the kernels mature.

OBITUARIES

Margaret 'Marge' Lammers

Margaret "Marge" K. Lammers, 87, of Hartington, died on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with the Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be at St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. Visitation will continue on Thursday at church one hour prior to services.

Pallbearers will be Jake Lammers, Kurtis Lammers, Dylan Webbert, Ryan Webbert, Cyril Lammers, and Allen Lammers.

Margaret Katherine was born on June 8, 1925 in Hartington, Nebraska to Roman and Lucy (Dresden) Dreesen. She grew up east of

BeEtta Sinclair

BeEtta Sinclair, 97, died at Golden Living Center on April 22, 2013

BeEtta Catherine Palmer was born on March 4,

1916 at Gregory, SD to Daniel and Christina (Rasmussen) Palmer. She married Rex Edward Sinclair at San Louis Obispo, CA on June 18, 1943. He died in 1972.

Sinclair She is survived by four sons - Allen (Joyce) of Yankton, Clark (Connie) of Madison, Roger of Northglen, CO



Frederick Lammers on June 12, 1951 in Constance, Ne-

braska. Marge and Francis lived in various states due to Francis' employment. They moved to Hartington in 1960 and purchased an Oil business naming it Lammers Skelly Service. Marge worked at Gurney Seed and Nursery in Yankton from 1974-1993. She and Francis retired in 1993 and traveled in the United States and to Alaska until 2003 when her health declined.

She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the Christian Mothers, and Catholic Daughters of America. Marge liked to golf, bowl, play cards and to read.

Margaret is survived by her hus-

Betty (Hungate) Slade

Betty Slade, born November 6, 1927 south of Lake Andes, moved with her parents Albert and Louise

(Weins) Hungate to Årmour when she was five years old. Betty attended Armour grade school and high school. After high school graduation, she attended Southern Normal Teacher's College in Spring-

field, S.D. Upon completion of her teaching degree, she taught in a country school in the Armour area before and after Slade of Springfield on December 22, 1946. Two children, Jerry and Lori, were born to this union.

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band of 61 years, Francis Lammers of Hartington; four children and their spouses, Dan and Joan Lammers of Yankton, SD, Dean J. Lammers of Hartington, NE, Denise and Bill Webbert of Norfolk, NE, Doug and Kelley Lammers of Fairbanks, Alaska; four grandsons; two brothers and spouses Francis and Adeline Dreesen of Hartington, Kenny and Rosie Dreesen of South Yankton, NE.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Evelyn Lowe and her husband Ben Lowe; one grandson William Webbert III.

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six grandchildren; Amy (Keith) Berg, Jenny (Chad) Hanson, Niki (Dan) Parker, Jackie (Paul) Eichenberger, Nate (Meredith) Krier, and Chad (Brooke) Slade; thirteen great grandchildren, and two sisters, Viola (Mike) Carmody and Beverly (Ronald) Buzeyn.

It was always Betty's wish to be cremated and not be fussed over. A simple memorial service will be held in her honor in the United Church of Christ/Congregational of Springfield at 10:00 a.m. on May 3, 2013. Committal of the cremains will follow in the Springfield Cemetery. Betty asked that in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local food pantry.

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Dr. Ronald Maly

Dr. Ronald Francis Maly, 79, of Euless, Texas and formerly of Crofton, NE passed into the arms of his Heavenly Father on Sunday, April 14, 2013 at an assisted living facility in Euless, Texas

A Memorial Mass will be on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Crofton with Father Timothy Lange officiating. Burial will be in St. Rose of Lima Cemetery in Crofton with military services provided by the Crofton American Legion Post 128.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2013, with a vigil service at 7 p.m., at the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton.

Honorary Pallbearers will be his grandchildren and all of his nieces

and nephews. Ron was born on May 30, 1933 in Crofton to Joseph and Theresa (Guenther) Maly. He was raised on a farm north of Crofton in a large family. He spent his first few years in High School attending Conception Seminary in Kansas, and returned to graduate from Crofton High School. Ron then attended St. Benedict's College in Atkinson, KS, where after 1 year he joined the Army in 1953 and spent a 1 year tour in Korea serving his country. After 4 years and a Honorable Discharge from the Army, he went back to St. Benedict's College to study Pre-Med where he met and

of 56 years of Vermillion, three daughters; Jeanette (Joe) Hubert of Vermillion, Nadeen (Chuck) Peterson of Wakonda, SD and Glynis (Mark) Erickson of Gayville, SD, two sons; Todd (Lynne) Bye of Gayville and Hazen (Lisa) Bye of Vermillion, and a brother Doug (Mona) Bye of Vermillion. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren; Tabitha (Micah) Likness, Kyle (Stacy) Hubert, Tony Hubert, Darcey (Greg) Bast, Stephanie (Sam) Camp, Brian Bye, Evan (Stacy) Peterson, Nick (Melissa) Peterson, Andy, Chad Peterson, Emma (Adam) Ladwig, Parker, Morgan Erickson, Sara, Jana and Regan Bye. And six great grandchildren; Taylor Lyso, Madlyn Peterson, Callie Peterson, Gretchen Bast, Pierce Camp and Grady Likness. Memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27 at the Bergen Lutheran Church in Meckling, with private family burial in the Meckling Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday with a service at 7 p.m. at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion. Visit hansenfuneralhome.com.



ceiving his M.D. he and his wife moved Maly to Des Moines. IA

where he did his internship and started a General Practice. While in Des Moines they adopted their three children and began their family. Shortly later, they moved to Oklahoma for his residency and then to Baytown, TX. In Baytown, he worked as a Physician for Exxon at their chemical refinery, where he specialized in Industrial Medicine. He and Eulalia then relocated their family to Crofton where they have always wanted to start a General Family Practice to care for the people in the community where he was born and raised. There he lived his dream to be a "Black Bag Doctor" in his hometown doing house calls and delivering over 900 babies. In 1987, after their children were grown, they moved to the Dallas area where he worked in Occupational Medicine eventually retiring in Grand Prairie, TX.

He received much satisfaction in caring for people over the years and lived a very simple and humble life. He was always willing to help others and cherished his ability to

Laurence Hansen

Laurence Hansen, age 99, of Viborg SD died Sunday, April 21, 2013 at the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg.

Laurence Marinus Hansen was born Nov. 22, 1913, to Hans P. and Mathilda Hansen. He was the second

give to those in need selflessly and has touched the lives of many. He enjoved his grandchildren, reading, astronomy, working on cars, boating and flying airplanes in his younger years. He was a wonderful and loving husband, father and grandfather who will be missed. May God Bless You Doc.

He is survived by his children. Joseph (Kathy) Maly of Ashburn, VA; Raymond Maly of Texas; daughter Jennifer (Lee) McNamara of Grapevine, TX; 4 grandchildren, Lee and Maggie McNamara and Christopher and Allison Maly, a brother Charles (Mariellen) Maly, Crofton; 2 sisters Virginia Lange, Crofton; Dickie Burbach, Hartington and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ron is preceded in death by his wife Eulalia on June 13, 2007 at the age of 69, parents Joseph and Theresa Maly, bothers Dr. James Maly, Paul Maly and sisters Genevieve Bender, Betty Becker and Geraldine Bruening.

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moved to Meadowland Apartments. Laurence had been a member of the Masons for 50 years. He also belonged to the Odd Fellows for a time and served on the cemetery committee for 7 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ardelle, an infant son, his parents and some siblings. He is survived by one son, Larry (Dawn) of Centerville, one daughter, Cheryl Sire of Centerville, his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, one brother, Carl W. Hansen of Hurley, and many nieces, nephews and friends. There will be a prayer service beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, at the Viborg Funeral Home with family present to greet friends following the prayer service. Visitation will resume at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Viborg. Funeral services will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraternal Funeral Home of Viborg.

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One daughter - Sharlene (Kent) Dell of Waukesha, WI. 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. One brother - Ralph (Luella) Palmer of Parkston, SD.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and one brother -William.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 26, 2013 at the United Methodist Church in Madison with Rev Rvan Mutzenberger officiating. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery at Gregory.

She grew up on the family homestead in Gregory County graduating from Gregory High School. She received her Bachelors degree in education from Northern State College in Aberdeen. She taught country school in Gregory before moving to Madison in 1969 where she taught the developmental reading program at Washington Elementary School.

She was a member of United Methodist Church, 60 years member of the Order of Eastern Star, Red Cross Gray Ladies, Life member of SD Retired Teachers, American Legion and VFW Auxiliaries.

To send a message of sympathy visit www.weilandfuneralchapel.com.

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Betty was active in Eastern Star for sixty years and was a past Grand Électa of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota. As a member of the United Church of Christ/Congregational of Springfield, South Dakota, she held many offices. Betty was also active as a member and officer in Legion Auxiliary, the Red Hats, Merry Madams, and Study Club. Leisure time was spent playing bridge, pinochle, crocheting or attending several dinner and birthdav clubs. One of the highlights of her life was being a chaperone for the Miss SD Teen. Being around young people was impor-tant to Betty. Her job of managing the Southern Normal Teacher College' book store in the 60's afforded her the opportunity of working with young people and allowed her to make many life-long friends of students and teachers on campus. Betty has been wintering in Texas for over twenty years.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Slade, in 2002; her father and mother, Albert and Louise Hungate; and her brother, Wenzel Hungate. Left to mourn her passing are son, Jerry (Linda) Slade; daughter, Lori (Dan) Krier;

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Gary Hazen Bye

Gary Hazen Bye, 75, of Vermillion, passed away Tuesday, April 23 at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls with his family at his side.

Gary was born December 18, 1937 in Meckling to Hazen and Marie (Roozen) Bye. He attended Meckling schools graduating in 1956. He had played six man football on the first Meckling High School team. He married Carol Blair on August 27, 1956 in Meckling. He later graduated from the University of South Dakota with an Associate's degree in Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies.

He farmed in the Meckling area and owned and operated Bye Auction Service. He sold real estate in Rapid City and semi-retired in Sun City, AZ where he worked as an Irrigation Specialist at the Golf Course before moving back to Vermillion to be closer to family. In recent years, he loved working in his melon patch.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Roberta lverson.

He is survived by his wife Carol

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Melva Wastlund

Melva D. Wastlund, 88, of Vermillion died Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at Sanford Vermillion Hospital. Funeral arrangements are pend-

ing with Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion.

of seven children.

He attended school for 8 $1\!/\!2$ years until he suffered a head injury. He did not attend high school as he was needed to help his dad on the farm since he was the eldest son.

He married Ardelle Georgeson Oct. 17, 1936. Three children were born to this union; one son died in infancy.

Laurence worked on construction until 1942 when they started farming. They farmed in the Viborg area for 15 years. In 1957 they moved to a farm northwest of Irene, S.D. While living there he farmed and also worked at the Riley Co. in Irene. They sold their farm in 1977 and moved to Mission Hill, S.D., lived there for 10 years, moved to Centerville and lived there for 3 years. They then bought a small house and lived in it for 10 years. After Ardelle passed, Laurence sold the house and

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