

Yankton County

Former School Lost To Fire

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A Sunday morning fire destroyed the former Beaver Creek School on a property north of Yankton.

Yankton deputy fire chief Larry Nickles said firefighters were called to a property three miles north of Yankton on SW James River Road around 6:30 a.m. on Sunday where an abandoned building was on fire, accompanied by a small grass fire.

Nickles told the *Press & Dakotan* there's some speculation a group of individuals may have snuck onto the property and started the fire by accident.

"The landowner said he's had a lot of trouble where people keep taking his gate down and going in and having parties around the place," Nickles said. "We suspect that possibly it could've been a campfire. ... There's no power there and there's no other reason for a fire there."

He added the building was a total loss.

"The building was com-



KELLY HERTZ/P&D
The former Beaver Creek School northeast of Yankton was destroyed in a fire this past weekend. The school house has been abandoned for many years.

pletely gutted out by the time firefighters arrived on scene, so it burned completely up during the night," he said.

Nickles said the eight firefighters on scene had to tackle the situation very carefully.

"The structure is brick that had big cracks in the walls and we wouldn't let the guys near the building because I was

afraid that the walls might collapse," he said. "So we took care of the grass fires, extinguished what we could from the outside and it was allowed to go ahead and burn out."

It was recommended that the remainder of the structure be knocked down to avoid the possibility of a collapse at a later date. The cause of the

fire remains under investigation.

Nickles said the school may have been up to 100 years old.

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Aquatic Invasive Species Website Launched

PIERRE — With spring under way, so is this year's fishing season. The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) has launched a new website to help inform anglers and boaters about the new statewide aquatic invasive species rules, expected to take effect the middle of May.

"In an effort to slow the spread of aquatic invasive species in South Dakota, anglers and boaters, residents and nonresidents, will soon be required to change their old ways of transporting bait and fish and comply with newly established regulations," stated Kelly Hepler, GFP Secretary. "With that, we have launched a new website that serves as the hub of all information related to aquatic invasive species in our state."

The website, <http://sdleastwanted.com/>, features information on the new laws and regulations; species information related to zebra and quagga mussels, Asian carp and invasive plants; boat washing techniques and locations; a map depicting water bodies and any invasive species it may contain; frequently asked questions related to the new laws; how to report an invasive species; a news section; and a media gallery with im-

ages and videos.

The website is also designed to be responsive; meaning that it will render on any smartphone or tablet device in an effort to meet the growing needs of digital customers. In addition to this website, a new hashtag campaign called #sdleastwanted has also been implemented allowing anglers and boaters, along with their friends and family, an opportunity to share what they are doing to help slow the spread of aquatic invasive species in South Dakota. Digital users can share their images using #sdleastwanted via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

New laws will require boaters and anglers to:

1. Clean all vegetation and aquatic invasive species from a boat, trailer or other watercraft.
2. Open or remove all drain plugs or similar devices; except when in the boat ramp parking lot or when the boat is being launched or loaded. A boat may have these devices closed or in place while in route to a fish cleaning station immediately adjacent to where the boat was loaded, but they must be opened or removed before leaving the fish cleaning station.

3. Not transport bait or fish in water taken from a lake, river or stream. Bait may be transported in water taken from a lake, river or stream only while in route to a fish cleaning station located immediately adjacent to the lake, river or stream, but must be drained prior to leaving the fish cleaning station.

"Fishing, boating and other outdoor recreational activities are deeply engrained in the culture of this state. If each of us takes responsibility to do what we can to protect our resources today, these outdoor activities will continue to be enjoyed by future generations for years to come. Many thanks to South Dakota's anglers and boaters for their patience and cooperation with the implementation of these new regulations," concluded Hepler.

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks will continue to keep anglers, boaters and other outdoor enthusiasts informed as to the exact date of when the new laws take effect.

For more information on aquatic invasive species and how to help slow their spread in South Dakota water bodies, visit <http://sdleastwanted.com/>.

L&C Visitor Center Closed April 7-8

The Lewis and Clark Visitor Center, operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will be closed on Tuesday, April 7, and Wednesday, April 8.

The center, which is located on Nebraska Highway 121 near the Gavins Point Dam, will reopen on Thursday, April 9.

Onward Yankton Set For 1M Cups

Onward Yankton is coming back to this Wednesday's meeting of 1 Million Cups for a more in depth Q&A on its new campaign to search for Yankton's next "big idea." The meeting is at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Avera Professional Pavilion.

Spillway Gate Repairs Set To Continue

Repairs to the spillway gates at Gavins Point Dam are set to continue through Friday, April 10, at 5:30 p.m.

The repairs, which began in 2014, include the inspection, repair and painting of the 14 gates.

"The inspection of all the gates was finished in 2014," said Dave Becker, Operations Project Manager for Gavins Point. "Repair work and painting has been completed on 5 of the 14 gates. Contractors will continue work on the other nine gates through 2015 and into 2016."

The road that crosses Gavins Point Dam will be closed from 8 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. so contractors can begin setting up equipment and barricades to close one lane of the spillway road.

The lane will remain closed throughout construction. The lane closure will create a 9-foot width restriction on the open lane of the spillway. Large vehicles and trailers should consider taking an alternate route.

Extra traffic lights will be added to help with traffic flow. There will be delays of up to four minutes in spillway area throughout the repair process. The public is asked to use caution and obey all traffic control signals and/or flagmen to ensure the safety of everyone in the area.

These closures will include overnight hours. There will be periodic closures throughout duration of the construction. People can stay informed about upcoming road closures by checking www.nwo.usace.army.mil/gavinspoint or by calling (402) 667-2546.

Yankton Democrats To Meet Thursday

The Yankton Democratic Party will be holding its bi-annual organizational meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at the Dakota Territorial Capital building in Riverside Park. Following the meeting, there will be a pot luck and a social hour.

The purpose of the organizational meeting is to elect the officers for the next two years, including the party chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, treasurer and state committee persons.

The meeting is open to the public.

Nursing Scholarship Now Available

The Avera Sacred Heart Foundation is offering the Lori Ann Schrempp Memorial Nursing Student Scholarship to nursing students who are continuing their education to become a Registered Nurse.

The Lori Ann Schrempp Memorial Nursing Student Scholarship was established in 2002 in memory of Lori, a nurse at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital for more than 22 years.

Lori's life was tragically cut short when a LifeNet helicopter en route to transport a patient crashed. She was the LifeNet nurse on board. The pilot and paramedic also perished in the crash. Lori had a way of teaching nurses not only the duties of the job, but the compassion and spirit of the job as well.

This nursing scholarship will make preference to non-traditional students; however, will also consider nursing students who meet the other criteria. The value of the scholarship is \$500.

Applicants who qualify are those who are in their third or fourth year of a B.S.N. program, or first or second year of an Associate's program.

Non-traditional students are preferred and should be a resident in one of the following counties in which Avera Sacred Heart Hospital serves: Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay, Douglas, Gregory, Hutchinson, Todd, Tripp, Turner, Union and Yankton, and the Nebraska counties of Antelope, Boyd, Cedar, Holt, Knox or Pierce.

Applications will consist of an application form, resume, letter of reference from a faculty member and a written narrative that focuses on: passion for nursing, community involvement and demonstrations of Avera Sacred Heart values of hospitality, compassion, and stewardship.

The deadline for all applications is April 15. The award is given in May of each year. This scholarship may only be given to an applicant once.

Applications are to be mailed to The Avera Sacred Heart Foundation, 501 Summit St., Yankton, SD, 57078. For further information, contact the Foundation at (605) 668-8310.

Ag Ambassador Nominations Sought

PIERRE — The South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA) is seeking nominations for the 2015 South Dakota Governor's Ag Ambassador Award.

Nominees should be those who have continually worked to promote agriculture in South Dakota.

Key achievements of the Ag Ambassador:

- Provides visionary leadership to South Dakota's agricultural industry.
- Champions growth and prosperity of the state's number one industry.
- Advocates for agriculture and the responsible stewardship of livestock and land.
- Highlights the significance of South Dakota agriculture to our global food system.
- Influences decision makers to develop and implement sound agricultural policies.

Nominations are due to SDDA by Friday, April 17. The form can be found at under the "Happening Now" section by clicking "Governor's Ag Ambassador Award Nomination Form."

The award will be presented during the sixth annual Governor's Agricultural Summit in Deadwood on July 10.

The 2014 Governor's Ag Ambassador was Brad Greenway of Mitchell. Greenway runs a diversified farm with a wean-to-finish swine operation, a beef cow/calf herd, and grows corn, soybeans and wheat. Greenway's motto has always been, "I am proud of what I do on my farm and if I can't be transparent about it, I shouldn't be doing it."

OBITUARIES

Ronald Fiedler

MARICOPA, Ariz. — Ronald Kenneth Fiedler, aged 67, passed away on April 2nd, 2015, peacefully at home surrounded by his family. He was born August 30, 1947 in Vermillion, South Dakota, to Harold and Elizabeth (Jorgenson) Fiedler. Ronald was a graduate of Yankton High School, South Dakota.

Ronald was married to Patricia Frew in Basle, Switzerland on July 22nd, 1969. Ronald and Patricia met in Sydney, Australia whilst on R&R from his deployment to Vietnam. Ronald was then deployed to Bad Kreuznach, West Germany, where he was stationed for 12 months. Upon returning to South Dakota, Ronald graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1973. Following the birth of their first son, Tyler, in 1972, the family moved to Sydney Australia in late 1974. The couple had a second son, Conrad, born in 1975 in Sydney. After living in Sydney, Brisbane and Darwin, Australia, the family returned to the United States in 1995.

Ronald thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his family (to include many family dogs and parakeets), gardening, traveling and tech gadgets. In later life, in pursuit of their love of travel, Ronald and Patricia came to enjoy cruising, embarking on many cruises around the world. During these cruises, they touched four continents; in all of their travels during 46 years of marriage, they landed on five continents and in countless countries around the world.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia, sons Tyler and Conrad and daughters-in-law Yesenia and Kimberly, his mother Elizabeth, brothers Richard and Barry and sisters Barbara (Leland) Papik and Annette (Jerry) Moye.

In lieu of flowers the fam-



Fiedler

ily requests any memorial contributions be made to the Sun Valley Animal, located at 7150 N.110th Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85307 or the Vietnam Veterans of America Association.

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Shirley Leines

Funeral services for Shirley Leines, 71 of Wagner are 10:30 Friday, April 10, 2015 at the Wagner Community Church, with burial in the ZCJB Cemetery, rural Wagner.

Visitation is 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. Thursday at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner, followed by a 7:00 p.m. prayer service at the church.

Shirley JoAnn Leines, daughter of Ivan and Wanda June (Palmer) Irwin, was born April 15, 1943 in Bellevue, NE. She died peacefully at her home on Sunday, April 5, 2015, after suffering for many years with COPD.

Shirley attended school in Ravinia. She married James Marvin Leines on October 8, 1960 at Lake Andes. Their marriage was blessed



Leines

with four children. They lived in Armour and then moved to Wagner in 1974. Shirley and Jim were owners of Napa (Wagner Auto Supply) for 36 years and then Valley Pump and Casino for 13 years. They were selected as the Honorary Labor Day Parade Marshals in 2012.

Shirley was a member of the Wagner Community Club, Life Line, Red Hat Society and the Wagner Community Church.

Shirley loved spending time with family and watching her grandkids. A highlight for her was always Christmas — decorating for it and watching her loved ones open their gifts. Shirley was an amazing cook and loved to bake with her granddaughters. One never had to wonder what Shirley thought, because she would tell you. She was always willing to help anyone who needed it.

Thankful for having shared her life are her husband, Jim; her children and their families: Tim and wife Ruth and son Noah; Berlinda "Missy" (died in 2010) and husband Jay Wunder and sons Jordan and Justin and wife Ruth and their sons Michael and Timothy; Tami and husband Aaron Hanson and daughters Madyson and Courtney and her daughter

Lilyanne; and Tracy and wife Lucy and children Kade, Brennan, Abriana and Emmalyn, all of Wagner; two brothers: DeLayne and wife Carol of Corsica and Darvol of Tyn-dall; sister Sharon (died in 2010) and husband Dave Lile, all of Wagner; and many relatives and friends.

Shirley was preceded in death by her daughter Missy on October 19, 2010; her parents Ivan and June Irwin; sister Sharon Lile on August 19, 2010; and parents-in-law, Marvin and Nina Leines.

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Helen Severson

Helen M. Severson, 93, of rural Volin passed away Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at Vangen Lutheran Church in Mission Hill with the Rev. Phil Lint officiating. Burial will be in the Vangen Lutheran Cemetery.

Visitations times for Friday are pending. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are under the care of the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

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