

REGION DIGEST

Crest Road Will Close From 7 a.m. To 4 p.m.

The road that crosses Gavins Point Dam, also known as Crest Road or the spillway, will be closed from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, to conduct maintenance on road. Motorists should find alternate routes.

Disability Committee To Hold Meeting Today

The Disability Education and Awareness Committee are hosting a meeting open to the public at 5:30-7 p.m. today (Tuesday) at the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC). The goal of the meeting is for the committee to be able to gather information from the community and to provide a source of information to anyone coping with a disability, the public, caregivers, and providers.

DQ To Hold Annual Blizzard Fundraiser

Yankton Dairy Queen will once again be having the blizzard fundraiser for Children's Miracle Network. When you buy a blizzard on Thursday, Aug. 5, at the Yankton Dairy Queen, \$1 of each mini blizzard and \$2 of each small, medium or large blizzard will be donated to the Children's Miracle Network. Since 1984, DQ has raised more than \$81 million for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals; last year, the Yankton DQ raised more than \$2,500 for CMN. Funds raised by the Yankton Dairy Queen also stay in our area benefiting the children and their families at the Sanford Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls. Children's Miracle Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children's hospitals across North America. The Vermillion Dairy Queen is also participating in this event. For more information go to www.miracletreatday.com.

Open Class Food Event To Be Held For Youth

An Open Class event in foods and nutrition will be held for all Yankton County youth ages 7-8 at the 4-H building on Whiting Drive. All exhibits will be entered from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at the 4-H building. No entries will be accepted after 6 p.m. All exhibits must remain in place until 11 a.m. Aug. 8, and will be released between 11 a.m. and noon that day. Categories consist of Class 1: Yeast Breads; Class 2: Sweet Dough; Class 3: Quick Breads; Class 4: Cakes; and Class 5: Cookies/Bars. A judge will award a first-, second- and third-place ribbon for all categories. For more information, contact the Yankton County Extension Office at 665-3387.

EMS Workshop To Be Offered In Pierce

PIERCE, Neb. — The Emergency Medical Services Program of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services will offer a workshop on "Water Emergencies" for emergency medical technicians and first responders. The workshop will be held at Willow Lake on Thursday, Aug. 5, running from 7-10 p.m. The workshop is worth three continuing education hours. For more information, contact Carrie Crawford, Northeast Nebraska Emergency Medical Specialist, at 1-877-227-3609.

First Aid Course Offered On Saturday

The Yankton County Red Cross will be offering a First Aid Course at 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Aug. 7. Fee includes class materials. Pre-registration is required for this course. Contact the Yankton Red Cross office at 665-7572 or e-mail your interest to yanktonrc@w.net.

Send Your Rain Totals To The P&D

If you get some rain, tell us about it. The Press & Dakotan is asking readers in our surrounding coverage area to call, e-mail or fax in your rain amounts. We need this information by 8 p.m. each night (except Saturday). In the event of a storm, other details would be appreciated. To send us your rain totals, call us at (800) 743-2968 (press "3" for the newsroom), e-mail us at newsroom@yankton.net, or fax us at (605) 665-1721.

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MMC Attains Approval For Teacher Education

The South Dakota Board of Education granted official approval of the teacher education program at Mount Marty College at its July 2010 meeting. This continuing approval status for the next seven years will allow MMC to recommend its teacher education graduates for teacher certification or licensure in South Dakota and other states and countries.

The Board of Examiners Team representing the South Dakota Department of Education convened in an on-site visit in April 2010. The Team found that the MMC teacher education program met the four unit standards for teacher preparation and the applicable program specific standards for teaching majors (elementary education, math, music, etc.).

Additionally, the Team noted the following strengths of the teacher education program at MMC: a candidate-centered mission exists as evidenced by a "family-like atmosphere" where faculty know all of the candidates individually, are aware of their individual strengths and needs, and celebrate each individual's success; candidates have strong content and pedagogical knowledge and are supported by facul-

ty to prepare for the state certification exams; a highly functional and effective assessment system ensures that programs and graduates are of the highest quality; and most candidates complete student teaching during the fall semester which allows them to see the all-important first days of school, attend teacher in-service activities, and assist with room set-up and preparation of materials.



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

What's the latest dirt? The soil flying at Monday's groundbreaking for the \$4 million inpatient wing addition and remodeling project at Wagner Community Memorial Hospital-Avera (WCMH-A). The project includes 13 new inpatient rooms and other improvements. The funding includes \$2.75 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development, a \$309,000 Community Development Block Grant through the Governor's Office of Economic Development and \$890,000 in private donations.

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Healthcare for the Future" capital campaign. The private donations helped clinch the final government funding and will relieve borrowing costs for the hospital. Slaba recognized the public support during Monday's groundbreaking.

"This celebration ... is also a celebration for Wagner and the communities we serve, a celebration of growth and prosperity," he said. "This is truly a community event."

Ken Thaler, president of the hospital board, co-chaired the capital campaign with Jeff Doom. They conducted a 2 1/2-year effort, with the first six months a silent campaign aimed at major contributors. The next four to six months was aimed at intense reaching the general public.

"We went knocking door to door (to reach the general public)," Thaler said. "The majority of our donations came in the first year of the campaign." Thaler said the level of private giving was phenomenal, particularly with the nation's

deep recession, financial sector meltdown and the uncertainty about health reform.

"It was a daunting task. But this (hospital) facility is 34 years old. People knew the need and understood it," he said. "They said, 'We're here to help' and responded with their checkbooks. It was unbelievable."

The rest of the \$4 million funding includes a \$1.5 million direct loan and \$1.25 million guaranteed loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development program and a \$309,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED).

Wagner has invested in itself, said Elsie Meeks, state director of the USDA Rural Development program. She described USDA and WCMH-A as a "partnership" making the hospital addition and remodeling a reality.

"The hospital is functioning and progressive," she said. "Not every community has health care like Wagner."

Meeks noted the other health care facilities in Wagner, including the Indian Health Service, a Veterans Affairs outreach clinic and other healthcare clinics. The impact of quality health care will

be felt throughout the region, Meeks said.

"It brings people to the community," she said. "Jobs are provided. People choose to live in a community, buy homes and send their kids to school where there is strong health care."

The impact of the new inpatient addition will go far beyond bricks and mortar, Slaba said. He anticipates his staff, which currently has the equivalent of 63 full-time staff members, will grow by 8 to 10 employees.

"We anticipate growing to 70 FTEs," he said. "The majority of that growth will be nurses."

The additional staff will be needed with the increased number of hospital beds, Slaba said. "We average eight patients in the hospital, but we will have upwards of 15 patients on any given day," he said. "If you discharge patients and then admit others, we could have up to 20 people in a day. That's a heavy load for a small hospital in a town of 1,600 people."

Slaba looks for the hospital to continue its strong financial position.

"WCMH has topped \$12 million in gross patient revenues (annually)," he said. "We are usually in the top five, and sometimes in the top three, out of 37

critical access hospitals in the state."

In addition to the three latest construction projects, the hospital has implemented or upgraded telemedicine offerings with e-care and e-stroke programs, Thaler said.

During Monday's groundbreaking, Mayor Sharon Haar recognized the community volunteers and contributions that made the capital campaign a success.

Mike Frei, past president of Wagner Economic Development, placed the hospital among the region's top economic engines. The expansion project uses Scott Doom Contracting of Wagner and Commercial State Bank of Wagner for financing, he said.

Matt Cerny, Wagner Chamber of Commerce president, noted that WCMH-A serves patients as far as 40 miles away. Wagner already serves as a regional retail hub and has now taken on that role for healthcare, he said.

"Over the last few years, starting with the hospital's first expansion, I have seen a renewed optimism in our community," he said. "Residents and volunteers (are) re-energized in the belief that Wagner is more than just another town along the highway. It is a destination."

Meeks said she stood in awe at Monday's groundbreaking, looking in all directions. She noted the school construction project, new assisted-living center, housing complexes and day-care centers.

"Here is a community that steps forward and decides to take the risk, but it's a risk that brings big rewards," she said. "Small towns thrive or start to decline. This community has stepped forward and made the decision to thrive."

OBITUARIES

Norman Lammers

FORDYCE, Neb. — Norman Lammers, age 65 of Fordyce, Nebraska died on Sunday, August 1, 2010 at his residence.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Fordyce at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Visitation will be on Tuesday at church from 3:30-5:00 p.m. with a rosary at 4:00 p.m. and a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Wednesday at church one hour prior to services.

Norman was born September 15, 1944 in Yankton, SD at Sacred Heart Hospital to Ludwig and Rosalia (Steffen) Lammers. He was raised on Lammers Ranch near Fordyce. He attended St. John the Baptist Elementary and graduated from Holy Trinity High School in 1962. He then attended Norfolk Junior College for 2 years and then enlisted in the US Army where he served at Ft. Hood, TX. After returning home he complete his education



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at UNL in Agricultural Economics, graduating in 1969. After a year he returned home to Lammers Ranch to farm with his two brothers. Norman married Phyllis Kremer on August 5, 1972 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Crofton, Ne. He was an avid reader and looked forward to his campouts with his friends and family. Norman loved supporting his Trojans, Huskers and Twins. He had a great commitment to God and faith which he exhibited through his support of his parish and schools with his time and talent. Norman was a member of St. John the Baptist choir throughout his adult life and was active in 4-H, parish councils and school boards, the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Blue Ribbon Committee. He also sang with the Men of Note for many years.

Norman is survived by his wife Phyllis of Hartington, his four sons and spouses, Frank

and Krisa Lammers of Hartington; Jon Lammers of Lincoln, NE; Chris and Jen Lammers of Lincoln, NE; and Nick Lammers of Omaha, NE; 4 special grandchildren, Owen, Aiden, Katherine and Elise; his two brothers Roger Lammers of Hartington and Kenny & Juanita Lammers of Hartington, three sisters, Janet & Ron Kramer of Pierce, NE, Kathy & Mick Reifennath of Crofton, NE, and Judy & Rod Mace of Tyndall, SD.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents; Ludwig and Rosalia Lammers, and his sister Rosemary Lammers. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home of Hartington. To send an online sympathy card, go to www.wintzfuneralhome.com.

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Rose Johnson

VERMILLION — Rose Johnson, 100, of Vermillion, SD passed away on Sunday, August 1, 2010 at Terrace Manor Nursing Home in Dell Rapids, SD.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Iverson-Sieck-Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion, SD. Service will be on Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at Dalesburg Baptist Church near rural Beresford, SD, with burial at the Dalesburg Baptist cemetery following the service.

Rose was born on January 11, 1910 in Hutchinson County, SD to Carl and Elizabeth (Huether) Lang. She married Harry Johnson on March 3, 1946 in Centerville, SD, and they resided in Vermillion for many years until Harry passed away on March 8, 1982. Rose continued to live in Vermillion until moving in 2007 to Brookings, SD.

Rose was a member of Dalesburg Baptist Church near Beresford. She liked to spend time with her grandchildren, and



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loved working in her garden and doing yard work. She is survived by her son-in-law Terry Jacobson of Brookings, SD; grandson David (C a m i l l e) Jacobson of Volga, SD; grandson Jeff (Liza) Jacobson of Brookings, SD; granddaughter Andrea Jacobson of Brookings, SD; great-grandsons Cody and Colin Jacobson; and sister Clara Sampson.

Rose is preceded in death by her parents; husband Harry Johnson; daughter Colleen Jacobson; brothers Theodore, Emil, Erwin, and Benny; and sisters Martha, Leah, Lidia, Emma, Annie, Lillian, and Maxine.

Condolences may be mailed to Iverson-Sieck-Kober Funeral Home, 402 East Main St, Vermillion, SD, 57069. Condolences may also be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com.

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Dean Nelson

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Dean M. Nelson, 80, of Hartington, Neb. died Sunday (Aug. 1, 2010) at his residence.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Hartington, with the Rev. John Andrews officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today (Tuesday), with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m., at Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington. Visitation will continue on Wednesday, at church, one hour prior to services.

To send an online sympathy card, go to www.wintzfuneralhome.com.

Cora Wilcox

COLERIDGE, Neb. — Memorial Services for Cora Wilcox, formerly of Coleridge, Neb. will be on Wednesday (Aug. 4, 2010) at 1:30

p.m. at the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Coleridge with the Rev. Gary Kimm officiating. Burial of her ashes will be in the Coleridge City Cemetery.

Services are under the direction of Wintz Funeral Home, Coleridge.

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