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ROLLING TO GRAND ISLAND



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Members of the Tri-State Old Iron Antique Tractor Association are shown trekking south down Highway 81 near the King Lutheran Welcome center. About 30 association members left Friday for Grand Island, Neb., where they are scheduled to take part in today's (Saturday) World's Largest Parade of Tractors event at the Nebraska State Fair. Event organizers hope to set a new world record for the longest tractor parade. The current mark is a 745-tractor parade held in Germany in 2008.

Coat, Hat And Mitten Drive Taking Place

Christ the King Lutheran Church of Yankton is having a coat, hat and mitten drive for the Lower Brule Reservation near Chamberlain. New and gently used warm coats, hats and mittens of all sizes are being collected. These items will be distributed through the Boys and Girls Club at Lower Brule.

Items can be delivered to Christ the King Lutheran, 305 West 25th Street, between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Deliver items by Sept. 28.

If you have any questions or would like items picked up, call the church at 665-8848.

School Begins With Largest Classroom

HURON — Teachers and students from across the state are invited to participate in the South Dakota's Largest Classroom on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 30-31, at the South Dakota State Fair.

This educational program gives students an opportunity to experience things they may not otherwise have a chance to see in a regular classroom environment.

While attending South Dakota's Largest Classroom, students will see many activities and exhibits, including the New Riders of the Golden Age Full Armored Jousting Show, Vogel's Exotic Animal Petting Zoo sponsored by American Bank and Trust, The Bubble Show, the FFA Animal Nursery, a one-room schoolhouse, the Dakotaland Museum, and 4-H and open class exhibits.

Teachers and students are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Students who are home-schooled are also encouraged to register. Last year, 865 students and teachers from 32 schools attended. The program is free to students, teachers and chaperones. Lunch and parking will also be provided. The registration form can be obtained by calling 605-353-7354.

The South Dakota's Largest Classroom is sponsored by Wells Fargo, Dakota Provisions, the South Dakota Education Association, Sara Lee, Old Dutch and Pepsis.

The 2012 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Aug. 30, through Monday, Sept. 3. Channel Seeds Preview night will be Wednesday, Aug. 29. The theme for the 2012 State Fair is "Taste the Fun!" For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit www.sdstatefair.com or find the fair on Facebook and Twitter.

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If there are any questions, contact Wilbur Goehring at 665-1717.

OBITUARIES

Elaine James

Elaine Carrie (Mackey) James, age 67, of Yankton, SD completed her journey after a courageous seven-year battle with cancer on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD.

Visitations will be held at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory in Yankton at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, August 24th, 2012 and Saturday August 25th, 2012, with services following, beginning at 7 p.m. A wake service will be held at the Oyata Oyanke Community Center, Santee, NE at 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 26th, 2012. Reverend Patricia (White Horse) Carda will be officiating along with Bishop Creighton Robertson.

Final Committal will start at 1 a.m. at the Oyata Oyanke Community Center, Santee, NE, on Monday August 27, 2012, with final viewing followed by a Communion service at the Our Most Merciful Savior (OMMS) Church, Santee, NE, at 11 a.m. Final burial will be at the OMMS Cemetery, Santee, NE. Pallbearers are: Tom Estes, Les Rouillard, Beau Red Owl, Ardene DeCory, Dewey Saul and Jerry James.

Elaine was born in Winnebago, NE to Clarence and Inez (Rouillard) Mackey on March 8, 1945. Elaine was baptized and confirmed at Blessed Redeemer Church, Howe Creek, Santee Reservation. Elaine grew up in Niobrara, NE and graduated high school at Niobrara in 1963, and then went to secretarial school in Huron, SD. Elaine received an associate's degree and then moved to Omaha, NE where she worked for Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company. In 1971, Elaine moved back to Niobrara, where she then began working for the Santee Sioux Nation of NE as a bookkeeper/payroll clerk. In 1973, Elaine met Henry "Jim" James and went on to marry Jim on November



James

14, 1974. Elaine and Jim had two children, Tonya James and Joseph "Jamie" James. With this union, Elaine and Jim's families were combined to include all of their children, Deborah Mackey, Darren Mackey and Sophia James. Elaine liked to travel, and enjoyed spending time with her husband, children, grandchildren, friends and other relatives. Elaine loved to collect angel figurines and cookie jars, and she also loved to create picture albums of her friends and family. Elaine also enjoyed going to various casinos where she loved the penny slots.

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Elaine was recognized by the Santee Sioux Nation for her dedication, longevity, and work ethic with the Tribe in 2007.

Elaine is survived by her husband Jim (Yankton, SD); sons Darren James (Santee, NE), and Jamie (Carole) James (Vermillion, SD); daughters Deborah Mackey (Lincoln, NE), Tonya James (Lincoln, NE); nephew Lloyd "Chris" James (Yankton, SD); four grandchildren Mackenzi Saul (Lincoln, NE), Kobei Saul (Lincoln, NE) Dayle James (Columbus, NE), and Nevaeh James (Lincoln, NE); 3 great grandchildren; and sister Gaynell Rouillard (Santee, NE).

Elaine is preceded in death by her parents Clarence and Inez Mackey, and two brothers Clinton and Dean Mackey.

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Ellen Darcy, can use the information to enter temporary surplus water agreements with cities and industries.

Janis anticipates the final reports will be completed early next year.

"All of the dams will be completed at the same time. After the reports are finished, the final decisions will be made," he said. "We are also undertaking a 3-year reallocation study. We are looking at the reallocation of water to industry and municipalities, which is one of the eight authorized purposes (for the mainstem dams)."

Temporarily making surplus water available will allow the Omaha District to enter into surplus water agreements to meet regional water needs until a permanent reallocation study is completed.

The Corps proposal has already drawn criticism from both public officials and private individuals.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley has threatened to sue the Corps if it implements the proposal. Jackley said the plan amounts to charging South Dakota for its own water.

"Last summer, South Dakota experienced the flooding effect of a mismanaged Missouri River. To add insult to injury, the Corps is now proposing to exceed its congressional authority and charge South Dakotans for what has long been recognized as our own water," Jackley said in a press release.

"Should the Corps continue to disregard the state's legal water rights, as attorney general I will be placed in the position of seeking court intervention to protect South Dakota's interests."

The Corps' initial Surplus Water Reports raise several concerns for South Dakota, Jackley said.

"The natural flow of the Missouri River needs to be factored out of the study based upon state water rights and the state's retained right to issue water permits from these flows," he said.

"The draft study also unfairly targets a select group of upper basin users to the benefit of lower basin users. Finally, the Corps appears to be stretching and exceeding its congressional authority under the Flood Control Act of 1944."

Janis didn't respond directly to Jackley's comments, but he said the Corps is acting within its authority under Section 6 of the 1944 Flood Control Act and other federal statutes.

"We respect the states' and tribes' water rights, and we have our storage rights," Janis said. "The Corps has the ability to offer water storage, temporary or permanent."

The Corps is identifying if surplus water remains available, and how much exists in each reservoir, Janis said. The Corps is also

putting a policy in place, he said.

The seven meetings currently under way in the Missouri River basin provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the surplus water report and the allocation study, Janis said.

The Corps operates under a two-part definition of surplus water, Janis said. They include water stored in a reservoir but not required because the need never developed or was reduced by changes, and water that would be more beneficially used for municipal and industrial water without significantly affecting authorized purposes.

Janis said he has heard questions raised about "natural flows," but the Corps doesn't differentiate the sources of water. "When it's behind a reservoir, it's considered stored," he said.

The current focus on water storage is taking away from long-standing and growing siltation issues, said Springfield resident Sandy (Korkow) Stockholm, executive director of the Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition (MSAC).

"The accumulation of sediment in the reservoirs has decreased the storage capacity of this reservoir system by more than 5 million acre feet. Each day the amount of sediment settled in the reservoirs grows and the storage capacities decrease. Water in these reservoirs is a precious resource we too many times take for granted," she said.

"River managers must focus efforts on maintaining a healthy Missouri River system, including actions that decrease the amount of sediment entering the system and actions that manage sediment already trapped behind the dams to minimize its negative impacts on people who enjoy the benefits produced by the Missouri River."

Individual issues for the Missouri River continue to complicate its management, Stockholm said. The big picture needs consideration and how accumulating sediment already has a detrimental impact on all authorized purposes.

"Sedimentation needs to be addressed. We can't wait for 30 years to pass when the storage capacity of Lewis and Clark Lake will be nearly half full of sediment," she said. "Addressing accumulating sediment is a maintenance issue that needs attention so the System can run on all cylinders."

At this week's Corps meeting in Sioux City, U.S. Sen. John Thune delivered a statement through Ben Ready, his southeast area director. Thune and other members of Congress sent a letter last year to Darcy expressing concern over the Corps' decision to receive access to Missouri River water and charge users for water storage, Ready said.

"Unfortunately, the USACE has continued to move forward with their proposal to charge for water storage throughout the Missouri River system," Ready said.

South Dakota was made promises at the time of the dams' construction, Thune's statement said. "Creation of the four dams in South Dakota flooded prime bottom land, severely disrupted land

and resources, and changed the landscape of South Dakota forever," he said. "In exchange, South Dakota was promised the ability to use these water resources to meet our needs. Only a small fraction of the water promised has been used, and we remain entitled to this water."

The Corps' proposed water restrictions are contrary to legal and historical precedents and will harm a broad range of South Dakotans, Ready said.

"It is Sen. Thune's hope that the public up and down the Missouri River will provide enough testimony and overwhelming good judgment for the USACE to rescind their proposal," Ready said. "If not, Sen. Thune will work with his colleagues in Congress to make certain the USACE does not restrict the water rights our state has to the Missouri River."

Another opponent argued the Corps should focus instead on continuing work on its Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study (MRAPS).

"Let's re-evaluate where the Corps is spending its money and where its priorities are," said Sioux City resident Bill Smith, president of the Missouri Valley Waterfowlers Association.

Smith worries that upstream states are being used to support downstream irrigation and navigation.

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You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at twitter.com/RDockendorf

Denise Jensen

Denise Jensen, age 52, of Springfield, SD passed away at her residence Wednesday afternoon, August 22, 2012.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, August 25, 2012 at St. George's Catholic Church, Scotland, SD with Rev. Matthew Vazhappilly officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery at approximately 1:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Visitations will begin at 5 p.m., Friday afternoon at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tyndall, SD.

Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church in Scotland, SD. Pallbearers will be Michael Murphy, Ryan Murphy, Cory Haisch, and Tyler Haisch.

Denise was born on April 23, 1960 to Athniel and Marjorie (Daub) Haisch in Freeman, SD. She married Mike Hento and to this union a son was born, Tanner. For over 20 years, Denise taught in the Avon School District as an English teacher in both the Junior High and High School. She was a member of Assumption BVM Parish in Dante, SD. In 2009, she married Randy Jensen and they moved to Pierre, SD where she was a special education tutor at Buchanan Elementary School. She belonged to the Catholic



Jensen

Daughters of America Court St. Ann's in Pierre. On May 20, 2012, Denise moved to Springfield, SD where she lived until the time of her death. Denise loved the farm, being outdoors, and cats.

Those who will cherish her memory are her son, Tanner Hento and his girlfriend, Sara Boyum, both of Vermillion, SD; her husband, Randy Jensen of Pierre, SD; her two brothers, Patrick Haisch of Gayville, SD and Scott and Denise Haisch of Tea, SD; brother-in-law, Michael Murphy of Watertown, SD; nieces and nephews: Ryan, Kelsey, Cory, Tyler, and Katelyn, and great nephew, Liam Haisch.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, and sister, Valerie Murphy in January 2008.

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Beverly Huber

Beverly Huber, 82, of Yankton died Friday, Aug. 24, 2012, at her

home in Yankton. Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

Thank You

Thank you to the staff of Avera Majestic Bluffs, Sister James Nursing Home and Sacred Heart Hospital for the wonderful care and friendship our mother, Lois Sage, received during her stay the last 10 months.

A special thank you to the doctors, nurses, chaplain, Pastor Kelly and Pastor Tim for the support while we were in E.R.

Thank you to Pastor Tim, Laurel and Rod for the beautiful funeral service and St. Marks members for preparing and serving the lunch.

We appreciate all the cards, memorials, food brought to the house, hugs and expression of sympathy.

God Bless all of you.
The Family of Lois Sage

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