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Emergency Responders To Get Help Finding Locations

BY NATHAN JOHNSON nathan.johnson@yankton.net

Emergency responders in Yankton County will soon have some assistance with finding their destinations.

The Yankton County Commission gave permission this week for 30 computer tablets to be purchased that can be installed in vehicles or headquarters that will, among other things, have the capability of guiding firefighters, EMTs, rescuers and others to incident locations.

"All of the emergency services (in the county) are on board and thought this was a great deal," Emergency Management Director Paul Scherschligt told the commission. "They thought it was an excellent way to find out where they're going to go."

Scherschligt and Yankton County EMS Director Steve Hawkins spent months searching for the best way to route emergency vehicles to their destinations.

"Currently, when dispatch

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A Ring To It



COURTESY PHOTO

This ring was found along the beach at Yeppoon, Central Queensland, Australia, and is believed to belong to a member of the South Dakota 147th Field Artillery Regiment that was stationed in the country during World War II. Australian Brian Morris is attempting to locate the owner or his descendants.

Owner Sought For SDNG Ring Found On Australian Beach

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YEPPOON, Central Queensland, Australia — While a South Dakota National Guard unit was stationed in Australia during World War II, one of its members may have left something behind in the sands of Yeppoon's Main Beach.

Now, Brian Morris is holding out hope that the rightful home of a ring bearing the crest of the 147th Field Artillery Regiment can be found. The regiment included what was then the E Battery of Yankton.

"About three months ago, my wife wanted to ask (a friend, Rod Mackenzie) about purchasing a metal detector," Morris told the Press & Dakotan via email recently. "Rod brought two metal detectors for Ruth

to try and showed a collection of things he had found over the years."

Among the items was a ring and a dog tag that had been found around the same time and in the same area — although they were not found together.

Morris, 82, asked Mackenzie if he could attempt to track down the owners, or the descendants of the owners, of the ring and dog tag.

"I was particularly interested in the challenge, having successfully spent 2 1/2 years tracing nine U.S. Army men named in St. Christopher's Chapel at Nerimbera (near Rockhampton)," Morris stated.

Christopher's Chapel is a non-denominational structure constructed by the 542nd Engineers Battalion

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Officials Rescue 8 Stranded In Missouri River By Santee

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SANTEE, Neb. — Eight hunters and a dog are safe after spending about four hours trapped in their boats amidst an ice jam on the Missouri River.

The hunting party was rescued Thursday by helicopter from two boats stranded in the rapidly-freezing Missouri River just east of Santee, Neb., according to the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP).

The daytime temperatures

hovered in the single digits, dropping throughout the day. The warmest temperatures came during the early morning hours, shortly after dawn. The winds gusted at 20 to 30 miles per hour, with wind-chill temperatures at times reaching 20 degrees below zero.

The hunters apparently remained in good condition despite their prolonged exposure to the elements, according to Lt. Dan Wilson with the NSP office in Norfolk, Neb.

"The last information, (the hunters) were doing well, just cold," he told the Press & Dakotan. "To my knowledge, there were no injuries whatsoever."

South Dakota Game Fish and Parks had received a call for help at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, according to an NSP news release.

Three Nebraska Game and Parks officers, NSP Troop B officers in Norfolk, the Santee Police Department and Bloomfield Fire

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'Sparks' Flying



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Members of the wind section of the Yankton grades 7-8 band work on their performance of "Sparks" during the Yankton Middle School's annual winter band concert Thursday night at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre. The fifth-grade and sixth-grade bands also performed under the direction of ReNae Jackson. Songs included "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and the "Dreidel Song" to "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" and "Sleigh Ride." To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net.

Remembering Pearl

USD Prof. Bringing WWII Presentation To Yankton

BY ROB NIELSEN rob.nielsen@yankton.net

University of South Dakota law professor Roger Baron has dedicated a segment of his Family Law class each semester to studying the first six months of U.S. involvement in World War II's Pacific Theater. On Saturday, the 71st anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Baron will be bringing his acclaimed presentation out of the classroom and to Yankton.

"I'm putting together the best possible presentation for Saturday night," Baron said. "I try to cover events from Pearl Harbor through the first six months in the Pacific."



Baron

Baron said he began giving the presentation nearly 30 years ago and has seen positive feedback from students ever since.

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OLIVIER DOULIERI/ABACA PRESS/MCT Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, delivers remarks at a program in Washington, D.C., in this file photo from 2005. Mandela died on Thursday.

Death Of An Icon

Nelson Mandela, South Africa's Peacemaker, Dies

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA AND MARCUS ELIASON Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — Nelson Mandela was a master of forgiveness. South Africa's first black president spent nearly one-third of his life as a prisoner of apartheid, the system of white racist rule that he described as evil, yet he sought to win over its defeated guardians in a relatively peaceful transition of power that inspired the world.

As head of state, the ex-boxer, lawyer and inmate lunched with the prosecutor who argued successfully for his incarceration, sang the apartheid-era Afrikaans anthem at his inauguration and traveled hundreds of miles to have tea with the widow of Hendrik Verwoerd, the prime minister at the time he was sent to prison who was also the architect of white rule.

It was this generosity of spirit that made Mandela, who died on Thursday at the age of 95, a global symbol of sacrifice and reconciliation in a world often jarred by conflict and division.

Mandela's stature as a fighter against white racist rule and seeker of peace with his enemies was on a par with that of other men he admired: American civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. and Indian independence leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, both of whom were assassinated while actively engaged in their callings.

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