

New Area Code May Soon Be Used

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The first 531 phone numbers in Nebraska's new area code will soon be activated. The Lincoln Journal Star reports the small towns of Atkinson and Oakland are where the new area code will get its start. State regulators sent the first 531 numbers to CenturyLink, and the company plans to use them in the two small towns. The new 531 area code was overlaid on top of the 402 area, so 402 customers won't be forced to switch phone numbers. The new area code was needed because phone companies were running out of numbers in the existing 402 area code. All calls in the area will require the area code plus the seven-digit telephone number.

Two USD Students To Present Research

VERMILLION (AP) — Two University of South Dakota students will be among a number of undergraduates from South Dakota colleges and universities who will present their research work during an annual event at the state Capitol. Breanna Helland, a senior from Frederick and Nate Vinzant, a junior from Sioux Falls, were selected by USD faculty to display their outstanding research during the 2015 Student Research Poster Session. 2015 marks the 18th year for the poster session, which features students from public, private and tribal colleges pursuing research in a variety of disciplines. Helland's poster proposes a policy recommendation for South Dakota addressing human trafficking. Vinzant's poster describes the anxiety that individuals experience when attempting to stop drug abuse. The event is scheduled for March 5. Last year, 13 undergraduate students presented their work.

Code Talkers Monument Planned

STANDING ROCK SIOUX RESERVATION, N.D. (AP) — Tribal leaders in the Dakotas are working together to build a monument to honor Native American code talkers. The code talkers were a group of American Indians who used their native languages to outwit the enemy and protect U.S. battlefield communications during World Wars I and II. The monument would be displayed on the South Dakota capitol grounds. South Dakota Secretary of Tribal Relations Steven Emery tells KXMB-TV that the Native American veterans planning the memorial will first pick a design and then organize fundraising efforts. Emery says recognition for this group of soldiers is long overdue. He says the secrecy surrounding the role of the code talkers is the reason why they've been honored "far too late." The planning group hopes to have the monument complete by 2016.

Fremont Police Call Death Suspicious

FREMONT, Neb. (AP) — Fremont police are investigating a man's death after his body was found lying in a street Sunday morning. Police Chief Jeff Elliott says the body was found around 7:30 a.m. Sunday near 8th and Broad streets. Elliott says the circumstances of the death are suspicious, but he didn't release many details of the 52-year-old man's death. The man's identity also wasn't released immediately because his family had not been notified. An autopsy is planned for Monday.

Rapid City Native Wins Grammy Award

RAPID CITY (AP) — A Rapid City native and his fellow ensemble members have won a Grammy award for their musical endeavors. Nicholas Terry is a member of the Los Angeles-based percussion quartet Partch Ensemble. The group won for Best Classical Compendium for their album "Harry Partch: Plethora and Percussion Dances" at the 57th Grammy Awards. Terry tells the Rapid City Journal (http://bit.ly/1MiyHsM) the quartet has spent the past decade investing time and money into an obscure genre pioneered by American microtonal composer Harry Partch, whom the group is named after. Terry attended Stevens High School. He performed in the All-State Band in 1996 and 1997, as well as the All-State Orchestra in 1996.

Lake

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"We'll have a full complement of fish in there by this summer," Schuckman said. "And things will develop very quickly." In time, the two departments will conduct an annual stocking of walleye, as well as a stocking of channel catfish every other year. The bass, bluegill and black crappie will all spawn on their own, and won't need regular restocking, Schuckman said. Eventually, there will be opportunities for anglers on the lake, though Schuckman said certain fish won't be at the length limit. With such a complete renovation, there was a fear that not every rough fish was

eliminated. But officials are optimistic, Schuckman said. "It appeared to be very successful," he said. "I didn't see any live fish after the renovation." There were other concerns, as well. "I was a little concerned that once we drew the lake down, we also had to deal with some in-flow situations," Schuckman said. Five months after the renovation, however, the lake has been completely transformed, starting with the water clarity on down to the vegetation, Schuckman said. "I'm confident we got 100 percent (of the rough fish)," he said. You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net.

Nebraska

City Waiting On Reimbursements From Flood

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Neb. (AP) — South Sioux City is still waiting for nearly \$1.4 million in reimbursement from state and federal agencies almost four years after extensive flooding along the Missouri River. City officials are working to finish the last paperwork needed to obtain reimbursement for flood-related expenses, the Sioux City Journal reported (http://bit.ly/1DdoBXR). Then an inspector from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency will have to check out the work. "It just takes some time to get through the channels," city Treasurer Nanci Walsh said. "I didn't think it would take quite

this long, but we didn't finish our last project until December 2013." The 2011 flooding caused extensive damage along the Missouri River in Nebraska and Iowa. The flooding was caused by a large Rocky Mountain snowpack, followed by unexpected heavy rains in late spring. The city has received \$3.4 million from the federal government, but nothing from Nebraska. It still expects to receive \$678,974 from FEMA and \$676,148 from NEMA. NEMA assistant director Bryan Tuma said the final inspection helps make sure state money is put to good use, but Nebraska has only one inspector so it can

take a while to work through the backlog of disaster recovery projects. "The final inspection is to make sure the projects are completed within the scope of the work. It's all part of the process to make sure all legitimate funds are accounted for," Tuma said. South Sioux City borrowed a total of \$1.735 million in 2011 and 2012 to help pay for flood repairs. The city has paid about \$20,000 interest a year on that debt while waiting to be reimbursed. Walsh said the city was fortunate to have significant cash reserves that helped pay for the cost of repairs.

Prof. Helping Mongolia Increase Water Supply

BY CARSON WALKER
Associated Press

RAPID CITY — A South Dakota professor is taking what he has learned about Missouri River management to Mongolia, where he's working with the government and other organizations to increase water supplies. Scott Kenner, an engineer and professor in the Depart-

ment of Civil & Environmental Engineering at the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology in Rapid City, is helping to design dams for power, irrigation and drinking water. Mongolia, a country of 3 million people slightly smaller than Alaska located between China and Russia, is booming because of its copper, coal and gold mining industry.

"Mongolia has started to develop since the 1990s and has expanded in mining industries, natural resources. And urbanized growth has increased. And that's put a lot of pressure on their infrastructure: water, sewer, power and drainage," Kenner said. The goal is to increase that infrastructure without disrupting the natural ecosystem, he said. That includes having

minimum flows during dryer times that support fisheries and natural biology but also allows for increased flows during wet years, Kenner said. "Let's try to keep that seasonal variability and relative frequency of high-low events as close to a natural system as possible," which contrasts with the Missouri River dam system that has a constant flow year-round, he said.

OBITUARIES

Marjorie Gross

Marjorie Danforth Gross, age 90, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Friday, February 13, 2015, at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton. A Memorial service will take place at a later date at Christ Episcopal Church in Yankton with burial in the Yankton Cemetery. Marjorie D. Gross was born September 30, 1924, in Yankton, South Dakota, to Charles and Mildred (Stone) Danforth. She graduated from Yankton High School in 1942 and then attended MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois where she graduated with a Bachelor's degree in English in 1945. She married Norman Gross on June 9, 1945, in Yankton, South Dakota and moved to Georgia where she taught high school, while Norman was in the Navy. They

moved back to Yankton in 1946 where Marjorie continued to live the rest of her life. Marjorie and Norman had seven children. Marjorie loved her family above all else, attending numerous practices, sporting events and activities for her children. She was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church serving in numerous capacities at the local, state, and national levels. She was President of Episcopal Church Women, on the board of St. Mary' and was Associate Ecumenical Officer for the Diocese. Nationally she worked hard for the ordination of women in the Episcopal Church in the 1970s. She was on the Board

of the Association of Christian Churches and President of Church Women United. She was also very active in the Eastern Star, Daniel Newcombe Chapter of NSDAR, Stange Chapter of Questers, General Education of Women's Club, Yankton Area Arts Association, Yankton County Historical Society, Girl Scouts, and past member of the Yankton Public Library board and Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition Board. She was instrumental in starting the Clothing Center and Contact Center. Marge was inducted into the Yankton Senior High School Hall of Fame. For fun she participated in book clubs, bridge clubs, and the Red Hat Society. Survivors include her seven children: Linda S. Gross, Charlie Gross, Dave Gross, Liz (Dan) Lynch, Marty (Mary Pat) Gross,

Barb (Hank) Hegert, and Janet (Rick) Martinez; 10 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; and sister, Joan Johansen. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband Norman (February 6, 1986). In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Episcopal Church Women, PEO Scholarship Fund, or the Yankton Contact Center. To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan February 16, 2015



Gross

Charles Newton

Charles Edward Newton, of Vermillion, died Saturday, February 14, 2015 at his home after a brief illness. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at Faith Lutheran Church in Vermillion. Charles is survived by his wife Arlyce Newton of Vermillion, two sons; Richard (Karen) Newton of Hartington, Ne, and Rodney (Janet) Newton of Laurel, Ne, one brother Lowell (Janice) Newton of Emerson, Ne, one sister Penny (Hennison) Hays of Amarillo, TX, also five grandchildren; Mikaela and Doug Westerby of Grand Island, Ne, Aaron and Sofi Newton of Hartington, Ne, Erica Newton of Waterbury, Ne, Johnathon Newton of Carrol, Ne and Julia Newton of Omaha, Ne., five great grandchildren; Blake, Haley

Maskell, Ne. He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Obert. After the merger of the Obert and Maskell churches, he continued his membership of the newly formed Faith Lutheran Church in Maskell. Upon retiring from the farm in 2012 and moving to Vermillion, they became members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion. Charles is survived by his wife Arlyce Newton of Vermillion, two sons; Richard (Karen) Newton of Hartington, Ne, and Rodney (Janet) Newton of Laurel, Ne, one brother Lowell (Janice) Newton of Emerson, Ne, one sister Penny (Hennison) Hays of Amarillo, TX, also five grandchildren; Mikaela and Doug Westerby of Grand Island, Ne, Aaron and Sofi Newton of Hartington, Ne, Erica Newton of Waterbury, Ne, Johnathon Newton of Carrol, Ne and Julia Newton of Omaha, Ne., five great grandchildren; Blake, Haley

Ella Roth

Funeral services for Ella Roth, 92, of Tripp, South Dakota will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Tripp. Burial will follow in the Gracehill Cemetery, Tripp. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 20 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tripp from 5:00 p.m. until a 7:00 p.m. prayer service there. Ella passed away on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at Walker Gail-Avera

Bormann Manor in Parkston. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Goglin Funeral Home of Tripp. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com/. Goglin Funeral Home Tyndall - Scotland - Tripp www.goglinfh.com

Pauline Spenner

Pauline C. Spenner, 99, of Yankton and formerly of Hartington, Nebraska, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015, at Avera Majestic Bluffs in Yankton. Funeral services are pending at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington.

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