

RESCUE

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are stories about people jumping off the (Meridian) bridge. But we didn't know that. We can't just say, 'He's fine.' We have to go on the fact that people saw him jump off the bridge and no one could account for him after that."

The search likely would have continued steadily for a week had the man not confirmed he was the culprit, according to Sherman.

Searching for someone who was not there was a frustrating experience, team members admit. But they are mostly just relieved that the river hadn't claimed someone's life.

Dedication to the Yankton area and the people who live here is what keeps the members going even through the most harrowing situations.

"This is our community, so we're willing to do anything we can do to help anybody in it," said Brian Blaaid, the dive captain. "I don't think anybody on our team would hesitate to help out."

Yankton Search and Rescue is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose volunteers specialize in ground, high angle, and dive rescue situations. The 22-member outfit receives approximately \$12,000 annually from Yankton County. It is also funded through sources such as Knox County

(Neb.) and B-Y Water.

However, the team is always seeking donations. Just to initially equip one diver costs approximately \$6,000. That doesn't account for costs associated with training a new diver.

"You need to constantly increase and improve your training to keep up with things so we can do a better job," said Mark Johnson, a diver.

The three-day weekend course through Dive Rescue International was covered by a Homeland Security grant that will fund several more training courses before the end of the year.

Approximately 10 people participated in the boat-based operations class.

"It was a really big eye-opener," Sherman said. "I thought I had a really good handle on everything, but then they came in and gave me a different way to look at things."

Rope rescue technician Tyler Schuring added, "Not only do I feel more comfortable driving a boat, but also commanding a dive mission on the water, if needed."

Steve Nedved, the Mitchell fire marshal, also participated in the weekend training. The Mitchell area does not currently have a dive rescue team, but it is something officials there are looking to create.

"In the past 12 months, we've been getting hit one after the other with ice rescues, water rescues, recoveries and everything else," Nedved said. "Because of that, this is jumping up on our priority list. We're looking at what

monies we have available and what we can put in place for basic equipment."

Nedved said Yankton Search and Rescue welcomed him as if he were one of the team, and he will take the lessons learned during the weekend back to his department.

In addition to various training opportunities Yankton Search and Rescue has taken advantage of recently, it has also had some equipment upgrades. A new boat was acquired as part of a partnership with South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks. Also, a side-imagining sonar device was obtained.

"We're working toward becoming a more proficient and better-trained team to serve Yankton and the surrounding counties," said Yankton County Emergency Management Director Jeremy Dangel, who is also a member of the search-and-rescue team.

The Dive Rescue International trainer who led the weekend course had high praise for Yankton Search and Rescue.

"In three days, they've come a long way," said Jake Lazenby, who also serves as a firefighter in Renton, Wash. "They knew a lot when I showed up. They taught me, and I think I gave them some useful information, too."

"These guys are exceptionally well trained and very motivated," he added. "You have a wonderful team here, and a great group of people that are volunteering their time and resources to make these things happen for your community."

USD Recognized As A Leader In Educating Adult Leaders

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota has been recognized as a leader in educating adult learners. The Council on Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) recently named USD as one of the organization's newest Adult Learning Focused Institution (ALFI).

As an ALFI institution, USD is focused on improving programs and services in order to enhance degree completion opportunities for adult learners.

The ALFI Initiative, created in 1999 by the Council on Adult Experiential Learning (CAEL), assists colleges and universities by improving campus adult learning programs. The Coalition was developed to aid in research and to allow for more collaboration with member institutions. To qualify as an ALFI Coalition member, institutions must offer degree programs to adults, be accredited by regional accrediting agencies, be a current institutional member of CAEL, and have utilized ALFI tools to enroll and educate adult learners within the past three years.

REGION DIGEST

Yankton Children's Theatre To Hold Auditions

Yankton Children's Theatre Company (YCTC) is holding auditions for "Kids on Broadway," a song and dance show/review to perform at Riverboat Days. Auditions are set for 6-9 p.m. tonight (Tuesday) at the Yankton Children's Theatre Home, 407 Walnut.

Hopefuls must be able and willing to sing and dance. Former KOB performers are greatly wanted. The auditions are open for ages 11 and up.

Also, YCTC is holding auditions for "The Berenstain Bears on Stage." Auditions are 6-9 p.m. July 17-18 at 407 Walnut. This is open to performers ages 5-18.

For more information, call 605-660-6414 or 605-665-0401, or contact Allison Spak.

Work To Begin On Highways Near Lake Andes

LAKE ANDES — South Dakota Department of Transportation officials announced that work on S.D. Highway 50 and S.D. Highway 1804 began Monday.

Cold milling asphalt and asphalt concrete paving operations will be done on Highway 50 between Lake Andes and Highway 44 and for four miles on Highway 1804 south of Highway 50.

Work will take place in both lanes with traffic being escorted through work zones by pilot cars and flaggers.

Bridge work will also be taking place within the construction area taking traffic down to one lane at times.

Work is expected to be completed by Aug. 20.

The prime contractor is Spencer Quarries Inc., of Mitchell.

Free Youth Activity Day This Saturday

SCOTLAND — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks will host a free Youth Activity Day at the Scotland Trap Range on Saturday, July 17. The event runs from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

This event will include such activities as archery, trap shooting, BB gun shooting, fishing and trapping.

It is open to youth ages 8 and older, and they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. (A waiver form must be signed before the youth can participate in any events.)

Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Conservation Officer Todd Crownover at (605) 589-4208 and leave a message. Registration is limited to 50 kids. The cost is free and lunch will be provided.

Center Announces Late Delivery

Commodities that are supposed to be delivered this week and those that are picked up at the Center WILL NOT be delivered or be able to be picked up this week (July 16th) due to late delivery. Commodities will be delivered and be able to be picked up the following week (July 23rd).

Author To Make Presentation At Museum

A presentation and book signing with author Maxine Kinsley will be held at 12:10 p.m. Friday, July 16, at the Dakota Territorial Museum, Yankton, as part of the museum's monthly "Brown Bag" series.

Kinsley's new book "The Sioux City to Fort Randall Road 1856-1892 Revisited" was released in March. Kinsley will share information about her research and a little about this book. She will also be available for book signing before and after the Brown Bag session.

Kinsley's book is available at the Dakota Territorial Museum Gift Shop.

All Brown Bag events are free and held every third Friday at the Dakota Territorial Museum conference room at Westside Park from noon to 1 p.m.

SAC To Offer Three Zumba Classes

The Summit Activities Center is offering three introductory classes in Zumba, an exercise technique that uses Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow dance moves. Each class is free and will last one hour.

The current class schedule is:

- Monday, July 19 — 6-7 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 21 — 6-7 p.m.
- Saturday, July 24 — 11 a.m.-noon.

For more information, call (605) 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center.

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OBITUARIES

Neva Stockholm

Neva Jean Stockholm was born Aug. 27, 1933 in Yankton, S.D., to Fred and Helen (Chundelak) Weisser. She died on Friday evening, July 9th, 2010 at the Good Samaritan Society's Hospice Care Unit in Tyndall at the age of 76 years.

She married Alfred Stockholm Jr. on June 17, 1952. Neva was a life-long community servant and volunteer. She was a member of the women's home extension group (Merry Madams Club) for 25 years and had received the outstanding Home Extension Award. She was active in leading the Girl Scouts on a local and council-wide basis for more than 30 years and was instrumental in the membership drive for the Bon Homme County 4-H. Other activities in Springfield included the swimming pool committee, St. Mary's Indian School Board of Directors, Dakota Club and the St.

Vincent Altar Society. Neva worked at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall for many years as the Activities Director. She changed the lives of many residents with her creative approach to integrated physical activity. She was a coordinator and consultant for the Lewis and Clark Health Care Services in Yankton serving nursing homes in South Dakota and Nebraska. She also worked with the AARP Health Advocacy Service. For the past 13 years, Neva developed and coordinated the Bon Homme County Volunteer Network, a medical transportation service for county residents.

In her earlier years, Neva enjoyed being a homemaker and raising her children, gardening,



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and spending time on the Missouri River. She and Alfred loved going to antique stores and auctions to find a new piece for their Frankoma Pottery collection. She loved driving her Lincoln, especially to Niobrara, NE where she met friends for coffee and shared stories and accomplishments of her grandchildren.

Thankful for having shared in her life are her husband, Alfred of Springfield; one sister, Rita (Weisser) Hajek of Tyndall; son Doug Stockholm and wife Deb (Howes) of Springfield; son Greg Stockholm and his special friend Sandra Korkow of Springfield; and daughter Becky and husband Scott Settle of Cumberland, Rhode Island; six grandchildren, Travis, Britni, Samantha, Sarah, Cindy and Clara; one great grand-child Ava and many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Neva was preceded in death by her parents, brother Harold Weisser and sister Donna (Weisser) Berfield.

Memorials will be directed to the Tyndall Good Samaritan Society Hospice Unit and the Bon Homme County Volunteer Network.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at St. Vincent Catholic Church in Springfield, with burial in the parish cemetery.

Visitation will be at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Springfield from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, followed by a 7:30 p.m. Wake Service at the church.

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Viola Hopkins

LAKE ANDES — Viola (O'Connor) Hopkins, 63 of Lake Andes died under hospice care at her home in Lake Andes Sunday (July 11, 2010).

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Mark's Catholic Church, Lake Andes, with Brother Marty officiating. Burial will be in St. Phillip's Episcopal Cemetery, Lake Andes.

Wake services began Monday at the Community Gym in Lake Andes.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner, is in charge of the arrangements.

Frank Zdenek

TABOR — Frank Zdenek, age 91, of Tabor, SD died peacefully at his home Saturday, July 10, 2010, in Tabor surrounded by his family.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, with Rev. Joe Puthenkulathil and Msgr. Carlton Herman concelebrating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Visitations will be 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, with a Scripture service followed by a rosary at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the chapel.

Pallbearers will be Sean Henderson, Todd Matuska, Brad Matuska, Jaycob Zdenek, Ben Huber, Steve Fejfar, Dean Kaul, Michael Duchscher, and Samuel Singer.

Frank was born March 7, 1919 to Frank and Clara (Bloch) Zdenek on the family farm southwest of Tabor, SD. He attended Independent Rural School southwest of Tabor, SD. He married Helen Behensky October 7, 1941 at St. Wenceslaus Church in Tabor, SD. Together they farmed southwest of Tabor for many years



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after which they retired and moved to Tabor in 1980. He was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Catholic Workmen, and the Czech Heritage Society.

His memory is cherished by his wife Helen of Tabor, SD; Four daughters, Anna Mae (Marvin) Engstrom of Tabor, SD, Jeanette (Ron) Matuska of Red Wing, MN, Marci (Roger) Henderson of Bloomington, MN, and Joan (Rick) Kline of Yankton, SD. Two sons Larry (Crystal) Zdenek of Sioux Falls, SD and Randy (Debbie) Zdenek of Brandon, SD. 16 Grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren and one brother Laddie Zdenek of Sun Lakes, AZ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Dan and sister Lillian (Gust Souhrada).

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Online condolences at:
www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Josephine Pietz

TRIPP — Funeral services for Josephine Pietz, 95, of Tripp will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 17 at Frieden's Reformed Church in Tripp. Interment will follow in Frieden's Cemetery, Tripp.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tripp.

Josephine passed away on Thursday, July 8, 2010 at the Good Samaritan Society of Tripp.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com. John Fejfar

John Dale Fejfar, 61, of Yankton died unexpectedly Sunday (July 11, 2010) at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton. Funeral services are at 10:30

a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitations is 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, with a 7 p.m. rosary followed by a 7:30 p.m. Scripture service.

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