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Rescue

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Gary McDonald was working on his cabin near the Springfield marina, along with his brother, Kevin, of Washington, D.C.; their nephew, Ian Jackson, of Sioux City, Iowa; and Springfield contractor Doug Stockholm.

Amidst the noise of working on the cabin, Gary McDonald heard cries for help. "I looked down and saw the two (people) in the water," he said. "The grandmother was floating on her back, and the little girl was holding on to the grandmother's neck."

Gary McDonald said he was shocked at the sight, fearing the woman may have already drowned.

"I thought she was a goner," he said. He immediately ran toward the scene, calling for help from the others working at the cabin. The McDonalds and Jackson hit the water. Stockholm, who doesn't know how to swim, helped retrieve the others from the lake.

The rescue would be challenging under any conditions, Gary said, noting he is 55 years old while Kevin is in his late 40s. The effort benefited from Jackson, the nephew,

being 18 years old and an athlete, Gary added.

However, Gary said he could immediately tell they were in for the fight of their lives. "I would say the current is normally 2 or 3 miles per hour, and now it was more like 8 miles per hour," he said.

The McDonalds reached the 7-year-old girl, who had separated from her grandmother and was frantic, Gary said.

"She started to wrap her legs around our legs, and I was going down," he said. "I gave her to Kevin, then he gave her back to me. We tried to keep her in our arms, but she was choking us. Then Ian came in and grabbed her."

At the same time, the woman was being rescued by others, Gary McDonald said.

Springfield police officer Dean DeJong responded to the call. Arriving on the scene, he estimated the McDonalds were 30 to 40 feet from shore, adding that Jackson had gotten the girl from Gary McDonald and was bringing her to shore.

DeJong joined the rescue effort, helping bring in the little girl. Both the woman and girl had swallowed quite a bit of water and were gulping for air, he said.

DeJong then feared for Gary McDonald's life as he remained out of reach.

"I'm 6-foot-9 and was in water up to my shoulders, just below the neckline," DeJong

said. "(McDonald) was completely winded, fighting that current. He went under a couple of times, and I was reaching out as far as I could. We were almost touching fingertips, but he couldn't reach me."

The others in the rescue party shouted at Gary, encouraging him to keep trying to reach them, DeJong said.

"We were saying to (Gary), 'You can do this!'" DeJong said. "It was lucky that we finally touched fingers. I latched on to him and pulled him in by the shoulders. I pulled him to shore, just as his body gave out. He was completely exhausted and just collapsed."

As the rescue ended, DeJong said he could see how the woman and her granddaughter ran into problems. "You get five feet from shore, and then it drops off," he said.

The woman and the girl were throwing up water upon reaching shore, McDonald said. The woman was transported to St. Michael's Hospital-Avera in Tyndall, he said.

The woman didn't show any signs of life at first, McDonald said. He later heard the woman's pulse and body temperature had dropped dangerously low.

As for McDonald, he received oxygen to help him recover from the physical exertion.

It wasn't the last that McDonald and his crew would see of the rescued pair, who returned the next day with family members to offer thanks for the rescue.

The grandmother's ability to swim helped save her life and that of her granddaughter, McDonald said. However, he estimated the woman would have lost her life in another 10 minutes.

The woman and little girl were making an emotional as well as physical recovery, McDonald said.

"When they came down to meet us (at the cabin), the little girl started shaking at the top of the hill," he said. "She was already terrified of going near the water."

But the child quickly returned to normal, McDonald said. "She gave us all a little hug. When she got to me, she said, 'You're all sweaty! Yuh! Just like a little 7-year-old girl,' he said with a laugh.

One thing remains unknown — the identity of the woman and girl. McDonald didn't ask, and the names are unavailable from law enforcement and the hospital. Some local residents had heard of the incident but didn't know the names.

McDonald said the rescue still haunts him days later and may never leave him.

"Once we were all sitting down together, we were realizing what would have (happened) had I not seen that they were drowning," he said.

"It hit hard, and it still affects you to talk about it. I will be talking about it for my entire life."

Varilek

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that "Varilek will have a lot of support — in finances, volunteers and strategy — from the (Sen.) Johnson camp. That will include the senator himself, a gritty campaigner with astute insights into how to win in South Dakota, as well as the serious mental muscle from the old (Sen. Tom) Daschle camp, led by (Steve) Hildebrand, who was a key part of the Obama phenomenon in 2008 ..."

While Varilek is still contemplating a campaign, Minnehaha County Commissioner Jeff Barth, 59, last week became the first Democrat to file as a candidate for the 2012 Congressional election. Meanwhile, Noem has raised more than \$600,000 for her re-election campaign.

Varilek said he is not sure when the prospect of running in 2012 first occurred to him as a serious thought.

He is a long-time observer of the political process, having become a staffer for Daschle in 2004 and then Johnson in 2005. Prior to that, he was a market analyst.

The 1993 Yankton High School graduate has two master's degrees related to economic development — a subject he became interested in while growing up with his family in the Tabor and Yankton areas.

"As I got older, I began to appreciate the fact that towns don't become prosperous by accident but through the concerted efforts of a lot of people and businesses," Varilek said. "As someone who loves the state, and especially where I grew up, I had an interest in figuring out how I could help that process. I was eventually able to go to grad school to study the mat-

ter and worked for lots of small businesses and farmers early on before going to work on the subject for Sen. Daschle and then Sen. Johnson."

Varilek said the senator is aware of his interest in running for office but declined to comment further on any discussions he has had with Johnson.

Hildebrand didn't return a phone message left by the Press & Dakotan Monday. However, a post by him on the "Draft Matt Varilek for Congress" page indicates the group's intentions.

"When Kristi Noem has more than 14,000 supporters on Facebook, it's important that we build

a strong case of support for Matt Varilek before we go to Matt to encourage him to run," Hildebrand wrote recently. "Once we get to 500 ('likes'), I feel we will be in a position to show Matt that there is strong support for him to challenge Noem for Congress."

Varilek said he will decide whether to run on his own schedule and has no timeline in place for making a decision. However, he did say he has visited the site.

"I'm really happy to see the enthusiasm that is there and to receive encouragement from people I really respect, including the drafters, as well as the other folks who have left thoughts," he said.

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Panetta To Take Over At Pentagon
Push For Cuts Tops Replacement's Agenda

BY DONNA CASSATA
Associate Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's choice of expert budget-cutter Loren Panetta to lead the Defense Department is a clear signal that the White House perceives the nation's deficit crisis, not the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as its toughest challenge.

After winning the presidency in November 2008, Obama asked Robert Gates to remain defense secretary as the administration struggled to bring clarity to the fog of two wars. In tapping Panetta to replace Gates, Obama is turning to a Washington insider and veteran of budget fights as the administration wrestles with raising an estimated \$1.6 trillion deficit.

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