

## Neb. Closes Some Surface Water Irrigators

LINCOLN, Neb. — The current drought experienced by Nebraska has presented challenges across the state. Extraordinarily dry conditions have reduced water supplies available to irrigators and helped diminish streamflows and water levels in reservoirs.

As of July 17, 2012, the Department has closed more than 1,100 surface water permits throughout much of the state. Additional closing notices may be issued depending on flow conditions. The river basins affected include the Big Blue, Elkhorn, Hat Creek, Loup, Niobrara, North Platte, Republican, Salt Creek and White.

During times of shortage, junior (newer priority) permits must be denied water so that senior (older priority) permits may receive the full amount of their permit. Surface water distribution in Nebraska is based on the prior appropriation doctrine, which is often characterized as “first in time, first in right.” The Department of Natural Resources is the agency authorized by Nebraska statute to regulate surface water. Under Nebraska law, the department is to assure that all water is being used to the its most beneficial use.

## Park Service Programs Slated For July 20-22

Missouri National Recreational River will present the following ranger programs this weekend.

### FRIDAY, JULY 20

— 8 p.m., Burbach picnic shelter, Lewis & Clark Lake State Recreation Area, Nebraska — “Where’s the Park?”: Visitors can test and expand their knowledge of America’s special places through a hands-on game and an engaging presentation on the nearby national parks in South Dakota and Nebraska.

### SATURDAY, JULY 21

— 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Niobrara State Park, Nebraska, Cookout shelter pond — Kids’ Fishing Clinic: Whether or not kids have fished before, they’ll all have fun and learn new things about fish and fishing in this ranger program. Bring your own tackle; some loaner equipment will be available.

— 1 p.m., Lake Yankton, southeast boat ramp — “Canoeing 101”: Before you go out to explore the Wild and Scenic River, learn the basics of canoe handling and safety in this clinic led by National Park Rangers. For ages 12 to adults. Reservations required; Call the Lewis & Clark Visitor Center at 402-667-2546.

— 8 p.m., Fort Randall, Pickstown — “Fort Randall: Citadel on the Missouri”: For 36 years, Fort Randall stood as the easternmost link in the chain of forts surrounding the Great Sioux Reservation and the Lakota people. Learn how this fort influenced two cultures and thousands of lives. A National Park Ranger leads this guided walk of the site and ruins of the fort. Tour meets at the chapel ruins.

### SUNDAY, JULY 22

— 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Lewis & Clark Visitor Center — “Native Plants, Native Uses”: The forest and prairie were the pantry and medicine chest of the American Indians and early settlers. A National Park Ranger shows samples and pictures of native plants and reveals how they were used for food, medicine and ceremonial purposes.

## PFLAG To Meet Sunday At Peace Presbyterian

The PFLAG-Yankton group will be meeting at 3-5 p.m. Sunday, July 22, in the Fellowship Hall at Peace Presbyterian Church, 206 E. 31st St. PFLAG stands for Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and it is a support, education, and advocacy group for individuals who support acceptance and equal rights for the LGBT community.

The educational topic for this month is HIV/AIDS.

All interested individuals are welcome to attend. For more information, email PFLAG\_Yankton@hotmail.com.

## DCI Investigating Alleged Milltown Rape, Beating

From P&D Staff Report

MILLTOWN — Law enforcement officials are working on the report of an alleged rape near Milltown earlier this week.

The community of about 10 residents is located in northern Hutchinson County, east of Parkston along the James River.

A Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) spokeswoman confirmed Wednesday the agency was working on the case but could provide no further details at this point.

The Hutchinson County sheriff’s office is also working on the case.

The *Press & Dakotan* received a tip about the alleged rape. The caller indicated the alleged victim may also have been beaten.

## ON THIS DATE

### 75 YEARS AGO

**Monday, July 19, 1937**

•The heaviest battle of the Spanish Civil War thus far raged west of Madrid today as insurgents launched a fierce drive to hurt government troops back to the capital.

•George Reed attached a radio to his tractor during the plowing season. It worked. So he has kept using it through harrowing, planting and cultivating. When he is unable to get music, baseball games, weather or news, he sings and lets the radio rest. He likes it so well, he predicts half the farmers in the county will be plowing, milking and harrowing to music before long.

### 50 YEARS AGO

**Thursday, July 19, 1962**

•One man died and another was injured when a chimney crashed through the roof of a small downtown hotel during a storm which lashed Aberdeen with winds of over 70 miles an hour early this morning.

•Bill Whisler, Yankton’s former all-state prepster and University of Iowa Big 10 football end, left today for Pasadena, California, where he will join the forces of the professional Washington Redskins for summer training on the campus of Occidental college.

### 25 YEARS AGO

**Sunday, July 19, 1987**

No paper.

## Police Urge Yankton Public To Take Precautions Against Car Theft

BY NATHAN JOHNSON

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With a steady stream of thefts from vehicles in recent weeks, the Yankton Police Department is asking citizens to take precautions.

According to Lt. Todd Brandt, there have been more than a dozen car thefts so far in July.

“We’d appreciate it if people would take the time to make sure they are not leaving valuables in

their cars,” he stated. “They should also make sure their vehicles are locked and secure at night.”

Most, if not all, of the thefts have occurred from unlocked vehicles.

Brandt said residences should be secured, too. In some cases, the perpetrator has entered a garage and burglarized a vehicle.

Items stolen have included

money, cameras and stereos.

The thefts have not been focused on any one area, Brandt said.

“They have occurred on the north, south, east and west sides of town,” he stated. “There is no pattern.”

Brandt said authorities continue to investigate the vehicle thefts.

*You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage*

## Canoeing Clinic Planned On Lake Yankton

The National Park service is offering a free canoeing clinic at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 21, on Lake Yankton. The clinic, held near the southeast Lake Yankton boat ramp, is open to persons age 12 to adult, and no prior paddling experience is required.

“There’s more to canoeing than just dipping a paddle in the water,” says park ranger Joe Delvaux of the Missouri National Recreational River.

Ranger John Rokosz agrees. “The Missouri River is not for be-

ginners. Paddlers need to know the basic paddle strokes and techniques to control a canoe,” he said. “If not, they can find themselves in danger very quickly.”

Participants will learn canoe terminology, safety equipment requirements, and the different paddle strokes necessary to maneuver a canoe safely.

“This is a great opportunity for people to get started in a new outdoor activity,” Ranger Rokosz says. “Paddling on the Missouri is growing every year, and we want people

to experience the river safely.”

Rangers Delvaux and Rokosz have completed the National Park Service Canoe Safety Course at Niobrara National Scenic River in Valentine, Nebraska.

Clinic participants must be age 12 to adult, but younger children may ride with their parents subject to life jacket availability and ranger’s approval. Enrollment for the clinic is limited and reservations are required. To reserve, call the Lewis and Clark Visitor Center at 407-667-2546.

## DAILY RECORD

### POUND COUNT

Several animals are available at the Yankton Animal Shelter. For more information call the Yankton Police Department’s Animal Control Officer, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday at 661-9494, or 668-5210. A \$5 fee is required to adopt an animal.

Animals available for adoption include:

- a black lab;
- a black pitbull; and
- a brown and white male pitbull.

### DAILY RECORD POLICY

The *Press & Dakotan* publishes police and sheriff reports as a public service to its readers. It is important to remember that an arrest should not imply guilt and that every person is presumed innocent until proven otherwise. When juveniles are released from jail, it is into the care of a parent or guardian.

It is the policy of the *Press & Dakotan* to publish all names made available in the police and court reports. There are no exceptions.

### ARRESTS

• Daniel Leader, 66, Yankton, was arrested Tuesday for maintenance of finan-

cial responsibility, expired tags and driving with a revoked, suspended or canceled license.

• Faron Picotte, 30, Yankton, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for third-degree burglary and second-degree petty theft.

• Deb Schock, 54, Yankton, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for failure to pay a fine/inhumane treatment of an animal.

### ACCIDENTS

• A report was received at 6:11 p.m. Tuesday that a parked 2010 Ford Focus was struck by a passing 2005 Nissan Altima in the 500 block of Cedar St. The driver of the Nissan was cited for driving with a suspended license.

• A report was received at 6:56 p.m. Tuesday that a Nissan Maxima rear-ended a parked Chevy Blazer in the 2400 block of Douglas Ave. The driver of the Nissan was cited for careless driving.

• A report was received at 12:34 p.m. Wednesday that a 2005 Pontiac Sunfire collided with a 1999 Ford Econoline van in the 1800 block of Broadway. The driver of the Sunfire was cited.

• A report was received at 4:07 p.m. Wednesday of a hit-and-run accident in the 1100 block of West Ninth St.

### INCIDENTS

• A report was received at 7:12 p.m. Tuesday that a car battery was possibly stolen from a vehicle in the 1200 block of Pasque Circle.

• A blue and silver bicycle found in Memorial Park two weeks ago was brought to the city’s bike locker.

• A report was received at 3:59 p.m. Wednesday of a ditch fire near East Highway 50 and East Side Drive.

• A sheriff’s office report was received at 1:13 p.m. Tuesday of lost property at a business along East Highway 50.

• The sheriff’s office assisted an individual Tuesday afternoon regarding stolen property in Cedar Co. Neb.

• A sheriff’s office report was received at 7:08 p.m. Tuesday of a domestic assault along Robin St.

• A sheriff’s office report was received at 10:14 p.m. Tuesday of hay bales on the roadway near the intersection of 305th St. and 452nd Ave.

### CRIME STOPPERS

Anyone wishing to report anonymous information on unlawful activity in the City of Yankton or in Yankton County is encouraged to contact the Crime Stoppers tip line at 665-4440.

## OBITUARIES

### Elaine Cooper

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Elaine C. Cooper, age 69 of Hartington, Nebraska, died on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington.

Funeral Services will be on Friday, July 20, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartington with Rev Amanda Jertson officiating. Burial will be in the Hartington City Cemetery. Visitation will be on Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Friday at the church.

Pallbearers will be Ray Knutson, James Herman, Rick Kollars, Bob Olson, Bob Cooper, and Chuck Cooper.

Elaine was born on December 3, 1942 at Olivet, South Dakota to Alfred E. and Elvira R. (Mueller) Dummer. She grew up in Olivet



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1965 and then made their home in Hartington where she raised her family before she began working at the nursing home in Hartington as a Certified Nurse Assistant and a Certified Med Aide from 1981 to the early 1990’s. Elaine then worked at Hartington Telemarketing until her failing eyesight caused her to retire in 2001.

Elaine was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartington. She loved all types of crafts especially crocheting, knitting, doing needle point and sewing. She made many blankets and afghans for family, friends

and co workers. Her greatest enjoyment came from being with her grandchildren.

Elaine is survived by her husband, Jerry Cooper of Hartington; a daughter, Jerrie and Doug Arens of Hartington; 3 grandchildren, Kelsey and Austin Arens of Hartington; Carley Cooper of Columbus, Nebraska; a sister, Jeanine and James Herman of Olivet and a brother, Darryl and JoAnn Dummer of Parker, Colorado.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Stean Cooper and a brother, Donald Dummer.

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Opsahl officiating.

Visitations are 4-6 p.m. Friday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

### David Sherwood

MISSION HILL — David Sherwood, 58, of Mission Hill died Tuesday, July 17, 2012, at Autumn Winds, Yankton.

Services will be held at a later date,

Arrangements are under the care of Crawford Funeral Home, Watertown.

### Debra Schmeling

BRANDON — A memorial service for Debra D. Schmeling, 55, of Brandon will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 21 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. Inurnment will follow in Country Presbyterian Cemetery, rural Tyndall.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday.

Debra died on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

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



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### Sylvia Fejfar

Sylvia Fejfar, 99 of Yankton died Tuesday, July 17, 2012, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Arrangements are pending under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

### Rodney Mikkelson

IRENE — Rodney R. Mikkelson, 75, of Irene, SD passed away Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at Wakonda Heritage Manor after a 2 year courageous battle with cancer.

Rod was born on the family farm on October 3, 1936 to Roy and Hilda (Jensen) Mikkelson of Irene. He attended Irene grade school and graduated from Irene High School in 1954. He served 2 years in the US Army stationed in Germany. He graduated in 1964 from SDSU with a degree in Sociology and Economics and supporting courses in Psychology.

He married Aleathe (Lee) Haugen on July 1, 1960. In 1963 they moved to Rochester MN, where Rod worked as Assistant Personnel Director at Rochester Methodist Hospital. In 1965 they moved to Anoka, MN, where he set up the personnel department developing the Anoka County Procedural Handbook. In 1979 they moved to Mission Hill while Rod was employed at TCI in Yankton. Later he purchased P & D Auto Parts serving the SE part of South Dakota until he retired.

Rod was a member of the American Society of Personnel Administration, Minnesota Personnel Association, and the International Personnel Management Association.

He loved all sports and coached several youth baseball teams in Anoka. He belonged to Greenhaven



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Golf Course in Anoka and the Glenridge Golf Course in Irene.

Rod was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Hilda, brothers Waldy and Van, nephew Perry and granddaughter Erin Leigh.

He is survived by his wife Lee of 52 years, daughter Michelle (Loren) Johnson, son Tom, grandchildren; Travis, Tanner, Brad, Lucas, Brianna, Camille and Quinn, by his sister Bev Henning, sister-in-laws; Shirley Mikkelson and Gayle Garrison, brother-in-laws Obed Haugen and Rod Garrison, nieces; Linda, Pat, Sue and Christy and nephews Paul and Mark.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 23, 2012 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Irene with Pastor Mark Ostrem officiating. Burial of ashes will follow in Salem Cemetery, rural Irene.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, July 22 at Hansen Funeral Home in Irene.

For obituary and online condolences, visit hansenfuneralhome.com.

John 10:3 NIV: The watchman opens the gate for him and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

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### Lloyd Schweinforth

TYNDALL — Lloyd L. Schweinforth, 86, of Tyndall died Tuesday, July 17, 2012, at the Tyndall Good Samaritan Center, Tyndall.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Peace Christian Reformed Church, Menno, with the Rev. Dan Flyger and the Rev. Joe Brinks officiating. Burial will be in the Our Saviors (West) Cemetery, rural Menno, at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Friday evening at Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, and then one hour prior to the service at the church.

### Daniel Cook

CHATSWORTH, IOWA — Daniel P. Cook, 61, of Chatsworth, Iowa, formerly of Coleridge, Neb., died Tuesday, July 17, 2012, at

## Escapee

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Marion to lock their doors and to remove keys from their vehicles.

Herrera-Menjivar was convicted of raping a 14-year-old girl near Omaha. He is considered dangerous, and law enforcement officials are urging the public not to approach him. Instead, anyone sighting the escapee should call 911 and give their location.



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