

OLYMPIC EXPOSURE



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Shot with a multiple exposure, China's Linlin Deng competes on the beam during the women's individual qualification during the Summer Olympic Games in London, England, on Sunday.

River

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Mississippi Valley division. “We just haven’t gotten that much rain in the Ohio and upper Mississippi. Most of our streams are below average.”

Lincoln, Neb., officials are concerned that the Platte River might not be able to supply the city through the drought and are talking about mandatory water restrictions. Lake Springfield in Illinois is falling by half an inch a day and already has lost 2 feet, prompting the city of Springfield to also consider water restrictions.

Kansas may be drier than all of them, although some waterways fed by reservoirs aren’t in bad condition, said Brian Loving, a hydrologist with the U.S. Geological

Survey in Lawrence.

While the Kansas River is still flowing at about 70 percent of normal, other streams that rely on rainfall and groundwater — like many near Wichita and in the western part of the state — have been hit hard, Loving said.

Many Kansas streams could be setting new record lows, according to USGS records dating back to the 1930s.

“We have the potential for this to be the worst year since we’ve been keeping records,” Loving said.

And given a weather forecast that shows no break in the drought going into the usually dry months of August and September, “we kind of expect the river flows to get lower and lower,” he said.

Because of the upriver reservoirs, Kansas City has no immediate water worries.

“If those lakes weren’t there,” Loving said. “It would be different.”

Album

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ber might reach 75.

Each album includes scrapbook pages for photos, letters and other private mementos, with extra space for families to do with them what they please. The group leaves one album for each gender with the hospital, and they can give it to the family if they lose a child, Hanson said.

“The tough times aren’t necessarily the worst (9 a.m.-5 p.m.), sometimes the worst are late at night,” she said. “It’s so difficult to talk about, so many don’t. When they’re ready, then they’ll maybe want to do something like this.”

Angel Albums works with six hospitals in South Dakota — Avera Sacred Heart in Yankton, as well as Madison, Watertown, Brookings, Vermillion and Sanford Palliative Care in Sioux Falls.

However, there are other ways organizers work with families.

Trondhjem Lutheran Church in Volin, where Mellem is a member, recently helped out with donations in memory of Tanna Knobbe, a young girl who passed away nearly a month ago.

“We weren’t sure what to do

for someone who lost a child, but we wanted to carry on her memory,” Mellem said. “She had a few good months. We were trying to think of ideas to help support the family, and she mentioned Angel Albums.

“I hadn’t even thought of something like that, but it was a great idea.”

Though the group has not yet received much feedback from album recipients, it expects to eventually, Mellem said.

“It’s a small church, but this has gone way beyond anything we dreamed,” she said. “Every little bit helps. It’s hard to sit down and do something like this after a loss.”

Hanson said the group has already received five or six additional requests, and in time, will probably need more albums.

“It is a need, and as this gets out and more people hear about it, we’ll probably need more,” she said. “It all just depends.”

In addition to its Facebook page (search: Angel Albums), the group has an account sent up through American State Bank in Ramona, and also welcomes emails to angelalbumssd@gmail.com.

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Regatta

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Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin. Most of the participants hail from the region, though some like Acquart come from across the country, according to Rice.

“Because of the venue, they’ll come farther,” said Rice, also the commodore for Fleet 291 out of Yankton. “They always say how much they like it here. The lake is designed to run east-west, which is perfect for us.

“When you can add the camping part into the equation, it’s hard to beat Yankton.”

Acquart, who retired from his local fire department in January, had previously competed at a tournament in Nebraska, but never had traveled this far north.

One of the first to reach the shore in his division Sunday, Acquart said he was essentially convinced by a fellow boater to make the trek to South Dakota.

“Phil Collins, the ... national champion, asked me, ‘Why don’t you come up to Yankton,’” he said. “I just thought it was too far, but eventually we decided to make the trip.”

Most of the participants camped overnight near Hobie Cat Beach, which Rice said was one of the many draws for the tournament. When it came time to actually getting out on the water, Saturday was considerably breezier than Sunday.

“You never quite know what conditions you’ll have out here, but it was a great weekend,” Rice said. “When we have actual races, that’s why people come.”

In the case of Gary “Slim” Johnson, he is a veteran of Yankton-hosted tournaments, but agrees that, yes, the location is a draw.

“I’ve been coming here for over 30 years and have never missed a regatta,” Johnson, a St. James, Minn., resident, said. “There are so many great things about this place: the food, the camping and they’re some of the friendliest people.”

Following Sunday’s action, competitors were served lunch at a nearby picnic shelter and an awards ceremony was held to honor the winners.

It’s all part of the allure, Johnson said.

“I’ve been to Fiji for world tournaments, but I love this area,” he said. “There’s nothing I don’t like. It’s a real nod to the Corps of Engineers out here; they’re first class.”

Next year, competitors like Acquart and Johnson won’t have to travel as far for their national tournament.

According to Rice, it is “very likely” that Yankton will be awarded the bid to host the 2013 Hobie Cat 17-18 National Championships. Rice said the experience some of the boaters had at the 2008 20-foot national event in Yankton played a key role.

“That really opened the door to what we have here,” he said. “They all expressed their support. When you can have that from the actual competitors, it helps in the bidding process.”

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4-H: Four Leaves For Fulfilling Futures

THURSDAY, AUG. 2ND

6:30 p.m. - 4-H Rabbit

Show

7:00 p.m. - 4-H Poultry &

Egg Judging (to follow rabbit show)



FRIDAY, AUG. 3RD

10:00 a.m. - 4-H Swine Show

1:00-3:00 p.m. - Old McDonald’s Day at the Farm

2:30 p.m. - Candy Drop by Jake Hoffner Flying Inc.

3:00-4:00 p.m. - Dog Agility Demonstration

5:00 p.m. - 4-H Beef Show

5:30-7:00 p.m. - Ice Cream Social

(Sponsored by Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Committee)

SATURDAY, AUG. 4TH

8:30 a.m. - 4-H Goat & Sheep Show

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Check in: Open Class Beef Show & South Dakota Sanctioned Junior Points Show

3:00 p.m. - Open Class Beef Show & South Dakota Sanctioned Junior Points Show

5:00-7:00 p.m. - 4-H Supper

5:00 p.m. - Fashion Revue Style Show

5:00 p.m. - Round Robin Practice

6:00 p.m. - Celebrity Round Robin

7:30 p.m. - Dance - Open to the Public (Sponsored by Jr. Leaders)

SUNDAY, AUG. 5TH

9:00 a.m. - Cowboy Church

9:30 a.m.-Noon - Pancake Feed

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Inflatables

10:00 a.m. - Round Robin Champion Showmanship

Noon-2:00 p.m. - Horse Show Demonstration

2:00 p.m. Pig Raffle Drawing

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