

**Pearl Street Closed For Construction**

The City of Yankton advises motorists that Pearl Street heading south from Second Street to Levee Street and Levee Street south to the boat ramp will be closed to traffic beginning Monday, July 6, until Wednesday, Aug. 19, for a water main project.

According to Environmental Services Director Kyle Goodmanson, the project is anticipated that the new road will be open to traffic by Wednesday, Aug. 19.

**Parkinson's Support Group To Meet**

The Yankton Area Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, July 10, in Room III of the Avera Professional Pavilion.

Michelle Valencsin, physical therapist at Peleton Physical Therapy will be the featured speaker about the "LOUD and BIG" therapy for Parkinson's Disease. This program was explained and demonstrated at the Parkinson's Awareness Conference in Sioux Falls in April.

**Highway 52 Meeting Set For Monday**

The public is invited to a Highway 52 public/open meeting Monday, July 13, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Commission Chambers of the Government Center at 321 W. Third St., Yankton.

This meeting will include future land use and development concepts for Highway 52.

Refreshments will be served.

**SDHSAA Board Elections Tabulated**

PIERRE — The votes have been tabulated for the Small School Group Board of Education position on the SDHSAA Board of Directors. All SDHSAA member schools were entitled to vote in the election. The Small School Group Board of Education position is to be filled by a school board member from any member school with a 2012-2013 average daily membership from 458,989 to 7,000.

The Small School Group Board of Education position did not produce any candidate with a majority of the votes cast. A runoff election for this position was conducted between David Planteen of Langford Area School District and Bryan Skinner of West Central School District with David Planteen being declared the winner. David Planteen will fill a five-year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors commencing on July 1, 2015.

The votes have also been tabulated for the East River At-Large position on the SDHSAA Board of Directors. All SDHSAA member schools were entitled to vote in the election. The East River At-Large position is to be filled by an athletic/activities director from a member school east of the Missouri River.

The East River At-Large position did not produce any candidate with a majority of the votes cast. A runoff election for this position was conducted between Moe Ruesink of Sioux Valley High School and Mike Schmidt of Wilmot High School with Ruesink being declared the winner. He will fill a five-year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors commencing on July 1.

**Optimist Club Offers Free Pool Day**

The public is invited to come to Memorial Park Pool on Monday, July 13, from 5-8 p.m. to enjoy FREE swimming, sponsored by the Yankton Optimist Club.

Bring the entire family out to the crystal clear water at Memorial Park Pool and enjoy an evening of free swimming.

For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street, Yankton.

**Heritage Camp Set For Kaylor Hall**

KAYLOR — The SoDak Stamm chapter of the Germans from Russia Heritage Society is inviting all young people in grades 1-8 to attend Heritage Camp at their hall located on the north end of Main Street in Kaylor. The camp will be held on Monday, July 20, from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Come enjoy a day of playing the games Grandma and Grandpa used to play and participate in numerous activities. The day will be spent doing old-time activities like churning butter, making homemade ice cream, crafts, story time or shooting a potato gun. You can learn how to make your own noodles, experience how our great-grandmothers washed clothes, and even learn to sing a German song. Dinner is provided and the young people will help prepare it.

There is no charge if you preregister. Those not preregistered before July 17 are still encouraged to come, but there will be a small fee.

For more information or to preregister your children, call one of the following numbers: 583-4544; 212-9011 or 660-7466.

**NACAA' Meeting Showcases SD Ag**

BROOKINGS — The National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) will celebrate 100 years of professional development and recognition at its Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference (AM-PIC) July 12-16 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center.

"Our centennial annual meeting will focus on looking at ways that agricultural extension and the land grant university system can continue to be that catalyst for change in rural America," said NACAA President, Mike Hogan.

NACAA will commemorate its 100-year milestone with a birthday cake celebration July 12, allowing each state the opportunity to decorate its own cake. Representatives from 43 states will be present for the opening day.

South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture Lucas Lentsch will give opening remarks Sunday evening to kick off the 2015 AM-PIC. The conference will also feature performances throughout the week from the BruE music group, the South Dakota 4-H Performing Arts Troupe, Dustin Evans and capstone speaker Manny Scott.

Hogan believes a major highlight of the conference will be the centennial keynote address delivered by influential university presidents Dr. E. Gordon Gee of West Virginia and Waded Cruzado of Montana State.

"The keynote speakers will look at how extension has made a difference in rural America in the first 100 years and look to the future at how extension is viable to the modern Land Grant University in the United States," Hogan said.

As a venue for educational development, the AM-PIC will feature special seminars on unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) use, ag economics and climate impacts on agriculture. Extension professionals will also have the opportunity to present applied research and extension programming efforts to their peers via 122 posters and 118 presentations. An annual awards banquet will recognize the achievements of extension personnel from across the nation.

The AM-PIC will wrap up its 100th meeting with a day devoted to professional improvement tours throughout the Midwest on July 16. Tours will showcase modern agricultural operations and conservation practices as well as South Dakota culture.

For more details about the conference, visit NACAA's 2015 AM-PIC website at [agagents.wordpress.com](http://agagents.wordpress.com) or contact Laura Edwards at [laura.edwards@sdsdate.edu](mailto:laura.edwards@sdsdate.edu) for more information.

**Corps: River Basin Runoff Above Normal For June**

OMAHA, Neb. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Missouri River Basin Water Management Division reports runoff in the Missouri River Basin above Sioux City, Iowa, for the month of June was 6.8 million acre feet (MAF), 125 percent of normal. The 2015 runoff forecast is 26.6 MAF, 105 percent of normal. Average annual runoff is 25.2 MAF.

June precipitation was above normal across much of the Missouri River Basin, most notably in the western Dakotas, eastern Montana and eastern Wyoming. Heavy rain also fell in eastern Nebraska, northeastern Kansas and much of Missouri. "In response to repeated rains in the lower basin, releases from Gavins Point Dam were reduced to 22,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to reduce flood risk along the Missouri River," said Jody Farhat, chief of the Missouri River Basin Water Management Division. "Following the flood crest, Gavins Point releases were gradually increased to meet the navigation flow targets."

The total volume of water stored in the Mainstem Reservoir System is currently 61.9 MAF, occupying 5.8 MAF of the 16.3 MAF combined flood control storage zones. "The reservoirs are currently utilizing 35 percent of the available flood control storage and remain well positioned to capture additional runoff should further reductions in releases become necessary," stated Farhat.

Based on the July 1 system storage check, the navigation service level will remain at full service and there will be a full 8-month season. Full service flows are generally sufficient to provide a navigation channel 9-feet deep by 300-feet wide. Navigation flow support typically ends on December 1 at the mouth of the Missouri River near St. Louis, however a 10-day extension to the navigation season length may be provided this year if needed to evacuate water stored in the flood control zones of the mainstem reservoirs.

The melting of the mountain snowpack is complete. This year's below normal mountain snowpack peaked at 72 percent of normal in the reach above Fort Peck Dam and 78 percent of normal in the reach from Fort Peck to Garrison dams. View mountain snowpack graphic here: <http://www.nwd-mr.usace.army.mil/rcc/reports/snow.pdf>.

The Corps will continue to monitor basin conditions and fine tune the regulation of the reservoir system based on the most up-to-date information.

**RESERVOIR FORECASTS**

- Gavins Point Dam releases averaged 24,600 cfs in June, ranging from 22,000 to 28,000 cfs. Releases will remain near the current rate of 27,000 cfs in early July, and will be adjusted as necessary to meet downstream flow targets as tributaries flows decrease. The reservoir behind Gavins Point Dam ended June at elevation 1206.3 feet. The reservoir will remain near elevation 1206 feet during July.
- Fort Randall Dam releases averaged 21,800 cfs during June. Fort Randall releases are currently at 24,000 cfs and will be adjusted during July, as necessary, to maintain the desired elevation at Gavins Point. The reservoir ended June at elevation 1360.2 feet, up 4.1 feet during the month. The reservoir is expected to fall approximately 2 feet during July.
- Big Bend Dam releases averaged 21,500 cfs during the month of June. They are expected to average near 20,000 cfs this month. The reservoir will remain near its normal elevation of 1420 feet during July.
- Oahe Dam releases averaged 20,700 cfs during the month of June. Releases are expected to average near 20,000 cfs this month. The reservoir ended June at elevation 1612.8 feet, up 2.8 feet during the month. The reservoir is expected to rise 1 foot during the month of July.
- Garrison Dam releases averaged 21,000 cfs in June. Releases will be held at 21,000 cfs in July. Garrison ended June at elevation 1844.4 feet, up 5.9 feet. It is expected to rise less than 1 foot during July.
- Fort Peck Dam releases averaged 8,800 cfs in June. Releases were reduced from 9,000 to 8,000 cfs on July 6. Releases will likely remain near 8,000 cfs in July, but may be adjusted to provide adequate irrigation support below Fort Peck. The reservoir ended June at elevation 2236.9 feet, up 0.9 feet. The reservoir is forecasted to fall less than 1 foot during July.

The forecasted reservoir releases and elevations discussed above are not definitive. Additional precipitation, lack of precipitation, or other circumstances could cause adjustments to the reservoir release rates.

The six mainstem power plants generated 756 million kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity in June. Typical energy generation for the month of June is 836 million kWh. The power plants are projected to generate 9.3 billion kWh of electricity this year, compared to the normal of 10 billion kWh.

To view the detailed three-week release forecast for the mainstem dams, go to: <http://www.nwd-mr.usace.army.mil/rcc/reports/twregfcst.pdf>.

**Crofton Athlete Receives Leadership & Courage Award**

On Saturday, July 4th, 2015 at the conclusion of the Crofton Freedom Run 5K, the second annual Jenny Sheldon Overhue Leadership and Courage Award was presented.

Jenny was a four year member of the first girls cross country teams fielded by Crofton, and an inspiration to the young runners in those early years.

She passed away at age 46 in August 2013 after a courageous bout with cancer. The award was established by family and friends to honor her memory and spirit and to recognize a current member of the girls cross country team who exhibits the traits of leadership and courage for her teammates.

Senior Quinn Wragge was the 2014-2015 recipient, chosen overwhelmingly by her teammates. Having moved to Crofton three years ago, Quinn participated in Crofton athletics for three years.

Not only did she contribute to three state team championships in cross country, but she also contributed to three state team titles in basketball and two state team titles in track for the three years she attended high school in Crofton. This is a feat very few athletes have ever achieved.

This past year the girls cross country team won their 9th consecutive team title and 18th in the school's history.

Quinn plans to continue her athletic career at Concordia University in the fall.



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Pictured with Quinn Wragge (in white) are members of Jenny Sheldon Overhue's family.

**USD & Sanford Health To Offer Paramedic Training**

VERMILLION — A new paramedic training program should help fill the need for certified emergency responders in South Dakota, which has roughly 3,000 such personnel serving the state's 850,000 residents.

The University of South Dakota and Sanford Health in Sioux Falls are offering the instruction that will allow a Health Sciences major to be certified as a paramedic while earning a bachelor's degree. Organizers said the effort should especially help rural areas of the region that often suffer from a shortage of health care workers.

"If you're getting a four-year degree anyway, you can pursue this and come away from it with paramedic certification," said Jon Bohlen, EMS outreach coordinator at Sanford Health and course director of the collaborative paramedic program.

The state of South Dakota mandates that at least two rescuers be present when responding to an emergency, a requirement that nearly all rural areas are struggling to meet, according to the South Dakota Department of Safety's annual report.

It also found that 80 percent of certified personnel are community volunteers trained with the basics of either operating an ambulance or administering care to patients.

Without qualified paramedics, rescue teams must pull nurses from hospital shifts to provide care during an emergency. The nurses, though capable of saving lives, are restricted in what care they can provide outside the hospital.

Travis Spier, R.N., director of simulation and the center for pre-hospital care at Sanford Health in Sioux Falls, often serves in a dual nurse-paramedic role. "Of the advanced life support inter-facility transfers we receive on a daily

basis, I would roughly say that about 70 percent have nurses instead of paramedics," Spier said.

Open for enrollment this fall, class sessions and clinical lab simulations will take place in Sioux Falls on Tuesdays, Thursdays and select Saturdays. Bohlen and his colleagues will begin with a small cohort of EMT-certified students who are enrolled in the Health Sciences Major at the University of South Dakota. The paramedic education is an area of specialization within the major.

"We are excited here because it is an area that students have expressed interest in pursuing," said June Larson, who is an associate dean and professor in the USD School of Health Sciences.

"Being able to offer this in collaboration with Sanford is a great opportunity for students."

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