

### Boat Ramps Closed Below Gavins Point

The increased water flows from Gavins Point Dam and Ft. Randall Dam are creating swift river currents and extremely hazardous conditions in the Missouri River.

Due to public safety concerns, and in conjunction with the states of Nebraska and South Dakota, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is closing boat ramps at Nebraska Tailwaters Recreation Area, and Training Dike Recreation Area below Gavins Point Dam and Santee Boat Ramp on Lewis and Clark Lake. These closures are in effect until further notice.

### Cardboard Boat Race Postponed Indefinitely

The annual Cardboard Boat Race and Water Festival, which was slated for Saturday, June 25, at Lake Yankton, has been postponed indefinitely due to flooding issues in the area.

The event is sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Yankton Press & Dakotan.

### Yankton Democrats To Meet Thursday

The Yankton Democratic Party will be holding an informational and planning meeting at the Copper Room above Ben's Brewing Company in downtown Yankton at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 2.

State legislator Bernie Hunhoff and newly elected school board member Jay Williams will be giving brief updates on the activities in the legislature and the Yankton school district.

The event is open to the public and is scheduled to last until 9 p.m.

### June GFP Commission Meeting Revised

PIERRE — Flooding concerns have revised the agenda and location for the June Game, Fish and Parks Commission meeting.

The GFP Commission will meet by teleconference on Thursday, June 2, beginning at 1 p.m. CDT.

There will be three sites open to the public who wish to be part of the teleconference: The Mathew's Training Center in the Foss Building at 523 East Capitol Avenue in Pierre; the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area Park Office at 43349 SD Highway 52 in Yankton; and the Rapid City Public Library Meeting Room B at 610 Quincy Street.

As part of the meeting, a public hearing on rule finalizations will be held at 2 p.m.

A revised agenda for the meeting, along with additional meeting information, can be accessed online.

## Church

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has played a key role since his arrival at the church.

"Recently, one member said they called me (as a pastor) because I was serving in the National Guard, and that was important to them," he said.

By supporting Gunderson's deployment, St. John's was merely doing what it thought was right, said the associate pastor, the Rev. Steve Weispfennig.

"We never thought we were doing anything extraordinary. It was other people who determined that what we were doing was quite exceptional," Weispfennig said.

"The person who put together our packet at the state level was always optimistic, but we never thought we would get chosen out of 4,000 (nominations)."

St. John's was chosen in the "small employer" division with fewer than 500 employees.

When looking at the Freedom Award recipients, the congregation found itself among some heavy hitters, said church council president John Marquardt.

"A lot of people don't look at a church as an employer," he said. "We got a list of the other businesses that were winners. It was just outstanding how St. John's Lutheran and Yankton, South Dakota, were companions with General Motors and 3M, which are major corporations."

"This is like winning the Super Bowl," he added.

Marquardt was already scheduled to meet with the St. John's pastors today, and the Washington, D.C., ceremony will be at the top of the agenda.

"There is talk of possibly chartering a bus, if that many people want to go out there (to Washington)," he said. "It's cool to have parishioners attending the ceremony."

With St. John's still in the running for the award at the time, Weispfennig said he knew the 15 recipients had been selected when the ESGR national headquarters requested a phone meeting with him.

"At that point, we figured there would be good news and we had won the Freedom Award, or I was setting myself up for a big disappointment," he said. "We got the good news, and it was very exciting. We were deeply humbled and honored by such an award."

St. John's story contains a number of compelling aspects, said Secretary of Defense spokeswoman Beth Sherman.

"The church and clergy don't actually fall under federal protection for jobs (during a deployment)," she said. "Everything that St. John's Lutheran Church did to support Chaplain Gunderson was because they wanted to, not because of the law."

In addition, Gunderson had offered to resign his ministry during the deployment, Sherman said. The congregation not only wanted him to continue as minister but supported his overseas mission.

"(Gunderson) once said, many churches send care packages (to soldiers), but St. John's Lutheran wrapped him up and sent him as a care package," Sherman said.

St. John's offered to continue Gunderson's pay during his deployment, Sherman said.

When the minister declined his salary, the church used some of the money to support his military mission, she said.

"They mailed dozens of hymnals to Afghanistan to equip the chaplains there," Sherman said. "And they sent so many care packages that (Gunderson) was able to establish a soldiers care room where the items were made available to all service members."

The congregation also used part of Gunderson's salary to hire the Rev. Jim Mueller and graduate student Jake Bobby to assist Weispfennig with the 1,250-member parish.

Gunderson will preach Sunday, his first sermon since his deployment, followed by a noon potluck, Marquardt said.

"I know the congregation is definitely looking forward to seeing (Gunderson) in the pulpit. It will be a joyous event," Marquardt said. "It's great to have him back safe, especially to have him on American soil just before the news broke that Osama (bin Laden) had gotten shot."

The Freedom Award isn't the congregation's first honor. Earlier this year, the parish received the "Pro Patria" award in Pierre for its support of Gunderson's mission. The Pro Patria is the highest award given by the state ESGR Committee.

The awards confirm St. John's support not only of his chaplaincy but the nation and its military, Gunderson said. He sees the same spirit throughout Yankton.

"This reflects the overall support I see in Yankton for the Guard. Many other employers do the same thing as St. John's did," he said. "Yankton, over the years, continues to be one of the most patriotic communities in the country."

## OBITUARIES

### Mae Cressy

Mae Cressy, age 88, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Thursday, May 26, 2011 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church in Yankton with Reverend Ron Johnson and Bob Cappel, Pastoral Assistant officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a VFW Auxiliary Service and Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Pallbearers are Mae's nephews: Clifford Hrdlicka Jr., Gary Hrdlicka, Jeff Branaugh, Greg Branaugh, Mark Branaugh, and Pat Branaugh.

Lula Mae Cressy was born March 12, 1923, in Charles Mix County, South Dakota to Edward and Fay (Lanning) Branaugh. She attended country school at Kennedy No. 1 in Charles Mix County. On February 15, 1941, Mae married Vernon Cressy in Hartington, Nebraska. After their marriage, they lived in Yankton where Mae kept very busy raising her three boys while her husband served in



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World War II. As her boys grew older, Mae started working for Johnson's Bakery. She worked there for several years before becoming employed at Cottonwood Package Company where she made fillers for egg cases. Then she worked for almost 30 years as an assembler for Dale Electronics until she retired in 1990. Mae was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, the Yankton Senior Citizens Center and First United Methodist Church. She enjoyed traveling to spend time with her family in California and decorating cakes. Mae also enjoyed reading, caring for her dog, Penny, and making sure the neighborhood stray cats were well fed during the winter. Above all, Mae loved her family. She was the bond that made the family complete. She dearly loved cooking for large family gatherings at her kitchen table during special occasions and holiday meals. One of her recent and more cherished traditions was having family gather around on Sunday evenings for popcorn, root beer floats, and family time. Her smile never beamed as brightly as when she held babies. The love that flowed from her to her family

was a feeling of special contentment and wonder. She will be deeply missed by all.

Mae is survived by one son, James (Marta) Cressy of Yankton; eight grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren; two daughters-in-law, Mary Ann Cressy of California and Sharon Hladky of Yankton; one sister, Gladys Hrdlicka of Armour, SD; five brothers: Fred Branaugh of Yankton, Charles Branaugh of Yankton, Billy Branaugh of California, Robert Branaugh of California and Tommy (Carol) Branaugh of Kentucky; Betty Herrboldt of Yankton and many other nieces and nephews.

Mae was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Vernon on April 8, 1989; two sons, Ronald and Daniel Cressy; brother, James Branaugh; and an infant sister, Frances.

To send an online sympathy message, please visit [wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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### Eldon Fuerst

DOUGLAS, Wyo. — A graveside memorial service for Eldon E. Fuerst, 71, of Douglas, Wyoming and formerly of Avon, South Dakota, will be held Friday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m. at Gracehill Cemetery in Tripp, South Dakota. Rev. Wayne Huber will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Goglin Funeral Home of Tripp.

Eldon Edward Fuerst was born January 21, 1940 at Kaylor, South Dakota to Edward and Olga (Meisenholder) Fuerst. He was raised at Avon and graduated from Avon High School. He worked on road construction as a heavy equipment operator in Wyoming and Alaska. He died January 30, 2011 at the Wyoming Medical Center at the age of 71 years and 9 days old.

He is survived by two sisters, Dorothea Lawson of Rapid City, South Dakota and Metha Batterman of Tripp. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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### Katherine Schorpp

LYNDON, Ill. — Katherine Huyvaert Schorpp, 81, of Lyndon, formerly of Andalusia, died Friday, May 27, 2011 at Genesis Medical Center, West Campus, Davenport.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, at the Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, 3030 7th Ave., Rock Island.

Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m. to service time, with a rosary recited at 12:30 pm. Burial will be at the Rock Island National Cemetery, Arsenal Island.

Memorials may be left to the Prophetstown Park District Swimming Pool.

Katherine was born June 8, 1929 in Moline, IL, the daughter of Victor and Louise McMurraine Huyvaert, however she was loved and raised by her father and step-mother, Susan Huyvaert.

Katherine married Raymond Schorpp on April 23, 1949 in Rock Island. Ray preceded her in death on August 17, 1985.

She worked many years at the Clerk of Circuit Courts Office in Yankton, South Dakota, retiring in 1984. She then worked for the Circuit Clerks Office in Morrison, IL for two years, retiring in 1986.

Kathy had a tremendous passion and love for her family, flower gardening and being outdoors. Where ever she traveled, she was always planting or transplanting flowers, trees, and shrubs. Those memories will be cherished by her family forever.

She is survived by: her children, Pamela (Steve) Doonan, Wichita, KS, Michael (Barbara) Schorpp, Rogers, AR, and David (Lisa) Schorpp, Fort Worth, TX; grandchildren, Nichole (Andy) Wistedt, Jackie (Seth) Turner,



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Brian Ruttenberg, Tanner Schorpp, and Maleah Schorpp; great-grandchildren, Daleen, Luke, Jalyn, Hadley, Logan, and Hunter; and sisters, Vicki Sue Huyvaert, East Moline, IL, and Doris Schulte, Peoria, AZ.

Katherine was preceded in death by: her husband; parents; sisters, Patricia Huyvaert, Erma DeDonker, Virginia Adams, Margie Wietlispach, and Norva DePoorter; and brother, Lawrence Versluis.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.wheelanpressly.com](http://www.wheelanpressly.com).

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### Viola Coles

Viola M. Coles, 93, of Yankton and formerly of Scotland, died Monday, May 30, 2011 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Friday at United Methodist Church, Scotland, with the Rev. Tom Petersen officiating. Burial will be in the Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland. Pallbearers will be all her grandchildren.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, then one hour prior to the services at the church.

### Lois Tiger

WAGNER — Lois Tiger, 86, of Wagner died Monday, May 30, 2011, at the Good Samaritan Society in Wagner.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall, Wagner. Burial is in the Holy Fellowship Episcopal Cemetery, rural Greenwood.

Wake services begin today (Wednesday) at the Legion Hall. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner, is in charge of arrangements.

### Margaret Donovan

Margaret M. Donovan, age 84, of Yankton, SD passed away on May, 30, 2011 at Wakonda Heritage Manor.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, SD with Father Mark Lichter officiating.

Visitation will be at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. and Prayer Service at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be in the St. Patrick's Cemetery in Wakonda, SD approximately at 12:45 p.m. Pallbearers will be Don Hovden, Tim Hovden, Dave Donovan, Dan Donovan, Jeff Hovden, Chris Hovden and Nick Hovden.

Margaret was born on November 6, 1926 on her grandfather Volin's Homestead in Volin, SD to Dennis M. Donovan and Marie (Volin) Donovan. She was baptized in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Wakonda, SD and graduated from Volin Public School. She was em-



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ployed by the Volin Post Office, First Dakota National Bank and ASHH Cafeteria. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and a coordinator for Meals on Wheels.

She is survived by sisters, Jeanne Donovan of Yankton, SD and Vivian Hovden of Sioux Falls, SD; sister-in-law, Dolores Donovan of Columbia, MO and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, brothers, Velmar Donovan and his wife, Delores and Loraine Donovan.

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### Renatta Claudio

Renatta Claudio, age 69, of Yankton, passed away at her residence on May 29, 2011 surrounded by her family.

Memorial services will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with Rev. Paul Opsahl officiating.

Visitations will begin at 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Renatta, daughter of Robert and Dorothy Dunn, was born in Chicago. She was a kind and loving woman that spent most of her life as a homemaker, and welcomed everyone into her house. She was a mother of four daughters and grandmother to many.



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She is survived by her father, Robert P. Dunn and daughters, Robin Rodriguez, Rene Dethlefs, Lucy Mendoza and Rosa Yanez, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

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### Jerry Coenen

LAKE ANDES — Jerry Coenen, 59, of Lake AnDES died Monday, May 30, 2011, at the VA Medical Center, Sioux Falls.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Cedar Presbyterian

Church, rural Pickstown.

Wake services are Thursday at the church.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner, is in charge of arrangements. Full obit at [crosbyjaegerfh.com](http://crosbyjaegerfh.com).

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