

Nebraska May Cancel Paddlefish Season

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska Games and Parks Commission is considering whether to cancel archery paddlefish season because of Missouri River flooding.

The commission will hold a special meeting Friday in Lincoln to decide whether river conditions are too unsafe for the season.

The season usually begins the second Saturday of July and continues for 30 days.

The Missouri River is rising because the corps is increasing the amount of water it releases from upstream reservoirs to deal with heavy rains and snowpack. The river is expected to crest above flood stage in Iowa and Nebraska this week, but the water will remain high into fall.

Work Continues To Keep Neb. Airport Open

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (AP) — Work continues to safeguard the North Platte airport from flooding.

Col. Robert Ruch of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says crews are working to raise the levee protecting the airport from the swollen North Platte River. Work should be finished by Tuesday.

The North Platte River is swollen because of steady spring rain and above-normal snowpack that have filled upstream reservoirs. The river converges with the South Platte River at North Platte to form the Platte River.

The National Weather Service recorded the river at 7.54 feet at North Platte on Sunday. Flood stage is 6 feet.

Iowa Home That Fell In Sinkhole Torn Down

CLINTON, Iowa (AP) — A century-old home in Clinton that collapsed into a sinkhole has been torn down.

Michael Harmon, the city's building and neighborhood official, told the Clinton Herald that an emergency demolition was ordered for Larry Stuart's home. It suffered structure problems after collapsing into a sinkhole on May 29 and was considered unsafe.

Stuart wasn't home at the time of the collapse.

A report issued by Harmon says there may have been problems with the house's foundation that contributed to the structural failure. Weather and soil problems are also blamed.

S.D. Man Accused Of Trafficking Birds

RAPID CITY (AP) — A Batesland man has been charged with 32 counts of trafficking in eagles and migratory birds.

The Rapid City Journal reports that 39-year-old Tilden Reddest pleaded not guilty to possessing, selling, bartering or offering to sell a bald eagle and a golden eagle or their parts, as well as other migratory birds.

If convicted, Reddest faces a maximum penalty of two years in prison on each count. Reddest is free on bond pending trial.

1952 Flood Destroyed Many Pierre Homes

BY EMILY WICKSTROM
Associated Press

PIERRE — Flooding has created many hardships, but Pierre and Fort Pierre have been through it more than once — most recently in 1952.

Before the winter of 1951-1952 ended, almost 76 inches of snow had fallen in the Pierre area between October and March. With a following warm spring, abnormal temperatures rapidly melted the snow, causing creeks and rivers to quickly fill the Missouri River.

As of April 3, 1952, Harold Schuler, author of "Pierre Since 1910," reported the Missouri River at Pierre was running at 17 feet and rising, about two feet above flood stage. (It is currently over 28 feet).

After ice broke on April 4 and moved downstream, the river dropped to 13.8 feet. Even though the ice was gone, the threat of a flood still loomed.

As the temperature hit 58 degrees and the Missouri River level hit 16.61 feet on April 7, Pierre and

Fort Pierre residents started sandbagging for an expected 22 foot flood crest.

Residents were warned on April 9 the flood stage could be 25 feet.

The Fort Pierre power plant closed that day due to rising waters.

After Fort Pierre Red Cross Disaster chairman Carmen Sutley ordered 700 people to evacuate to Pierre, two feet of water covered Deadwood Street in Fort Pierre.

In Pierre, water covered several blocks along the river, downtown businesses were flooded and 1,500 people evacuated their homes. But it would still grow worse the following day as the river rose another three feet.

On April 10, the river crested at 25.35 feet and Pierre Street was covered with two feet of water. At this time, Fort Pierre was already greatly damaged as 50 homes were destroyed, 67 had major damage, 48 had minor damage and every Fort Pierre business was damaged.

Schuler reported only 50 homes and one church were left

undamaged.

Pierre didn't fare any better, as 104 houses were damaged and another 111 had minor damage. Pierre business owners on the east side of Pierre Street had basements full of water, while businesses on the west side had water in their basement as well as about two feet of water on their first floor.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recorded the peak flow at 440,000 cubic feet per second or 3,300,000 gallons per second.

West Pierre was flooded from the area near the river up to Sioux Avenue, near the intersection of Sioux Avenue and Chapelle Street and then angling toward Riverside Park before returning to the Missouri River banks.

Officials found the water to be more than 10 feet above the 15-foot flood stage.

Pierre and Fort Pierre residents learned on April 15 President Harry Truman had announced \$25,000 was available in emergency relief funds.

While Pierre and area promoters

had envisioned building dams on the Missouri River as early as 1916, a ground breaking ceremony to begin construction of the Oahe Dam was held on September 16, 1948.

The Oahe Dam would contain four principal features including a spillway, outlet works, earth embankment and a power plant, with each one being built by contractors in stages.

The Oahe Dam is 3,500 feet wide at the base tapering to 60 feet wide at the top and is 9,300 feet long. The 1952 flood did little damage to the earthwork that was completed on the west side of the river.

As of the Aug. 17, 1962 dedication, the dam was about 82 percent completed. It cost about \$344 million to build the dam.

It is estimated that it took about 92,000,000 yards of earth materials, 1,053,000 cubic yards of concrete, 60,532 tons of reinforcing steel, 56,334 tons of structural steel and 1,424 tons of miscellaneous metals to build the dam.

S.D. Levee Efforts Move Transition To Monitoring

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Most of the levees built to protect the Dakota Dunes area from the rising Missouri River are in place, but it will be weeks before those dikes are fully tested against the full force of the river's fury, officials said Saturday.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is pushing record amounts of water through Missouri River dams to get rid of unexpectedly heavy rains that fell last month upstream in eastern Montana and Wyoming and western North Dakota and South Dakota.

Releases from Gavin's Point Dam in Yankton were upped to 145,000 cubic feet per second on Friday, and an increase of another 5,000 is scheduled for Tuesday.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard said that means the

levees in the Dakota Dunes area won't start to be hit by the highest river flows until Tuesday and Wednesday, and those dikes will continue to be monitored by crews watching for breaches and seepage.

Daugaard said the levees have been holding strong in the Pierre and Fort Pierre areas, where releases just more than a week ago were increased to record levels on Oahe Dam a few miles upstream.

Crews in Dakota Dunes, a southeastern South Dakota community of about 2,500 people, have put in a series of pumps to pump groundwater over the levee, but there's a limit to how much groundwater can be sent out as too much dewatering weakens the levee structure,

Daugaard said.

Jeff Dooley, the Dakota Dunes community development district manager, said there are about 480 homes in the evacuated area of Dakota Dunes and some of them, particularly on the southern side, are dealing with groundwater issues.

Dooley said residents have been asking when they can return to the neighborhood to check on their homes, and the incident management team is working on a credentialing system to give people access. First, the levees will have to be fully tested, the dewatering system will have to be in place and the team will have to identify which access roads to open, he said.

OBITUARIES

Scarlet Doppenberg

Scarlet Leigh Doppenberg, daughter of Amy Doppenberg and Nick Johnson, both of Yankton, SD was stillborn Friday, June 10, 2011 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD.

Private memorial services are planned. Burial will be in the baby land section of the Yankton Cemetery, Yankton, SD.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with services.

Scarlet is survived by her mother Amy Doppenberg and Nicholas Johnson, both of Yankton, SD; maternal grandparents John and Marilyn Doppenberg of Yankton, SD; paternal grandmother Mary R. Johnson of Yankton, SD; her uncles, Adam

Doppenberg of Lee's Summit, MO, Travis Doppenberg of Chaska, MN, Philip (Alisa) Johnson Indianapolis, IN, Christopher (Tushia) Johnson of Yankton, SD, and Matthew Johnson of Yankton, SD; her aunts Stephanie (Mike) Reed of Lincoln, NE, Sara (Allan) Lipka of Lincoln, NE and Amber Johnson of Vermillion, SD.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather Roger L. Johnson.

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Norman Leheska

TYNDALL — Funeral Mass for Norman A. Leheska, 90, of Tyndall will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall with Fr. Gerald Thury as Celebrant. Interment will follow in St. Leo Cemetery, Tyndall.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. There will be a 7:30 p.m. wake service on Tuesday evening at the church.

Norman passed away on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at St. Michael's Hospital Avera in Tyndall. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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Josephine Van Duysen

WAGNER — Visitation for Josephine Van Duysen, 92 of rural Wagner is at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner from 1 to 3 Monday, followed by a private committal service at the Emanuel Cemetery, rural Springfield, with Pastor Dave Reck officiating.

Josephine "Jose" Van Duysen, daughter of Cornelius "Casey" and Bessie (Boschma) Van Duysen, was born March 28, 1919 on a farm north of Avon, SD. Jose's family moved to the Dante area in 1931. She lived on this place all of her life and peacefully died there Saturday, June 11, 2011. Jose attained the age of 92 years, two months and 15 days.

Jose received an eighth grade education at country schools near Avon and Dante. She had great sorrow in her early life, as her older brother, John died unexpectedly when he was 14 and she was 12. Jose helped to care for her Mother for many years.

Jose was a member of the Friedensberg Bible Church where she served on the service committee for many years and also played her guitar.

Jose was an outdoor person. She loved her horses, chickens and to garden. Jose also loved music, especially Country Gospel and Western cowboy songs. She and her sister, Rachel sang at many different places and occasions all over the area.

Thankful for having shared her life are her brother Frances "Fritz" and wife Danelda and her sister Rachel, all of rural Wagner; nephews: Murlen and wife Sandy, and Mark and wife Joanie, niece-in-law, Lori, all of rural Wagner; great nieces and nephews: Travis and wife Jen, Tyler, Jackie Beeson and husband Travis, Jody Foxhoven and husband Brock, and Jason and wife Jackie, Sharla, Mike and wife Brianna, Melissa, Marshall and Morgan; great-great nieces and nephews: Tayler and Dodge Van Duysen, Summer, Shada and Jaylen Beeson, Tuff, Ellie and Maci Foxhoven, and Casey and Kendra Van Duysen; and relatives and friends.

Jose was preceded in death by her parents; brother John, nephew Mike, and great nephew Casey.

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Van Duysen

Elmer Wormsbecher

AVON — The funeral service for Elmer Wormsbecher, 85 of Avon will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at the Danzig Baptist Church, rural Avon. Burial will be in the church cemetery with military honors by the Jelkim-Harms American Legion Post 142 of Tripp.

Visitation will be at the church from 2 to 7, followed by a 7 p.m. prayer service.

Elmer Wormsbecher, son of Emanuel and Amelia (Buchholz) Wormsbecher, was born in rural Bon Homme County on September 17, 1925. He died Saturday, June 11, 2011 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, SD. Elmer attained the age of 85 years, eight months and 26 days.

Elmer received an eighth grade education at Vesper County School. He served in the United States Army in Japan from April 17, 1951 to April 2, 1953.

Elmer married JoEllen DeGroot on June 17, 1964 at the Kingsburg Church in Kingsburg. Four sons were blessed to their union. He farmed on the home place all of his life.

Elmer was a member of the Danzig Baptist Church and served on the cemetery board for many years. He also was a member of the Jelkim-Harms American Legion Post 142 in Tripp for 58 years.

Elmer enjoyed restoring antique John Deere tractors and doing puzzles. He played the accordion and enjoyed Polka music. Elmer loved his granddaughters and the time spent



Wormsbecher

with them.

Thankful for having shared his life are his wife JoEllen, rural Avon; four sons: Gary and wife Jaclyn of Yankton, Dale and wife Lori, Lyle and Scott, all of Avon; three granddaughters: Lea and Katey Wormsbecher and Jazmyn Gunderson; brother, Harvey and wife Betty of Tripp; sister, Ella Roth and husband Walter of Tripp; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents; one brother Clarence; and six sisters: Lillian Richters, Julia Permann, Lorine Cihak, Ruth Ded, Hulda Wormsbecher and Esther Wudel.

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Valborg 'Val' Nielsen

PRESCOTT, Ariz. — Valborg "Val" Nielsen, 89, of Prescott died June 7, 2011.

She was born and raised in the Danish community of Tyler, Minnesota. Her heritage was a driving force in her life. In 1943 she married Roy Nielsen and they spent over 61 years together, first in Yankton, South Dakota, and then 50 years in Southern California. In 2005 she moved to Prescott. She was a loving mother, aunt, and Bedstemor (grandmother) who was the center of her extended family. She kept the Danish traditions alive especially at Christmas. She enjoyed golf, fitness exercising, and needlework.

Val is survived by her daughter, Carol, and son-in-law, Linn Lisbona, of Prescott with whom



Nielsen

she lived for the past 5 years; son Robert and Anette Nielsen of Fallbrook, California; special niece Barbara and Joe Gardner of Prescott; grandchildren, Linde, Heidi, Birka, Nils, Sigrid, and Leigh; great grandson, Owen Blue; brother, Halvor and Edith Johansen of Idaho Falls, Idaho; many loving nieces and nephews, brother-in-law Hod Nielsen of Yankton, sister-in-law Virginia Couch of Oklahoma City, and sister-in-law Elaine Nielsen, Yankton. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Nielsen; parents Johan and Sigrid Johansen; 3 brothers and a sister.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Nature Conservancy or Good Samaritan Society Prescott Hospice. A special thank you to her hospice team, Nathan, Mary, Carolyn, and Sandy.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangements by Arizona Wake-lin Funeral Home.

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Our care and concern does not end with the funeral service. This week we remember with family and friends the anniversary of the deaths of:

David Edwin Shelburg
who passed away on
June 13, 2010

Anna Margaret Swensen
who passed away on
June 16, 2010

Kathleen Mettler
who passed away on
June 19, 2010

Fred Mehrman
who passed away on
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Harold Wiczorek
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