

**4th Annual Eagle Eye Ride Today At Noon**

The 4th Annual Eagle Eye Ride in Mary Simek's memory will be held today (Saturday) with registration at noon at the Walnut Bar. The entry fee is \$10 with proceeds staying local. First prize wins \$100 with second prize claiming \$50.

The ride ends at 5:30 p.m. at the 7 Bar. Kings of Oblivion and Five Star Diner will perform.

**Summer Reading Program Week 4 Approaches**

World travel continues at the Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut, as we head to Asia the week of June 27-July 1, our fourth week of summer reading. Our theme One World, Many Stories has already led us on many adventures through reading, crafts, languages and songs, and we look forward to another sensational week!

Join us on Monday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m., for a special story time session. Dakota Tae Kwon Do will be on hand to give a demonstration. If you are unable to join us at that time, join us on Wednesday, June 29, from 1-2 p.m., as they come back to teach us a few moves!

Have you always wanted to learn about Chinese writing? Elementary children K-8 are invited to attend a session on Chinese writing and games with Eileen Leshner from 1-2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28. We'll finish out the day with our family movie, *The Karate Kid*, starting at 7 p.m. The movie is 140 minutes long and is rated PG. You are welcome to bring snacks.

The magic continues as we welcome Comedy Magician Adam White of Lincoln, Nebraska on Wednesday, June 29, at 10:30 a.m. in the City Gym 416 Walnut St.

He promises an exciting show that gets the kids participating, laughing and clapping!

Our study of Asia rounds out with a calligraphy writing session with Leila Elder on Thursday, June 30, from 1-2 p.m., and origami on Friday, July 1, from 1-2p.m. Both sessions will be held in the meeting room of the library.

Regular preschool story time will be on Tuesday, June 28 and Thursday, June 30, at 10:15 a.m.

For more information, contact the library at 668-5275.

**PFLAG-Yankton Chapter To Meet Sunday**

The PFLAG-Yankton chapter will be holding its June meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 26. Anyone who is interested in joining the group is encouraged to contact pflag\_yankton@hotmail.com.

PFLAG is a nationwide support group for Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and the Yankton chapter has been in existence since 2009.

**OBITUARIES**

**Edward Schnaidt**

Edward J. "Jim" Schnaidt, 88 passed away peacefully Thursday, June 23, 2011 at the Menno-Olivet Care Center in Menno. Funeral services will be held at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Menno on Tuesday, June 28 2011 at 10:30 AM. Burial will be at the Menno Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites by Rames-Bender America Legion Post #152. Visitations will be from 1 PM to 8 PM on Monday, June 27, 2011 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno is in handling arrangements.

Jim was born August 29, 1922 at Yankton, South Dakota to Dr. E.J. and Emelia (Ulmer) Schnaidt. He was baptized on November 26, 1922 and confirmed July 11, 1937 in the Peace Lutheran Church. He was a life-long member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Menno. He served in various offices there, including Financial Secretary and Chairman of the church council. He attended school in Menno. He entered college at Yankton College but his education was interrupted when he entered the U.S. Army on April 26, 1943, initially training in the paratroopers and then transferring into the infantry. He served in Europe, arriving shortly after D-Day and was honorably discharged on April 4, 1946. He was a member of Rames-Bender Post #152 of the American Legion in Menno.

He returned to Menno, finished his education at the University of South Dakota, and in 1947, began a career in the Menno State Bank, a business founded by his grandfather, J.W. Ulmer, Sr. He was active in the day to day operations until a fall in January of 2008 while walking home from work. At that time, he retired from active



Schnaidt

service but remained as Chairman of the Board until January of 2011. He served in the local bank for over 60 years. Jim enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially goose and pheasant hunting in the fall and his annual trek to the Lake of the Woods in Canada every spring. He was also quite good at working with his hands and always took pride in the fact that he built most of his home himself except for the skills he didn't have, such as plastering or cement work. He was active in the community, serving in many capacities, including School Board clerk for many years. He very much enjoyed travel with his wife Esther and often remarked in his later years that he was so glad that he had done it when it was still rather easy to do.

In December of 2010, he moved into the Menno-Olivet Care Center due to declining health.

He was preceded in death by his father, in 1937, his mother in 1973, his wife Esther in 2002, an infant daughter Sue Ann and two infant brothers, Charles and Robert.

He is survived by his children, Steven (Kathy) of Moscow, Russia, Jeanne (Steve) McLaughlin of Sellersburg, IN, James (Robin) of Menno and Thomas of Sioux Falls, 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

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**Dunes**

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the last three or four weeks."

Michels' attention has been stretched from Pierre, to Yankton, where he lived and practiced law for years before being elected lieutenant governor in 2010, to his hometown of Vermillion, and to Dakota Dunes.

"On Memorial Day, I was in Yankton, assisting with our emergency management team all throughout the southeast," he said. "What we did when these increases came up is immediately contact the communities in the region to see if they needed more sandbagging."

"In the Vermillion area, I know they have been in contact about the intakes relative to the water, and I don't have a recent update," Michels said, "but I know there was a request from the people down in Ponderosa wanting some technical assistance. We asked for the Corps to take a look at that, as well."

He was taken by boat on the river near Dakota Dunes earlier Friday afternoon to get an up-close look at the levee system. "I'm pleased to report that it is holding up very well," he said. The emergency team and local citizens have responded thoroughly to the new challenges caused by recent rains. Water that has collected behind the levees is being pumped out, and several homes have had electric service restored, allowing their owners to pump water out of the dwellings.

"We are encountering a lot of groundwater from not only people pumping, but from the rains," he said. "But this is a situation that is being handled very well. I was

very impressed."

There are no signs of the flooding letting up any time soon. There also are more and more questions being raised about what the future may hold. Michels and Thune admitted that many of the inquiries are impossible to answer.

"The bigger issues are if there are going to be any future increases (from the dams). I've been asked that quite a few times; the Corps has said they aren't anticipating it," Michels said, "but it's really all going to be subject to what happens with the rain."

"There are lots of questions, and I know that people are frustrated," Thune said. "They want answers about the management practices. Clearly those issues are going to be addressed and dealt with at some point."

Corps officials have been keeping a close watch on the snowmelt in the higher elevations in Montana. "They've said that it is going at a relatively good pace. They are watching, obviously, the inflows, and are prepared for it," Michels said. "The only thing that's the wildcard is various rain events."

Thune recently met with officials from both the Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"My impression is that FEMA is prepared to help the local communities. All of the protective measures that have been taken, we hope, are going to be eligible for reimbursement from them on a matching basis," Thune said. "I know some of these communities are strapped already, and we've had questions about the amount of assistance. FEMA made it very clear that if they have estimates about the work progress reports, they should be submitting those."

FEMA can also loan funds to communities "to help with some

of these expenses until full assessments are made and they are able to come to final conclusions about what can be covered."

Thune is also receiving many inquiries from South Dakotans about flood insurance-related issues.

"Anybody who purchased flood insurance, irrespective of the flood in progress trigger date of June 1, needs to go through the process, submit a claim, and have an adjuster come out," he said. "FEMA made it very clear that they should do that, and there may be other flood-in-progress dates coming. Some of these flood events have more than one trigger date."

Thune believes that a thorough review must be made of the Master Manual used by the Corps to manage South Dakota's system of mainstem dams and reservoirs.

"There are going to be a lot of issues concerning that to address and perhaps modify going forward," he said. "They think that this is an event that will change the parameters they use in terms of the decisions they make on how to release and keep water levels in the reservoirs going forward."

"There's going to have to be an accounting," Thune said. "I think the Corps of Engineers is going to have to answer questions, obviously, regarding when they made their decisions and why they made their decisions. They will acknowledge today that the Master Manual that they use to govern this system sets targets and sets ranges when it comes to releases. I think they are looking forward, after this is all over and done with, to the opportunity to answer some of the questions and to work with us to modify the Master Manual so that this doesn't happen again in the future."

The presence of Michels and Thune in Dakota Dunes Friday coincided with a shift in control of the measures still ongoing to protect the city from the high flows of the Missouri River.

"We're transitioning from the Level 3 team from the state to local control," said Steve Long, the incoming public information officer, hired by Dakota Dunes. "We will still have state teams here that will rotate in and out as they complete their missions, but I'll be more of a long term public information officer as we work through the different stages. While I'm being paid by the Dunes, I'm also representing southeastern South Dakota."

"As things have stabilized to a degree, we're going to be handling things more on a local basis, with access to and assistance from state and federal resources," he said.

The South Dakota National Guard, the office of the governor and the U.S. Border Patrol will still have a presence in Dakota Dunes.

"We're still going to have access to some of those resources," Long said. "It's just that the management of those resources is now going to be handled locally as opposed to having a state team here to do that for us."

Michels said only one thing is certain when it comes to the behavior of the Missouri River in South Dakota this year.

"What's predictable is ... this is unpredictable," he said. "We can't be complacent, and I think everyone knows that we just need to keep ourselves safe. A lot of this is in God's hands, in the sense of how much more rain may or may not come."

"We have to be vigilant," Michels said. "This is the beginning of what is going to be a long flood fight."

**Safety**

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"Just as a general safety tip, if you see water running across the road or across a bike path or anything like that, try to avoid it, because whatever it's crossing might not be there anymore," he said. "With moving water, you just don't know. That goes for walking, biking or driving your car."

For residents living near levees, South Dakota Emergency Operations officials are requesting citizens to stay away from the levees for their own safety. The levees are not designed to be climbed or driven on, and such activities could also compromise the integrity of the structure.

"The levees are our first line of defense against this record river flooding," said Trevor Jones, secretary of the State Department of Public Safety. "To keep the people

and property safe, we need to make sure the levees are maintained in strong working condition."

Officials are also advising caution for those who use private wells, as the water has the potential to be contaminated by floodwaters.

Wells that are near flooded regions may need to be tested, even if those wells don't appear to be flooded, according to Jack Daniel, administrator of the Office of Drinking Water and Environmental Health at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

"Even though your wellhead isn't under water, if you are near flooded areas, and especially if your well is shallow, meaning less than 50 feet deep, I recommend that you have your water tested to be sure it's safe," Daniel said in a news release.

Floodwaters can impact a domestic well through underground seepage without any evidence of it aboveground.

"If your water tastes different or if it looks cloudy, don't drink it," Daniel said. "Get it tested."

Sample bottles for testing can be requested through the South Dakota Public Health Laboratory online at <http://doh.sd.gov/Lab/privatew.aspx>. Questions can be directed to the lab's mailroom at (605)773-3368.

Those in Nebraska can order water-testing kits from the Nebraska Public Health Environmental Laboratory by calling (402)471-3935. Request a Colilert test kit which can test for Coliform and E.coli.

While many safety issues deal with the present, Terry Woster of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety said it's never too early to start planning for the future.

"It's taking responsibility for your own safety," he said. "There are a lot of people out there who are poised to help, but at some point it's your life and your family's life, so you need to be deeply

involved in your own planning."

Woster recommended making preparations in case of flooding, especially for situations where the danger would be imminent.

"People should have a water-proof container of some sort that contains valuables such as insurance documents, financial information, and the really critical family things you need saved," he said.

Woster added that an evacuation plan should also be ready if needed.

"If conditions are such that there could be quick flooding, be prepared to leave," he said. "If an evacuation is advised or directed, you should be ready ahead of time with a plan that says where you go, what you take, and how you will maintain contact with family or friends or someone who will know where you are."

For more flood preparedness information, visit [http://www.disasterrecovery.sd.gov/flood\\_info\\_pubs.aspx](http://www.disasterrecovery.sd.gov/flood_info_pubs.aspx).

**Levee**

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have left when it's all over."

The Shieffers have three children who still live at home — Lexie, Andrew and Brandon.

Heine said she has lived along Lexie Lane for 12 years, but the property had been owned and utilized by her family prior to that.

The Missouri River now haunts her, she said.

"You can't sleep with two little boys across the yard not knowing what's coming at them in the dark," Arlene stated. Her granddaughter, Lexie, is currently on a trip outside the area.

Arlene has a lot of questions: Why wasn't the U.S Army Corps of Engineers better prepared to handle record amounts of snow-pack? Is the Corps being honest about plans to hold releases at Gavins Point Dam to 160,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), or

does it already have intentions to raise them? Why has the Corps and the state of South Dakota done so much to help residents in the Pierre/Fort Pierre area, as well as Dakota Dunes, while homeowners west of Yankton have been expected to make fortifications on their own?

The Corps has said that, barring an extraordinary precipitation event like the one that occurred this week, it does not plan to raise releases above 160,000 cfs. Those flows are expected to be maintained through

at least August. Despite the heartache caused by the flooding, Arlene said she has been overwhelmed by the amount of help that has been given to her family.

"People have been wonderful," she said. "They came from Norfolk, Neb.; Randolph, Neb.; Sioux Falls — all over. They worked like dogs in the heat. Some of them have come back again and again."

It's a sentiment echoed by Re-

becca, who wanted to especially thank the Hoefs family for their assistance throughout the flood event.

Arlene said she hopes her family can reclaim their homes from the clutches of the river in the months ahead.

"A neighbor said it doesn't feel like home anymore, and you don't know if it ever will," she stated.

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