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### **Cedar-Knox Repairs Broken Water Line**

From P&D Staff Reports

HARTINGTON, Neb. — The Cedar-Knox Rural Water Project in Northeast Nebraska advises customers the repairs of a line break have been completed.

Normal usage can resume today (Saturday).

Cedar-Knox officials thanks the public for its help during the repairs.

## NPPD Hits Record Energy Peak

COLUMBUS, Neb. - The Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) reached an estimated record peak load of 2,687 megawatts Thursday, topping the previous mark of 2,671 megawatts set on July 30, 2006

"Our facilities and system have been performing well to match the high load levels we have seen lately," said NPPD Chief Operat-ing Officer Tom Kent. "NPPD matches its generation to its electrical load, ensuring our customers of a consistent source of energy. Personnel at our power plants, control center, and the technicians who maintain and operate our transmission and distribution assets are working hard to keep NPPD's delivery of electricity reliable and at a reasonable cost to customers."

When temperatures increase, as they have this week, electrical usage and demand increases. As a result, NPPD utilizes its diverse portfolio of generation resources — coal, nuclear, gas, wind and hydro to meet that demand. When necessary, NPPD also purchases power from other utilities to meet customers' needs.

Kent explained that the high summer temperatures Nebraskans are seeing also can mean a higher electric bill due to the use of more electricity for air conditioning.

'Customers' may want to conserve energy and offset the potential for a higher monthly bill," he said.

NPPD encourages energy conservation that can help customers' pocketbooks without causing discomfort from the heat. It recom-mends washing and drying clothes and running the dishwasher during late evening; set their air conditioning thermostat up a few degrees or use a programmable thermostat; decreasing the use of hot water, closing window blinds to shade rooms from direct sunlight; and circulating the air in your home with a ceiling or portable

### Local Author Accepted Into ASJA

Loretta Sorensen was recently accepted as a member of the American Society of Journalists and Authors (ASJA), a national organization headquartered in New York City.

Sorensen, who established Prairie Hearth Publishing, LLC in 2005, offers both writing and self-publishing services. Her articles regularly appear in leading national publications in the aggregate mining, agriculture, hobby farming, ranching, and vintage equipment industries. She completed her Bachelor of Arts at Mount Marty College (2003) and Master of Science in Journalism at South Dakota State University (2005). ASJA was established in 1948. The national professional organi-

zation of independent nonfiction writers consists of more than 1,400 outstanding freelance writers of magazine articles, trade books, and many other forms of nonfiction writing. Each member has met ASJA's exacting standards of professional achievement.

ASJA is a primary voice in representing freelancers' interests, serving as spokesman for their right to control and profit from uses of their work in the news media and otherwise.

ASJA brings leadership in establishing professional and ethical standards, and in recognizing and encouraging the pursuit of excel-

lence in nonfiction writing. Headquartered in New York Clty, ASJA has regional chapters in Northern and Southern California, the Rocky Mountain area, the Southeast (Atlanta area), the Upper Midwest (Minneapolis area), upstate New York, Long Island and Washington, D.C.

More information about Sorensen, her company and writing activities is available at www.prairiehearthpublishingllc.com

## Northeast Welding Class Begins Soon In O'Neill

O'NEILL, Neb. - Northeast Community College in O'Neill will soon offer a two-credit-hour Welding class to help alleviate industry shortages of skilled welders.

The welding class, with course number WELD1990 and CRN #40151, meets Wednesdays and Thursdays, July 11-25, from 5-10 p.m. at the O'Neill High School, 540 East Hynes Avenue. Cost is \$177.

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Jane (Highstreet '62) Walser, Paul Rehfuss '61 and Larry Hintgen '61 glance at the Class Memory Books created for the Class of 1962 & 1961 Social to be held this summer during the Yankton College All-Class Reunion, July 19-21 in Yankton.

# Yankton College Class of '62 **Ready To Celebrate 50th**

The Yankton College Class of 1962 has good reason to gather this summer in Yankton at the 2012 All-Class Reunion. It has been 50 years since the Class graduated from the "College on the Hill." To celebrate the 50th anniversary, the 1962 alumni are registering to attend the three day event, July 19-21, adding to the total of 250 alumni who are expected to attend, including a large number from the Class of 1961. Favorite memories and biographies were recently collected and included in a specially designed booklet to be available at the Class of 1961 & 1962 Social, to be held Friday 20, 3:00 p.m. at Memorial Park, in a shelter at 19th & Pine. Classmates, friends and other alumni of Yankton College are invited to attend the afternoon gathering. It is scheduled in between the Ringing of the College Bell to be heard from 12th Street, south of the Crane-Youngworth stadium at 2:00 p.m. and the athletic event, the Greyhound Greats to be held at Murdo's, on Hwy 121, at 5:00 p.m.

Back in the days of 1961 and 1962, Yankton College had distinctive organizations like the Y-Club and the Howling 30 who supported the athletic Greyhound teams; music majors at the Conservatory of Music were led by J. Laiten Weed, Floyd McCain, Evelyn Hohf, Leona Marek and Lewis Hamvas; Miss Greyhound and Miss Pioneer were crowned and the School of Theology produced student pastors who went on to serve churches nationwide.

From its liberal arts education, Yankton College produced thousands of students and graduates from 1881-1984. Through its 103 years of existence, scholars, educators, lawyers, doctors, theologians, musicians, artists and athletes have emerged. And long-lasting friendships were made. The Yankton College All-Class Reunions are held every two years to reach out to alumni and reunite college friends.

For more information on the 2012 All-Class Reunion, contact the Yankton College office at (605) 665-3661 or visit www.yanktoncollege.org

Travel

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take that whole week."

She noted that when the holiday is in the middle of the week, it expands the holiday travel from one weekend to two.

Shane Bertsch, District Park Supervisor for the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GF&P), expects numbers to be very good for travel into the Lewis and Clark Recreation areas.

"The numbers are going to be really good for July 4," he said.

than a normal busy summer weekend would be," Bertsch said.

In addition to the 1,600 campers, he expects about 500 to 700 boats to be on the water on the 4th of July alone.

Fuks noted that the biggest impacts on holiday travel are the weather and gas prices. She added this year's travel could skyrocket for the July 4 holiday because the gas prices have been lower and the weather has been good.

"The 4th of July is the holiday that makes you go somewhere," Fuks said. "It's the middle of the summer, kids want to go somewhere and the weather is usually stable."

# More Motorcycle Rider **Classes Set For July** At Northeast CC

NORFOLK, Neb. - A few slots remain open for the July sessions of the popular, weekend Motorcycle Rider Education Course at Northeast Community College in Norfolk.

Motorcycles will be provided, along with a Department of Transportation-approved helmet if needed. Load capacity for student-provided motorcycles is 345 lbs. maximum.

The class is limited to 12 students. Anyone under 18 must have a waiver form signed by a parent or legal guardian.

This class includes five hours of classroom instruction and 10 hours of riding instruction. It meets Fridays from 6:30-10 p.m., Saturdays from 7:50 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., and Sundays from 7:50 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Utility Line Building, located east of campus at 1601 East Benjamin Avenue. Students may choose from classes on these May/June weekends:

July 6-8. Register for course number TRAN 0400/12B and CRN #60055.

July 20-22. Register for course number TRAN 0400/12B and CRN #60056.

Instructors will be Harry Lindner, Tyler Holcomb, Michael Holcomb, Roger Nelson, or Don Moser. All have completed intensive training to be certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles.

According to the instructors, this class improves skills and may lower motorcycle insurance premiums. Students will receive five hours of classroom instruction and 10 hours of riding instruction on motorcycle basics like turning, shifting, and braking. The class will also review more advanced street riding strategies.

Participants are required to wear proper gear including eye protection like sunglasses or prescription eye glasses, a longsleeve shirt or jacket, long pants (excluding parachute or baggy pants), full-finger gloves, boots or high-top athletic shoes that cover the ankle, and rain gear if the weather is threatening.

Upon completion of the class, students will take a driving test and written exam. After passing both exams, a certificate from Northeast Community College and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation will be awarded. Students then must take the MSF card to the Driver's License Examiner to be issued a license with a motorcycle endorsement. An eye examination is required but applicants will not have to take the riding or written examination.

Cost of the class is \$119.50 for Nebraska residents.

Students can register by calling Donna at (402)844-7216. She can also be called for directions on how to access a link with the registration form on the Northeast website.

report their numbers of visitor requests being up as well which could prove to bring the number of travelers into those

areas up for the season. Travel to the area should not be affected by the hot weather, according to Bertsch.

"As long as its not extremly hot, the heat should not affect the numbers," he said. "The beaches will be packed all week, and people will want to take their boat out regardless of the heat."

Bertsch notes that, due to the nice weather in the winter, they were able to make a lot of improvements to the grounds, including a lodge that just opened for use this year. Staff members at Lewis and Clark are currently working on an elevated shooting range for archery, which is expected to be open by the end of July. "We take pride in our customer service and keeping the grounds neat, clean and wellgroomed," Bertsch said. "If we can maintain those things, along with the draw of the lake, it will keep guests coming back each year.

unexpected state — Ohio.

Ohio has topped all other states in terms of visitor information packet requests, she said. This includes the normal traffic from Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minneapolis, something that surprised her.

"Yankton is really a good, hometown feel type of place to go to," Fuks said. "The fireworks and parks here are big draws for July 4."

Despite all the fun that comes with the area on the 4th of July, Bertsch said guests should always have safety in mind.

"If you're out on a boat, have the life jackets and safety gear prepared and ready to go," he said. "Make sure all safety precautions are taken and use caution, because there will be a lot of other boaters out there, too.' For the guests enjoying the beaches at Lewis and Clark, Bertsch wants to remind them that no pets are allowed and glass containers are prohibited.

According to the Northeast Education Center Director Merri Schneider, skilled welders are in high demand in the area. She says this class is a great way to enhance skills for all levels of welding experience.

Students in the class will learn to apply shop safety standards, operate gas metal arc welding (GMAW), shielded metal arc welding (SMAW) welders, cutting equipment, and basic knowledge of metal properties. Students will also gain training in flat and vertical wire and stick welding, competent use of cutting torches, and plasma cutters.

To register, call Schneider at the Northeast Community College Education Center in O'Neill at (402)336-3590.

### OBITUARIES

#### Jud Reaney

A memorial reception and cel-ebration of the life of Jud Reaney will be held at 2-4 p.m. July 7 at



Reaney

Jensen. Jud, the son of Dr. Duane and Kathryn Reaney, died on Feb. 24, 2012 in St. Paul, Minn.

## Lula Grace Hagge

Lula Grace (Pederson) Hagge, age 92, of Yankton, SD passed away Friday, June 29, 2012, at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton, SD. Funeral service will be 11:30 AM, Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton, with Rev. Dave Lund officiating. Burial will be in the Gayville Cemetery, Gayville, SD at approx-imately 1:30 PM Tuesday afternoon. Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with arrangements.

"It's going to be mostly full, and I expect the rest of the available campsites to go in the next few

days.' He added that campsites in the park are expected to be at, or near capacity, beginning this weekend for the next week. The increased patrons to the area mean more staff will be on duty at boat ramps and beaches on the grounds.

"If the weather is good, we expect about 1,600 campers or so for the 4th of July, which is more

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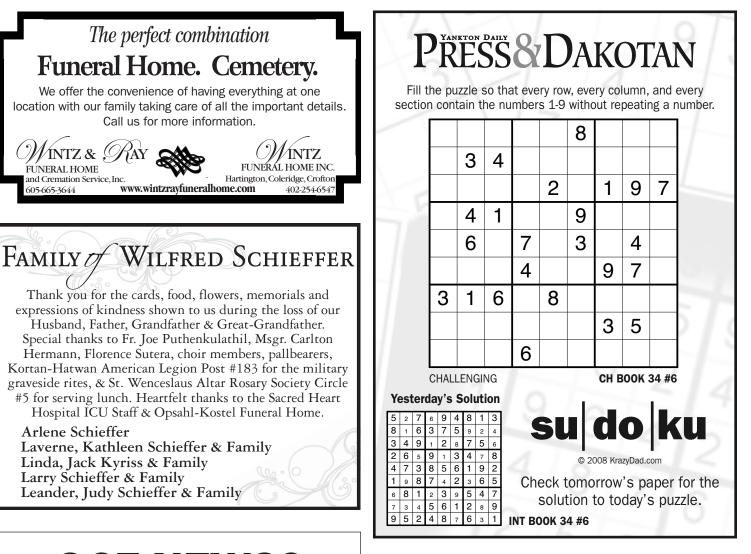
She added that another factor that could play in to the numbers going up is that there were a lot of visitors to the area last year to see the flooding — visitors that had never been here before. She said that there is the potential that they travel back here this year to enjoy the area and all that it has to offer.

In addition to the Yanktonarea numbers being up, Fuks said that other tourism directors in Sioux Falls, Mitchell and Madison

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Fuks noted that, this year, visitor requests have come from an

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