

# River

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take the top off of the flood of 2011," Redmund said. "You'd still have 100,000 cubic feet per second, and that flow would last at least until November."

Clay County resident and county commissioner Jerry Wilson said the area was able to avoid much of the damage of last year's flood because it's wider there and relatively free-flowing.

It also has a connection with the floodplain, Redmund added.

"South of here, from Ponca and Sioux City south, we don't have that," he said. "So here is a model for how a greater portion of the river could serve its functions if it were allowed to operate as this section of the river has."

Wilson said the main negative effect of the 2011 flood was that "there was widespread, unpermitted bank stabilization, some of it with unpermitted materials."

These materials included such items as concrete, rocks and rebar, he said.

Local citizens and governments

need to keep pressure on the Corps to require individual permits for the bankline stabilization that occurred immediately prior to the flood, Wilson said.

"These permits should require either the removal of inappropriate materials, or that (affected areas) be re-covered and re-vegetated," he said. "Unfortunately, the Corps has indicated that they're going to regulate material only below the ordinary high-water mark, which they define as about 40,000 cubic feet per second of flow."

A new bankline inventory from the University of South Dakota Missouri River Institute shows approximately 43 percent of river frontage has been artificially altered, Wilson said.

"That's a degree of armoring that could threaten the very values that got the Missouri designated as a wild and scenic river in the first place," he said.

Some of those values already were being threatened before the flood - both the water quality and the pallid sturgeon are in steep decline, said Marion Moss of the Nebraska Wildlife Federation.

Some reasons for the decline are habitat changes. More than 120

miles were eliminated during the navigation channel creation, and more than 500,000 wetland acres have been lost over the years as the channel was developed, Moss said.

This has led to lost connectivity in the floodplain and a "tremendous decrease" in sedimentation in the river, she said.

There also are emerging contaminants and other pollutants.

"Specifically (it's) the pharmaceutical hormones as you see in birth control pills and the hormone replacement therapy," Moss said. "Those kinds of drugs actually enter through the wastewater treatment plants, and then through the discharge into the river that enters our river systems."

These pharmaceuticals may have contributed to a trend seen in male pallid sturgeon where they develop both male and female reproductive organs.

"I want to emphasize that the Missouri River serves as a drinking water source ... at least partially for most all the large cities along the way," Moss said. "So, these pharmaceuticals are ending up in our drinking water because there is no method at this point of removal, either at the drinking water

facility or the wastewater facility."

Management of flows affects the sturgeon, as well.

"The Missouri River no longer has the high peaks in the springtime, and then dipping down into the low flows in the summer. It is a managed flow," Moss said. "The water is managed for the navigation industry, which there is very little of north of the Iowa/Nebraska line."

Both Wilson and Redmond said the local governments and citizens need to work with the National Park Service and other organizations to help conditions improve.

"Those of us who live along the Missouri River must remember that this is our national park, and we need to do two things," Wilson said. "First, we need to recognize, appreciate and protect the river for its inherent natural qualities, and second, I think we should recognize the vast economic development potential that this river represents for low-impact tourism such as canoeing, kayaking, hiking, birding, camping and other recreation along this stretch of the river."

For more information, visit [www.americanrivers.org/MissouriRiver](http://www.americanrivers.org/MissouriRiver).

## Tabor Preparing For Annual Czech Days Celebration

TABOR — Ken and Colleen Sedlacek are busy organizing the 64th Annual Czech Days Giant Parade, which will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 15, in Tabor.

The Kortan-Hatwan Post No. 183 of the American Legion is in charge of handling the parade activities. Anyone interested in entering the parade should contact the Sedlacek's at 42911 310th Street, Tabor, SD 57063; or call at (605) 661-2628 or (605) 661-0411 as soon as possible to get your assigned number and route of the parade line-up. You may download an entry form at <http://www.taborczechdays.com>

Ruth Melichar will be in charge of organizing the Kiddie Parade, which is held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 16, one block east of St. Wenceslaus Church. The categories for entering the Kiddie parade are: Dolls, Bicycles, Pets, and Miscellaneous. There is no entry fee and children up to the age of 12 are welcome to enter. Participants should assemble at the beginning of the parade route

by 10 a.m. for assignment of category and number. Pre-registration for the Kiddie Parade is being asked to be completed by calling, writing, or dropping off to Ruth Melichar, 123 South Haki Avenue, Tabor, SD 57063 or call 605-463-2379. You may download an entry form at <http://www.taborczechdays.com>

Any boy or girl interested in being selected as Czech Days Prince or Princess must be between the ages of 8 years old and not yet 12 years old at the time of selection. The prince and princess will be selected by drawing names at random at the Sokol Park stage following the Kiddie Parade and entrants must be dressed in a Czech costume such as the Beseda Dancers wear. Participating in the Kiddie Parade is encouraged but not mandatory. The children should be living in the immediate area as there are parades and other events that they will be expected to participate in.

## OBITUARIES

### Dorothy Scherschligt

Dorothy M. (Hollmann) Scherschligt, age 93, of Yankton, went to her heavenly home on Monday May 14, 2012 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 18, 2012 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton, with Rev. Dave Gunderson officiating. Burial will be at approximately 2:15 p.m. Friday afternoon at the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Armour, SD.

Visitations will be 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a prayer service and memory sharing at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers are her grandsons, Dana Knodel, Jay Knodel, Don Putnam, Dean Putnam, Todd Harrington, Brian Ruff and Bruce Ruff.

Dorothy Hollmann Scherschligt was born August 10, 1918 at Van Tassel, Wyoming to John and Jane (Conger) Weich. Dorothy grew up in the Wessington and Parkston area and graduated from Wessington Springs Junior College, attended Huron College and graduated from



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USD-Springfield with an elementary education degree. She taught in rural schools near Salem, Delmont and Armour.

She married Henry Hollmann August 3, 1939 in

Philip, SD and they made their home on a farm near Armour where they raised six children. Dorothy was active in home extension clubs and at Redeemer Lutheran Church where she taught Bible school and Sunday school. In 1968 they moved to Austin, MN where she taught at Nevlyn Elementary for 11 years. After moving back to the farm in Armour, she became active in the Senior Center and her church again. Following Henry's passing away in 1987 she moved to Yankton in 1990. In Yankton, Dorothy became a member of St. John's Lutheran Church where she was active in Bible studies, LWML circle, choirs and Over 50's, enjoying the fellowship of Christian friends and playing cards. She was a board member of the Senior Center and a member of Retired Teachers. She became a tutor of math and reading. On July 14, 1994

she married Alverno Scherschligt and they shared their interest of music, friends and family until his passing. Dorothy became a resident of Sister James Care Center, Yankton in June of 2011.

She is survived by her son, Gene (Nicki) Hollmann, of Havre, MT; daughters: Sue (Joe) Hersman, of Tyndall, SD, Daisy Kamback, of Yankton, SD, and Joy (Tom) Harrington, of Andover, NJ; son-in-law, Richard Bruner, of Lake Andes, SD; two step daughters, Shari (Bob) Rupiper, of Chowchilla, CA and LeEtte (Lucas) Vos, of Hanover Park, IL and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, son, James and daughter, Sharon Knodel Bruner, great granddaughter and two sons-in-law, and two brothers and two sisters.

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### Ann Perk

Ann Louise Perk, age 85, died Monday, May 14, 2012 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 18, 2012, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Crofton, Nebraska with Reverend Michael Schmitz officiating. Burial will be in the St. Rose Cemetery in Crofton.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, at the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Pallbearers are Paul Schieffer, Nick Schieffer, Lee Heilman, Alan Heilman, Jay Heilman and Corey Perk.

Ann Louise Perk was born June 16, 1926 in Bow Valley, Nebraska to Louis and Elizabeth (Lammers) Stevens. She attended Sts. Peter and Paul Grade School in Bow Valley and then graduated from Holy Trinity High School in Hartington, Nebraska in 1944. Ann Louise received her Teaching Certificate and taught school in three Cedar County one room schools for four years. On August 2, 1948, she married Lucian "Bud" Perk in Bow Valley. After their marriage, they lived in Crofton and then moved to Bow



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Valley in 1952. Ann Louise had a very serious bout with polio but survived. They returned to Crofton where they raised five children. Ann Louise served as parish organist of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

for many years. From 1969 to 1971, she was a teacher's aide for the Crofton School District and then from 1971 to 1979, she worked and managed the school lunch program. In 1979, Ann Louise and Bud moved to Sioux Falls where she managed the school lunch program at O'Gorman Catholic Schools until 1997. Ann Louise made many friends at O'Gorman and thoroughly enjoyed attending all the sporting events. She and Bud were very proud to have been involved as charter members in the establishment of the new St. Michael's Parish in Sioux Falls. Upon retirement, she took up painting and became a very accomplished artist, winning several awards for her many paintings. Ann Louise also loved watching the Minnesota Twins play baseball. In 2010, she moved to Yankton, South Dakota, living at Majestic Bluffs Retirement Community to

be near her two daughters.

Ann Louise is survived by five children: Richard (Deb) Perk of Lincoln, NE, Steve (Cindi) Perk of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA, Peg (Marlan) Schieffer of Crofton, John (Michele) Perk of Boise, ID and Doris (Tom) Heilman of Yankton; 12 grandchildren: Brian and Breanna Perk; Paul, Nick, Jana Schieffer and Sara (Carl) Livingston; Jason McLean, Corey and Alyssa Perk; and Lee, Alan and Jay Heilman; two great grandsons, Mason and Carson Livingston; and one sister, Alice (Bill) Lynch of Yankton.

Ann Louise was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bud on September 26, 1987; and a brother, Robert Stevens.

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

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### Alvin Merkwan

TYNDALL — Alvin T. Merkwan, age 74 of Tyndall, SD passed away on Sunday, May 13, 2012 in Lesterville, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 18, 2012 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, SD with Rev. Joe Puthenkulathil and Msgr. Carlton Hermann officiating. Burial will be in St. Wenceslaus Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites by the Kortan-Hatwan American Legion Post #183, Tabor.

Visitations will begin at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, May 17, 2012 at the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church with a Wake Service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume 1 hour prior to the service at the church.

The Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, is in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Richard, John, Gary, and Joe Merkwan, Randy and Terry Tucek, and Richard Honner.

Alvin Thomas Merkwan was born on August 2, 1937 in Tabor, SD to Anton and Anna (Cahoy) Merkwan. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, SD. He served his country in the National Guard and United States Army from 1955 to 1963. He married Joyce Mount in Tyndall, SD on October 24, 1959. To this union, 4 children were born: Diane, Linda, Kathy and James.

Farming was his way of life, spending many hours in his fields and caring for his livestock.

He enjoyed working on cars and found a love in restoring classic cars. He found joy in doing woodworking and restoring all types of furniture. Every winter he would travel to his ranch in Texas, where he treasured his longhorns. The time he spent with his grandchildren was precious and limitless.

He was a member of the Catholic Workman and St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church.

He is survived by his 3 daughters, Diane (Gary) Kriz and their children, Ryan, Jay and Jody of Tyndall, SD; Linda (Bruce) Kortan and their children, Jordan and Ross of Tyndall, SD; and Kathy (Kerry) Kepplinger and their children, Kyle, Kory and Kreg of Scotland, SD; son, James (Jeani) Merkwan and their children, Mitchell, McKeely, Mace and Madden of Tyndall, SD; his friend who shared in his memories for 13 years, LaLanie Tucek of Tyndall, SD; a brother, Laddie (Lillian) Merkwan of Tyndall, SD; and sister-in-law, Adeline Merkwan of Tabor, SD and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anton and Anna Merkwan and his brother, Edward.

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### Darlene Hoxeng

Darlene Mae Hoxeng, age 79, of Yankton, passed away Sunday evening, May 13, 2012 at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 17, 2012 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton, with Rev. Dave Wildermuth officiating. Burial will be in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery, rural Volin, SD, at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Visitations will be 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a video tribute and memory sharing at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers are Matt Hoxeng, Brian Hoxeng, Tyler Hoxeng, Tara Hoxeng, Amber Sorenson and Erika Hoxeng.

Honorary Pallbearers are Jack & Diane Gunderson, Doris Peterson, Lucille Mjoen, Jerome & Caroline Zavadil, George & Jean Gunderson and Twila Stribal.

Darlene Mae Hoxeng was born February 25, 1933 in Viborg, SD to Hans & Anna (Andersen) Sorensen. She attended Volin Public High School. She married Warren Dale Hoxeng and they farmed near Volin until Warren's death. Darlene moved to Yankton. She loved her flower beds and was very proud of her yard. She received the Yard-of-the-Month Award.



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Hoxeng, Terry Hoxeng and Dave (Dana) Hoxeng, all of Volin, SD; daughter, Karen Hoxeng of Yankton, SD; sisters, Lucille Mjoen of Yankton, SD, Carolyn (Jerome) Zavadil of Crofton, NE; In-laws, Darlene Pederson of Yankton, SD, Janet (Don) DeBolt of Sioux Falls, SD; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren Dale; parents, Hans & Anna Sorensen; brother, Everett (Helen) Sorensen; sisters, Estella (Arnold) Anderson, Elaine (Jim) Meyers, Muriel (Oliver) Aaen, Gladys (Lowell) Brown; daughter-in-law, Julie Hoxeng; brother-in-law, Gilbert Mjoen; brother-in-law, Virgil Pederson, and brother- and sister-in-law LaVern and Norma Hoxeng.

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### Lloyd Schulte

DISNEY, Okla. — Lloyd Francis Schulte, age 74 of Disney, OK, passed away Tuesday May 8, 2012.

Lloyd was born in Hays, Kansas, on April 5, 1938, to Herb and Armella (Jacobs) Schulte. On April 19, 1976, he was united in marriage to Betsy Pester. Lloyd enjoyed his dogs, fishing, camping with his eight children, working on cars and working in the garden.

Survivors included his wife Betsy Schulte, children: Brenda Marcom of Skiatook, OK, Belinda Tidball and husband Bruce of Norman, Keith Schulte of Harrisburg, PA, Bonnie Hisek of Yankton, South Dakota, Beatrice Lindsey and husband Dennis of Verdigris, OK, Bernadine Dempsey and husband David of Idabel, OK, Bethany Michel and husband Jeff of Hutchinson, MN, Debbie Bledsoe and husband Gary, Salina, OK, siblings: Sylvia Reinhart and husband Henry of Hays, KS, LaVern Schulte and wife Marilyn of Portland, OR, Sandy Hazelhorst of Hays, KS, and LouAnn Hammersmith and husband Allen of Gorham, KS, 18 grandchildren: Rachel Marcom, H.K. Marcom, Cody Cumbie, Jessica Cumbie, Larry Luetke, Tamera Luetke, Amy Hisek, James Hisek IV, Carl Anderson, Keven Anderson, Matthew Dempsey, Megan Dempsey, Kelsey Michel, Jeffery Michel, Amber Baucum, Chris Carigan, Adam Keeling, and Stephanie Keeling, as well as 4 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents Herbert and Armella Schulte and son-in-law LeRoy J Hisek.

Private family services will be held May 19 in Claremore, Oklahoma.

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### Reuben Heckenlaible

FREEMAN — Reuben H Heckenlaible 88, of Freeman died Monday at the Freeman Hospital.

Reuben married Linda Streyle in 1949. Linda died in 1997.

He is survived by a son Jarvis (Glenda) of Harrisburg and daughter Sheri Wire of Madison 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10:30 at Grace Lutheran Church of Menno.

Visitation will begin at 5:00 on Thursday at the Walter Funeral Home with a prayer service at 7:00.

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### Jessie Snodderly

Jessie E. Snodderly, 95, of Yankton died Monday, May 14, 2012, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Assembly of God, Yankton, with the Rev. Jeff Mantz and Kathy Dehring officiating. Burial will be in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Gregory, at approximately 2:45 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

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