

Nebraska Youth Range Camp Being Offered

HALSEY, Neb. — Students age 14-18 with an interest in learning about the outdoors are encouraged to attend the 52nd Nebraska Youth Range Camp that will be held June 8-12 at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey.

The Nebraska Youth Range Camp consists of a 4 1/2-day dynamic curriculum that appeals to students with a wide array of interests including, but not limited to, rangeland management, conservation, ecology, animal science and wildlife. With more than 50 years to perfect and evolve this curriculum, every student, no matter what prior experience they have, will learn substantial information that will help them become more aware of Nebraska's most prevalent land use.

Rangelands cover nearly 50 percent of Nebraska and approximately 60 percent of the United States. These numbers convey the dominance of this land use, but recently there have been several political issues regarding the management of these rangelands. This further emphasizes the reason it is important to educate the youth so we may enable them to become proficient and effective leaders in resource management as well as educated voters.

The students that attend Range Camp will be actively involved with field activities, lectures, hand-on experience and recreational leadership and team-building activities that are all led by up to 20 of Nebraska's most re-

spected and dedicated leaders, teachers and professionals from various agencies, colleges and universities.

Each student will be sent home with new friends, fun memories, a binder filled with educational materials, and a T-shirt.

Financial sponsorship is available. Every student that attended last year received a substantial level of sponsorship. Interested individuals can find more information, the Range Camp application and the brochure by visiting the Nebraska Society for Range Management website at www.nesrm.org and then clicking on the Nebraska Youth Range Camp link on the left of the page or sending an email to Shelly@SandhillsTaskForce.org.

Applications need to be submitted by May 29. Attendance is capped at 65 students; individuals will be selected on a first come first served basis.

Range Camp is an event that is made possible through the Nebraska Section of the Society for Range Management with assistance from several Nebraska ranches, the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition, the Sandhills Task Force, several of Nebraska's Natural Resource Districts, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Service and many volunteers.

OBITUARIES

Earl Johnson

Earl G. Johnson, age 78, of Yankton, South Dakota died unexpectedly and peacefully on Saturday, May 9, 2015, at his home.

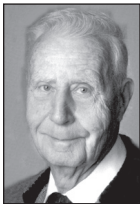
Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2015, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton, South Dakota, with Reverend David Wildermuth officiating. Burial will be 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2015, at Mount Hope Cemetery in Watertown, South Dakota with military honors provided by the Codington County American Legion Post 17 in Watertown.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton.

Pallbearers are Don Hento, Steve Willcuts, Virgil Buxcel, Bob Muth, and Ron Bertsch. Honorary pallbearers are Dave Fischer, George Miller, and Charles Lausen.

Earl was born on July 29, 1936, in Watertown, South Dakota, to Engvold and Emma Johnson. He was raised in Watertown where he finished high school and graduated from the University of South Dakota at Springfield with an Education degree. Earl went on to teach at Edgemont, South Dakota and developed into a successful basketball coach as well as a Jr. High Principal. During this time he served honorably as a U.S. Army Sergeant from 1960 to 1965 and received a distinguished award service from the Berlin Crisis of 1961.

Earl moved to Yankton to teach at the local high school. While in Yankton, he was united in marriage to Veronica P. Regacho on September 5, 1969. He went on to pursue his Masters Degree in Education from Colorado State University, in Fort Collins, Colorado. Earl then moved back to Yankton



Johnson

School District in 1999 with 30 plus years of eminent service.

Earl was an accomplished art teacher, a generous individual who loved teaching and was passionate about enlightening young minds through higher education. He continued teaching after his retirement, volunteering during the summer as an instructor for the ceramic youth session with the Yankton Parks and Recreational Department. He enjoyed taking walks on the Meridian Bridge and along the Lewis and Clark Lake, landscaping, traveling, painting and fishing with his grandchildren. He was an active and dedicated member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Earl is survived by his wife, Veronica Johnson; two children, Gil (Tina) Johnson Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Susan (Patrick) Gengler Lake Crystal, Minnesota; five grandchildren Emma, Claire, and Aiden Johnson and Samuel and Charlie Gengler.

He was preceded in death by his parents Engvold and Emma Johnson.

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Gerald Osborn

Gerald Ignatious Osborn was born May 8, 2015 and passed away at his home on May 10, 2015.

Memorial services will be 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2015 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, SD with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent at www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

Gerald stole the hearts of those who laid eyes on him. Even though we were only able to hold him in our arms for a short while, he is in our hearts forever. He was not supposed to meet us, but he fought hard every day in order to do so. He felt the love of his daddy and mommy and two big sisters, along with lots of family and friends. He also got to feel the sun shine on his face and see his home. This sweet beautiful baby is

in heaven watching over us until we meet again. When we do, it will be a grand celebration.

Awaiting him in heaven was great-grandma and Grandpa Campion; two cousins, Ronald James "RJ" Rand and Julliana Kathreen Rand.

Those he will be waiting for, daddy, Mike Osborn, mommy, Anette Osborn; two sisters, Justis and Ariya Osborn; many grandparents and great-grandparents; uncles and aunts; cousins and many friends.

The family would like to thank everyone for the love and support of those around us and would like everyone to join in celebrating his life for a meal at our residence, 1716 Cedar Street, Yankton, following the service.

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Gregg Stocking

Gregg Stocking, 60, of Yankton passed away unexpectedly Friday, May 8, 2015, at his home.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 15, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with the Rev. Woodrow Weidner officiating. Burial will be in the Crofton Cemetery, Crofton, Nebraska.

Visitations will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service.

Online condolences may be sent at www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

Carl Hays

Carl E. Hays, 49, died May 10 at the Wakonda Heritage Manor.

A memorial visitation will

be held on Friday from 5-8 p.m. with family present from 7-8 p.m. at the Viborg Funeral Home.

Register online at www.viborgfuneralhome.com.

Farmers Union 2015 Camp Season Begins

HURON — The first time, Jason Hanson, 17, attended Farmers Union camp; he was holding his dad, Lorrie's hand.

"It was important to dad that I attend camp because he grew up going to Farmers Union camp and wanted me to share in a similar experience," said Hanson, who will graduate from Britton/Hecla High School this May and plans to attend North Dakota State University to study Animal Science.

Hanson is one of six teens who are involved in planning the 2015 camps as a member of the Farmers Union Junior Advisory Council.

"Camp is something I look forward to attending each summer because it is so much fun and I've met some of my best friends there," Hanson said. "Now I get to help younger kids learn and have fun at camp."

This summer's camp season is gearing up for the 2,000-plus rural youth ages 6 through high school seniors who will be attending one or more of the 58 county day camps; three, three-day district camps and one state leadership camp.

"We make sure camp is

fun, but also informational. It's our hope that through camp, youth learn more about themselves, gain confidence, make friends and glean a clear understanding of the cooperative system, agriculture and farm safety," says Bonnie Geyer, South Dakota Farmers Union Education Director.

Helping Geyer with camp preparations is a team of dedicated district and county education directors, top-notch high school students who make up the Junior Advisory Council and select Torchbearers, who serve as the Senior Advisory Council, along with a team of four energetic summer interns.

"This is a real team effort," Geyer says.

Although preparing for camp is a real task, volunteers like Denise Mushitz, District 1 Education Director, says the positive impact camp has on youth makes all the work worth it.

"It is so rewarding to see a young person come to district camp as a 6-years-old and then watch them develop leadership and social skills as they go through all the stages of the youth program. And, eventually, because I

have been involved in many of these young people's lives, they invite me to their weddings," Mushitz explains.

A third-generation Farmers Union member, Mushitz started attending camp at 6 and credits Farmers Union camp with giving her confidence and a life-long bond with the organization.

"I was a shy kid, but Farmers Union camp was a place where I could go and be myself. It gave me skills that I use in my job every day," says the middle school teacher who farms and ranches with her husband, John, near Geddes.

Each year, Mushitz sees kids like her pulled out of their shell and develop life-long friendships. "There are many kids who say they are closer to their Farmers Union friends than their friends from high school."

Although she is a generation younger than Mushitz, Tyana Gottsleben can relate. Attending Farmers Union camp from the time she was 5, the Philip High School senior cannot wait for the 2015 camp season to begin.

"I look forward to meeting all the campers as they arrive at camp," says Gottsleben,

who will be attending Northern State University this fall pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education. "As a young camper I enjoyed meeting new friends and participating in all the fun activities the counselors had planned for us."

The last few summers Gottsleben, like Hanson, has been the one planning activities as a District camp counselor and is currently one of two college students to serve on the Senior Advisory Council. In this role, she serves as a mentor to the Junior Advisory Council and helps them plan State Leadership Camp.

"It's always a challenge to find enough time for all the activities we plan for the campers - but somehow we squeeze it all in," Gottsleben says. "Through the Farmers Union camp and serving on the teams who plan camp, I have developed many skills that have helped me be a better leader and have become an independent person. This will continue to serve me as I leave home for college and pursue a career in education."

Delmont

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many residents cleaning debris.

"If you can't remember the last time you had (a tetanus shot), you should get one," Frenz said.

Today's clean-up efforts can begin at 8 a.m. At this point, the South Dakota National Guard has not received orders to bring bulldozers into the community to begin demolition.

Delmont residents went through a registration process in which they showed identification and received fluorescent orange wristbands. The residents are to wear the wristbands for access in and out of the community. They must accompany outside parties, such as construction crews working on home repairs.

In addition, various law enforcement agencies are patrolling the community. The community operates under an 8 p.m. curfew, and non-residents are to remain outside the town for the time being.

The community has received an outpouring of support and offers of assistance. However, authorities are asking that volunteers remain away from Delmont until officials are prepared for them.

Tuesday's town meeting at the fire hall was preceded by a meal provided by a relief organization. Previous town meetings were held at the Tripp-Delmont school gymnasium in Tripp, and the American Red Cross had established an emergency shelter at the school.

With the restoration of electricity to a majority of Delmont and the restoration of water to the entire community, the Red Cross moved all operations Tuesday from Tripp to Delmont.

The Tripp-Delmont classes had been canceled Monday and Tuesday because of the emergency shelter operations. However, classes will resume today. Plans call for graduation to remain as planned at 2 p.m. Saturday at the school gym in Tripp.

The Red Cross moved its operation center to Hope Lutheran Church in Delmont and will set up feeding operations in coordination with the Salvation Army. The Red Cross will also expand mobile feeding services with two emergency response vehicles as more residents and responders move into the town to continue the salvaging of items and removal of debris.

"We appreciate all the support we have received from the nearby community of Tripp and others that have come to aid the community of Delmont," said Tony Burke, Red Cross executive director in eastern South Dakota. "We are now moving operations to Delmont to continue serving those impacted."

So far, more than 2,500 meals and snacks were served in the first two days of the operation. More than 30 Red Cross workers remain on the ground providing assistance.

In addition, the Red Cross will work in the coming days with other partners to set up a bulk distribution site of items needed for clean-up.

A distribution site for donated goods will open at 8 a.m. today at the Delmont American

Legion Hall. The distribution is managed by the Adventist Community Services.

A Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) will operate from noon to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Hope Lutheran Church. The participating agencies include South Dakota Housing, the Department of Insurance, the Veteran's Administration, mental health agencies and crisis counseling, Department of Social Services, Department of Revenue and volunteer agencies.

The Delmont community has received the assistance of first responders including police, firefighters and ambulance crews. The Valley Springs fire department, located near Sioux Falls, stationed a firetruck in Delmont on Tuesday night.

After Tuesday's meal and town meeting, a prayer service was held at Zion Lutheran Church. The brick structure was destroyed in the tornado, with the roof missing from the church. Worship services had just ended when the tornado struck Sunday morning, but Sunday School teachers and students were in the basement when the twister hit.

The teachers and students recited a prayer during the tornado, and their prayers were answered as they remained safe.

Late Tuesday night, the state Department of Public Safety released the following latest confirmed updates on the Sunday tornado:

- Structure Damage – There are an estimated 84 total structures impacted. That includes

78 in Delmont, three in rural Douglas County and three in rural Charles Mix County.

- Electrical power has been restored to 75 percent of Delmont. Power has not yet been restored to the areas where there is the most damage.
- There is water service in Delmont with the water tower being repaired and now full. Lines are being flushed. Water samples will be tested. A boil order is in place until at least Thursday.
- Sanitary Sewer Service – no problems reported.
- South Dakota National Guard members, as of Tuesday, have removed 81 loads of downed trees and tree branches from Delmont.

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Memorial Day Deadlines

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closed Monday, May 25th, for the Memorial Day holiday.

The following deadlines will apply:

Out On The Town - 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 20
Tuesday, May 26 newspaper - 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 20
Wednesday, May 27 newspaper - 5 p.m., Thursday, May 21
Thursday, May 28 newspaper - 5 p.m., Friday, May 22

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