

## Corps Of Engineers Provides Navigation Season Information

OMAHA, Neb. — Runoff in the Missouri River Basin above Sioux City, Iowa, for the month of October was 0.9 million acre feet, 78 percent of average. The 2015 runoff forecast is 25.0 MAF, 99 percent of average. Average annual runoff is 25.3 MAF.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Missouri River Basin Water Management Division is providing an 8-month navigation season with full service flow support generally sufficient to provide a navigation channel 9 feet deep and 300 feet wide. The ending dates for flow support for the 2015 navigation season by location are Sioux City, Iowa — Nov. 22; Omaha, Neb. — Nov. 24; Nebraska City, Nebraska — Nov. 25; Kansas City, Missouri — Nov. 27; Mouth near St. Louis, Missouri — Dec. 1.

"Releases from Gavins Point Dam are scheduled to begin decreasing about Nov. 21. Releases will be stepped down approximately 3,000 cubic feet per second each day until they reach the winter release rate," said Jody Farhat, chief of Missouri River Basin Water Management Division. "Based on the Sept. 1 reservoir system storage, the Gavins Point winter release rate will be at least 17,000 cfs." Normal Gavins Point winter release rates range from 12,000 to 17,000 cfs.

The total volume of water currently stored in the Mainstem Reservoir System is 58.0 MAF. 1.9 MAF still to be evacuated to bring the system's reservoirs to their usual minimum flood control elevations.

"System storage declined 1.0 MAF during October," said Farhat. Our plan is to evacuate all water remaining in the flood control storage zones of the reservoirs prior to the start of next year's runoff season, which typically begins around March 1."

The Corps will continue to monitor basin conditions, mountain snow and plains snow accumulation, and fine tune the regulation of the reservoir system based on the most up-to-date information.

### DRAFT ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSES NOV. 20

The Corps held its draft Annual Operating Plan meetings in five cities throughout the basin the week of Oct. 26, to present its plan for operating the system for the remainder of 2015 and 2016. The meeting presentation can be viewed at <http://www.nwd-mr.usace.army.mil/rcc/reports/pdfs/Fall2015AOP-Presentation.pdf>.

Public comments on the plan will be accepted through Nov. 20. Comments can be emailed to: [Missouri.Water.Management@nwd02.usace.army.mil](mailto:Missouri.Water.Management@nwd02.usace.army.mil).

They can also be mailed to: Missouri River Basin Water Management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division, 1616 Capitol Ave., Suite 365, Omaha, NE 68102-4909.

### RESERVOIR FORECASTS

Gavins Point Dam releases averaged 28,500 cfs in October. Releases will be maintained near 28,500 cfs during the first part of November. The reservoir behind Gavins Point Dam ended October at elevation 1207.8 feet. It will remain near its normal seasonal pool elevation of 1207.5 feet in November.

Fort Randall Dam releases averaged 27,500 cfs in October, and are expected to remain near that rate during the first part of November. Releases will be stepped down near the end of November approximately one day prior to the Gavins Point reductions as necessary to maintain the elevation at Gavins Point. The reservoir ended October at elevation 1344.7 feet, down 9.8 feet during the month. The reservoir is expected to end November near elevation 1337.5 feet. The reservoir is normally drawn down to that elevation in the fall to provide space for winter hydro-power generation at Oahe and Big Bend.

Big Bend Dam releases averaged 15,600 cfs during the month of October. Releases are expected to average 17,400 cfs this month. The reservoir will remain near its normal elevation of 1420 feet during November.

Oahe Dam releases averaged 17,200 cfs during the month of October. Releases are expected to average 16,900 cfs this month. The reservoir ended October at elevation 1610.1 feet, down 1.1 feet during the month. The reservoir is expected to drop less than 1 foot during the month of November.

Garrison Dam releases averaged 13,400 cfs in October. Releases will remain near 13,000 cfs in November. Garrison ended October at elevation 1841.2 feet, down 0.5 feet from the end of September. The reservoir is expected to drop less than 1 foot during November.

Fort Peck Dam releases averaged 4,700 cfs in October. Releases will remain near 4,500 cfs through November. The reservoir remained nearly steady during October, ending the month at elevation 2234.8 feet. The reservoir is forecast to drop less than a foot during November.

The forecast reservoir releases and elevations discussed above are not definitive. Additional precipitation, lack of precipitation or other circumstances could cause adjustments to the reservoir release rates.

The six mainstem power plants generated 651 million kilowatt hours of electricity in October. Typical energy generation for the month of October is 814 million kWh. The power plants are projected to generate 8.6 billion kWh of electricity this year, compared to the normal of 10 billion kWh.

To view the detailed three-week release forecast for the mainstem dams, go to: <http://www.nwd-mr.usace.army.mil/rcc/reports/twregfcst.pdf>

## OBITUARIES

### Homer Larsen

Homer Perry Larsen, age 93, of Viborg passed away



Larsen

comfortably and surrounded by family on Friday, November 13, 2015 at the Viborg Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17 at the Hurley Seventh-Day Adventist Church (900 Park Blvd).

Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16 with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m.

Arrangements are by Hofmeister Jones Funeral Home.

Homer was born on August 19, 1922 to Joseph and Olive (Kier) Larsen at the family farm west of Viborg. He graduated from Viborg High School and then attended Union Adventist College in Lincoln, NE for two years. He then was accepted into dental school, but due to hard times, Homer returned to Viborg to work on the farm.

On October 3, 1950 Homer married the love of his life, Ethel Mellegard, at the First Baptist Church in Parker. They were soon after baptized together at the Yankton Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Homer and Ethel were blessed to celebrate 65 years of marriage together.

Homer dedicated his time to his faith, family and farm. He was a life-long member of the Hurley Seventh-Day Adventist Church where he faithfully attended until ill health kept him home-bound. A strong believer in education, Homer served on the Viborg School Board for 11 years and always encouraged his children and grandchildren to receive a good education. With the exception of his two years in college, Homer's entire life was spent working on the farm.

Homer was a true steward of the land by tending the crops and caring for the livestock. During his farming years, he raised cattle, hogs and sheep along with soybeans, corn and hay. As any true farmer, Homer never retired from his work on the farm and continued to help whenever and wherever possible.

Homer was a humble man filled with modesty and humility, with the exception of his consistent bragging about his three grandchildren. He was an honest, hard-working man full of integrity and he always saw the good in everyone. It was extremely important to him to live his life according to the Bible as best he could.

Homer is survived by his wife, Ethel, of Viborg, SD; two sons Jimmie (Kim) Larsen of Viborg, and Lee Larsen of Cordova, AK; one grandson, Christopher (Jamie) Larsen and two granddaughters, Cally and Chelsey Larsen.

He entered into rest along with his parents and three sisters, Genette Johnson, Evelyn Vannorsdel and Iona Brown, until Christ comes again.

Online condolences can be made at [www.hofmeister-jones.com](http://www.hofmeister-jones.com).

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### Louise Van Gerpen

Louise Van Gerpen, 89, of Tyndall and formerly of Avon, died Friday, November 13, 2015, at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall. Louise attained the age of 89 years, nine

months and five days.

Her funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 17 at the First Baptist Church in Avon. Committal services will be held at the First Baptist Cemetery, rural Avon.

Visitation will be at the church from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, with the family present. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Avon is in charge of the arrangements.

Louise Irene Van Gerpen, daughter of Louis J. and Ida M. (Oorlog) Dykstra was born February 9, 1926 at Tyndall. Louise attended grade school in the Avon area and was a 1944 graduate of Avon High School. As a young lady, she worked in Avon at the K & K Store and BJs.

Louise married Roland Van Gerpen on March 26, 1947 at the Avon Baptist Church. Three sons were blessed to their union. Together they farmed northeast of Avon. She loved raising her chickens. Louise loved to cook for her

family. She will especially be remembered for her pies, popcorn balls, cinnamon rolls and pfeffnasse. Every Sunday night after church, she made cherry malts and hamburgers. Louise loved singing hymns and singing with her grandchildren. She deeply loved her grandchildren and they deeply loved her.

Louise was raised in the Trinity Presbyterian Church. After her marriage, she transferred her membership to the First Baptist Church and was baptized on May 27, 1951. Here she sang in the church choir, served as Sunday School teacher and a Jr. CBY leader. Louise was an avid supporter of the Women's Missionary Fellowship. She also was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

After her husband's sudden death on July 13, 1983, she was appointed by Governor William Janklow to fill his vacancy as State Representative on October 4, 1983. She served in this capacity from 1983 to 1984. Louise always had a high regard for her country's flag and enjoyed giving them to people.

Due to failing health, Louise became a resident of the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall on October 14, 2011.

Thankful for having shared her life are her sons: Bill and wife Karen of Tyndall; Danny and wife Arlis of Tripp; and Lorney and wife Barbara of Avon; 13 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and many relatives and friends.

Louise was preceded in death by her husband; parents; five brothers: Dick, John, Garrett, David and Louis; and two sisters: Henrietta Vilhauer and Annie Hiedemann.

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### Patricia Roberts

Patricia P. Roberts, 79, of Yankton passed away early Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015, at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton, surrounded by her family.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with her nephew, the Rev. Ron Auch, officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations will be 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home

& Crematory, Yankton, and then one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent at [www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com](http://www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com).

### Henry McKee

Henry McKee, 64, of Yankton passed away unexpectedly Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015.

Arrangements are pending under the care of the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

### Mary Mount

Mary Jane Mount, 90, of Yankton, passed away Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015, at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Dave Wildermuth officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations will begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service and memory sharing at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Online condolences may be sent at [www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com](http://www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com).

### Vernon Jansen

Vernon J. Jansen, 57, of Crofton, Nebraska, died Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015, at his cabin along the Missouri River east of South Yankton.

His services are pending at the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton.

### Marvin Lammers

Marvin Edward Lammers, 75, of Yankton passed away Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at St. Rose of Lime Catholic Church, Crofton, Nebraska, with the Rev. Michael Schmitz officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery, Crofton.

Visitations will begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Crofton, with a wake service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with service details. Online condolences may be sent at: [www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com](http://www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com).

## Trap

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new team, as he also helps with the Yankton County 4-H shooting sports program.

"I really enjoy coaching all kid athletes," he said. "This was a natural transition for to help them when they asked."

The team was formally started in March 2014. It competes in the spring and fall seasons under the Scholastic Clay Target Program and the Association of College Unions International

(ACUI). The latter sponsors the ACUI Collegiate Clay Target Championships.

The competitions that MMC's trap shooting team competes in are held at the shooting range in Grand Island, Nebraska. The team's last competition of the season was held by the ACUI where trap teams came from as far as Wyoming and Missouri, according to Hummel.

Hummel hopes these events will help the team improve year after year.

"We're still building the team up. A lot of the athletes haven't really shot trap before," he said. "We are considered a club team, so

we don't have a lot of money to do it with."

That's why it's important that the team recently received the two grants, he said.

"Since the club isn't funded through the school, we try to get help wherever we can," said Hummel. "Pheasants Forever in Yankton helped us with some funding last year."

"Shooting is a very expensive sport," he added. "Between competitions and shooting equipment, this fall probably cost us \$4,000-\$5,000 to go to those two competitions and to have practices."

Hummel's goal for next year is to have some local sponsors for the team to hopefully spread word of the program's existence and grow in members.

"There are no requirements to join as long as you are physically able to hold a gun," Hummel said. "Last year, we had a kid who was a double amputee from the knees down who joined us. As long as you can hold a gun, you can shoot with us."

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# Solitaires

*A social group of ladies who have lost their spouse which meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Hospitality Center on the grounds of Wintz & Ray Funeral Home.*

## Holiday Party

**Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**at The Landing**  
**Social at 5pm**  
**Dinner to Follow**  
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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:

**Clement C. Fejfar**  
who passed away  
November 18, 2014

**Verlin Larsen**  
who passed away  
November 17, 2011

**Robert Hora**  
who passed away  
November 18, 2004

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