

REGION DIGEST

3 Rescued Hikers Returning To Neb. Soon

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Three hikers from Nebraska who were rescued from California's Mt. Whitney this week after being stranded in a snowstorm are expected to return home soon.

A rescue helicopter retrieved 34-year-old Michael Abraham, 43-year-old Steve Filips and 45-year-old Dale Clymens from a hut near the summit Thursday. The men spent more than 72 hours inside the small building during a snowstorm while they waited for rescue.

The men say the feeling of isolation may have been the worst part.

Dave Paladino, a friend who also hiked Mt. Whitney Monday, says the three men thought no one received their text messages about being stranded.

Abraham was treated for dehydration, but the three men are in good health and scheduled to return to Omaha late Friday.

Star Gazing Event Slated For Wednesday

The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks will be hosting a star gazing event at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area Welcome Center.

An expert will talk about fall constellations and how to find them.

A park sticker is required for the event.

Participants are asked to dress appropriately.

Presentation On Trauma Set For Wednesday

"Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: Common Reactions to Trauma" is the title of a presentation to educate participants on how to recognize the symptoms in individuals who have experienced a traumatic life event. Ruth Kaspar, MSW, Robin Carter-Visscher, PhD, and a war veteran will present on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

The presentation, beginning at noon, will be held at Best Western Kelly Inn in Yankton. The luncheon will include recognition of the Yankton Employer of the Year supporting those with disabilities in the workforce and for the Employee of the Year with a disability.

Professional continuing education has been submitted for rehabilitation counselors, counselors, social workers, alcohol and drug professionals, EMT's, and general continuing education units will be provided. Human resource and nursing continuing education also has been requested.

This program is being held in support of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), which is designated by Congress for the month of October. The 2010 NDEAM theme is "Talent Has No Boundaries: Workforce Diversity includes Workers With Disabilities."

Pre-registration is required. For fee information or to pre-register, contact Jennifer Trenhaile at 605-668-3050 or e-mail jennifer.trenhaile@state.sd.us.

MMC Students Host Halloween Carnival

Mount Marty College will be hosting their annual Halloween carnival for area children on Thursday, Oct. 28, running from 6-8 p.m. in the Old Library building on Mount Marty's campus. College students have planned a variety of games, activities and treats for all.

For more than 20 years, Mount Marty College has been hosting a Halloween carnival for Yankton area children.

This event is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Laddie E. Cimpl Arena parking lot.

'Toys For Tots' Program Requests Donations

Community wide agencies, organizations, and individuals are working to make the holidays brighter this year through the Toys for Tots program. The Toys for Tots wish list is being compiled for Yankton area children of low income families with a current EBT card.

A release form and a wish list are to be completed and returned by Nov. 5 and are available at Head Start, County Health Office, Contact Center, Social Services, and United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys, appropriate for ages 0-18, are being collected through Saturday, Dec. 18, and can be dropped off at the Yankton Mall, 2101 Broadway.

Robinson Motors and caring neighbors are helping Santa Claus make the holidays special for the children in the Yankton area. Cash donations are accepted to fill in where needs are not met and ensure that every referred child receives a toy.

Last year, the Toys for Tots program served almost 400 children in the greater Yankton community. This year we anticipate an increased need, so consider ways your family or business can help.

You may also "adopt a family" through the Toys for Tots Program. This program enables businesses, community members or organizations to provide clothing, food and gifts for families experiencing tough times.

Volunteer "adopters" are paired with a local family and provided with ages, clothing sizes and special requests, this ensures that all needs are met.

If you would like to adopt a family, or for more information on the Toys for Tots Program, call the United Way & Volunteer Services' Office at (605)665-6766.

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A TOWERING STATEMENT

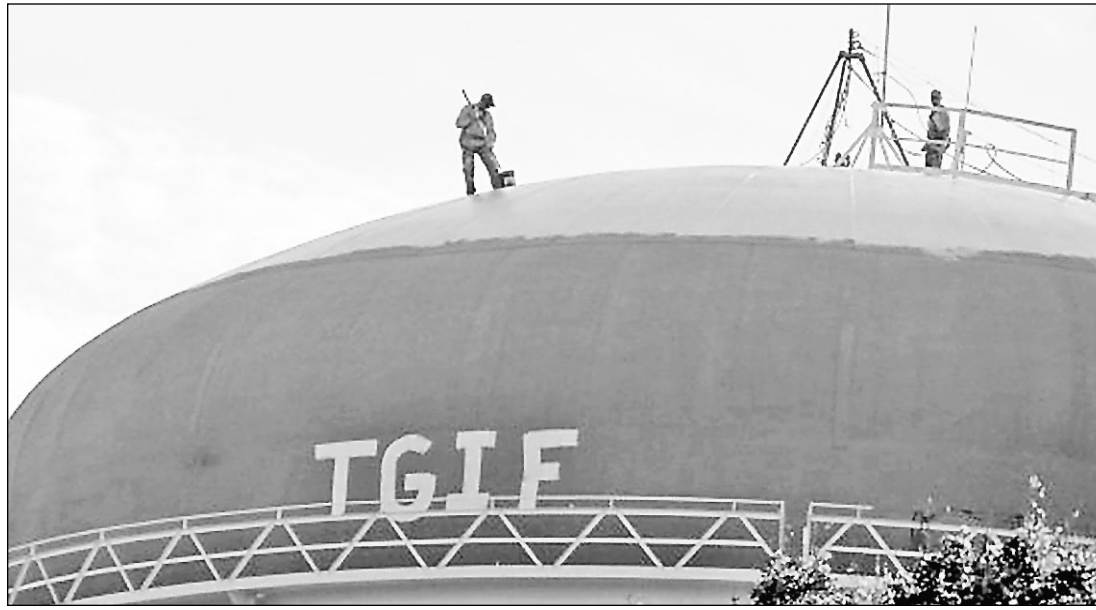


PHOTO: CATHY WALZ-KUHL

The end of the work week was celebrated Friday on the water tower at Memorial Park. A reader took this photo as workers continued the process of repainting the tower — so the new lettering isn't permanent. Friday was a great day to work outside, with the mercury topping out at 77 degrees. However, cooler and wetter weather is expected for this weekend, with Yankton having a good chance of seeing its first precipitation since Sept. 26. For weather details, see page 2A

Biofuels Research Center To Be Located At UNL

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal research center focused on biofuels will be located at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

UNL chancellor Harvey Perlman had indicated in 2008 that such a center would likely be located in the research complex planned for State Fair Park. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack on Thursday made the center official.

The Regional Biofuels Feedstocks Research and Demonstration Center will develop uses for feed stocks and bolster the construction of biorefineries.

Church Arson Suspect Still Awaiting Ruling

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Although the trial for a juvenile Yankton male charged in connection with a fire that damaged a local church in 2009 concluded in August, the judge in the case has yet to receive briefs from the lawyers in the case so a judgment can be issued.

The boy was 14 at the time of a fire at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton that caused

more than \$2 million in damage. He was charged in January with first-degree arson and third-degree burglary.

Circuit Judge Arthur Rusch said when the trial ended in August that he expected the briefs within two weeks, after which he would issue a written judgment.

The 16-year-old juvenile has since been arrested on charges in a separate case, according to Rusch.

Since juveniles in South

Dakota are not charged with criminal offenses unless they are transferred to adult court, the boy did not actually face arson and burglary charges. Instead, a determination will be made as to whether the juvenile is a delinquent child.

The underlying crime serving as the basis of the delinquency petition is arson, and the Yankton County State's Attorney office will have to prove the same elements necessary for an arson conviction in adult court.

The maximum sentence for a child found to be a delinquent is commitment to the South Dakota Department of Corrections, which would then decide at which of its institutions the juvenile would be placed and for how long. A juvenile can be kept in the corrections system until age 21.

Other possible penalties are a fine and revocation of a driver's license.

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Clinton Bauer

For Area 9 Of The James River Water Development District Board of Directors

"I will represent the rural residents and cities of Hutchinson County and rural residents of Yankton County."

Lifetime landowner & resident farmer on the James River

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Paid by Clinton Bauer, 27825 431st Ave., Freeman, SD 57029

IT'S TIME FOR TOM!

Tom Fiedler is the right choice for Yankton County Commissioner.

- 8 years as Yankton County zoning administrator
- Yankton County native
- Vietnam veteran

Tom will work full time for Yankton County

Tom has no special interest or conflicts and will do what is best for the whole of Yankton County. Help Yankton County...

Vote TOM FIEDLER, Yankton County Commissioner

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Tom Fiedler, Barb Law, Treasurer

Spotted

You've Been Spotted!

TRICK-OR-TREAT

at **Johnnies** in the Riverfront Event Center

on **October 30**
3:00-5:00pm

and have your picture taken for **spotted.yankton.net**

It may also be the featured photo in Monday's printed edition.

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The Choice is Charlii

Charlii Gilson for State House

- Small Business Owner
- Conservative Values
- Involved in the Yankton Community

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WHEN FIGHTING CANCER, LESS IS MORE.

Fewer side effects. Shorter treatment time.

Starting this fall, an alternative to traditional radiation therapy will dramatically improve the way we treat breast cancer for some patients. Brachytherapy has been used at the Avera Sacred Heart Cancer Center to treat prostate cancer for nearly a decade, but thanks to new technology from XOFT, this treatment can now benefit those battling breast cancer as well.

Avera Sacred Heart Cancer Center

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Breast CANCER AWARENESS MONTH