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Summer's Stormy Swan Song

Large Hail Reported In Vermillion Area, More Rain May Be Coming

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF

Summer went out with a blast, as Wednesday produced hail and heavy rain as well as tornado and severe thunderstorm warnings.

And more heavy rain may be on the way. Today's forecast calls for the possibility of another inch of precipitation during a year that has already seen Yankton set records.

Two major conditions mixed to create the variety of storm activities, Laflin said. "Really, the storm was created by a warm front that pushed north out of Nebraska," she said.



DAVID LIAS/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK A motorist was forced to abandon his car on Highway 50 approximately two miles west of Vermillion late Wednesday morning after the area was pounded by hail and rain.

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Inmates Share Bountiful Harvest

Yankton Trusty Unit's Garden Produces 50,000 Pounds Of Produce

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE

Hidden between a tall field of corn and a thick tree-line, there is a community service project that is unknown to many in the area, but which helps feed thousands a year.

Located on the Human Service Center grounds, the South Dakota trusty unit's Yankton Area Garden, has since 1996 been growing and harvesting thousands of pounds of produce, which are then given to area community groups.

"We call it the Yankton Area Garden, because we deliver everything to the community," said Sgt. Brent Flukes, the officer in charge of the garden. "For the most part, all of (the produce grown) goes to Yankton Senior Citizens Center, the Yankton County Jail, the Yankton Banquet, HSC Dietary, the monastery, Springfield Senior Citizens Center, Cedar Village Assisted Living and the Yankton Area Adjustment Training Center. We try to spread it out as much as we can, where it will do the most good."

The garden is also a way for the inmates to give back to the community while serving their time. "Right now we have two inmates who work full time out at the garden," Flukes said. "They are out there doing everything that needs to be done: weeding, harvesting, planting and planning for next year."

Perhaps the most amazing detail of the nearly 50,000 pounds of produce grown and delivered each year is that all of the work is all done by hand, this year under the watchful eyes of inmates Paul Wentzlaff and Ronald Murphy.

This year, they planted tomatoes, green peppers, kohlrabi, carrots, okra, turnips, beets, cantaloupe, watermelon, cucumbers, zucchini, and all kinds of squash and pumpkins.

"Pumpkins are our main thing," Flukes said. "In the fall, usually about the middle of October, we deliver pumpkins to the third graders in the area. We go to all four elementary schools, the Catholic schools, we try to go to area



KELLY HERTZ/P&D Paul Wentzlaff, an inmate at the Yankton Trusty Unit shares just a few of the thousands of items grown at the Yankton Area Garden. The garden donates all of the produce grown to area groups. Wentzlaff and inmate Ronald Murphy have done the bulk of all the work to produce the more than 700 pumpkins and close to 50,000 pound total harvest.

schools as well like Scotland, Avon, Springfield, Tyndall. We drop of pumpkins at the monastery as well. This year we have more than 700 pumpkins growing. We will have a pretty good harvest."

That successful harvest began last year. "The HSC unit saved all the leaves for us and we were able to put 3-4 inches of

leaves across the entire field last fall," Wentzlaff said. "Then a farmer donated some horse manure that we put a thin layer across. This spring we disked everything in. Last year we saved a lot of seeds so we had that to help with costs."

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Pipeline Workers Take Part In Safety Drill

BY NATHAN JOHNSON

What if oil from a pipeline leak north of Highway 50 got into Yankton's drainage system and made its way to the Missouri River?

That was the scenario that TransCanada employees played out Wednesday morning until they had to end the exercise prematurely because of severe weather.

"TransCanada is a company that has a high expectation of safety both on and off the job," said company spokesman Rob Latimer. "The protection of the public, our employees and the environment is really top priority. We have a long history — 50-plus years — of doing things the right way. Sometimes things don't go right, and you have to be prepared to respond. This was a case of practicing that in real life."

The imagined rupture north of Highway 50 was caused by a third-party excavator that hadn't done a utility check before digging, Latimer said that is the most common cause of pipeline breaks.

"It's a scenario we frequently use because it's the reality we face," he said. The TransCanada Keystone Pipeline originates in Hardisty, Alberta, Canada, and skirts along Yankton's eastern edge on its way south before veering off to Patoka, Ill. Crude oil began flowing through the pipeline in this area during the spring and first reached its final destination in Illinois around June 11.

In the drill scenario, monitoring devices along the pipeline alerted the control center located in Calgary, Alberta, of a pressure change, and within 12 minutes, automated valves had shut down this portion of the pipeline.

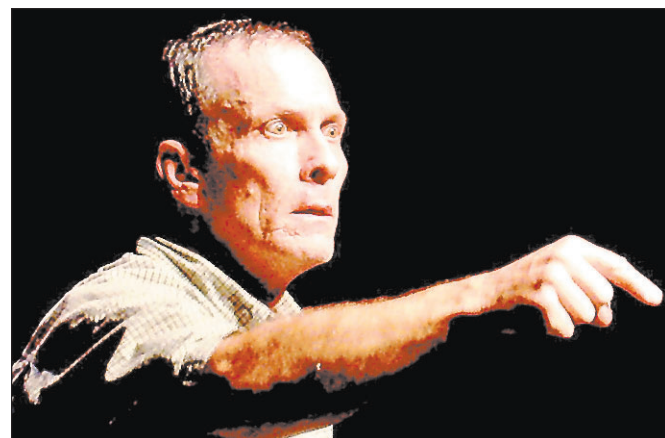
"Then we would start involving local emergency responders and deploying equipment with boom deployment trailers," Latimer said.

Some of that equipment is kept in a trailer at a TransCanada location in

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Barker Deals With Personal Tragedy Through Performance

BY TRAVIS GULBRANDSON



COURTESY PHOTO David Barker, MFA performance coordinator for Arizona State University's School of Theatre and Film, will perform his one-man play "Dodging Bullets" at Mount Marty's Marian Auditorium Saturday night. He will also conduct workshops for area high school and college students in Yankton Friday.

In July 2004, David Barker's life changed forever. In the presence of his 16-year-old niece, Barker and his sister were attacked by his sister's estranged husband, who was then a successful brain surgeon. Two bullets were fired, and while Barker was unharmed, his sister was shot in the chest.

Now Barker is bringing that story to the stage in "Dodging Bullets," which will be coming to Mount Marty Sept. 25.

He will be sharing his story with local audiences at 7:30 p.m. in Marian Auditorium Saturday.

He will also conduct two workshops: "Safe Violence," a free stage combat workshop for high school students, which will be held at 4 p.m. Friday in Marian Auditorium, and "Connected Motion," a movement workshop for college students, which will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday.

"In the beginning, it was very hard to distinguish between therapy and performing because I was reliving the events while I was on stage," said Barker, who

"(Barker's show) takes you through his experience of that trauma, but also the healing, the forgiveness and the redemption of working through something so horrible."

ANDY HENRICKSON

heads the graduate acting program at Arizona State University. "There's still a little bit of that going on, but after performing the show for a year and a half, I now really look at it as just a thrilling performance and story to share with an audience."

Andy Henrickson, director of theater at Mount Marty, said this will be special event for the school. "This is pretty new," he said. "We've had some guest artists come in, but it's rare. It doesn't happen every year."

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