

REGION DIGEST

Vermillion Farmers Market Offered

VERMILLION — The Vermillion Area Farmers Market is being held at 3-7 p.m. each Thursday through Oct. 28 at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Vermillion. Also, the Saturday markets (9 a.m.-noon) conclude Saturday, Sept. 25.

This year's annual Harvest Dinner will be held at 5-7 p.m. Oct. 23 at the Vermillion National Guard Armory at 603 Princeton St. in Vermillion. The dinner will feature foods prepared with local ingredients. Bring a covered dish to share or donate a small fee at the door.

NPPD To Hold Open House In Norfolk Friday

NORFOLK, Neb. — Nebraska Public Power District invites the public to an open house at the District's new Norfolk Operations Center, at 1200 South Chestnut, at 1-5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24.

NPPD's new Norfolk Operations Center consolidates four separate operations, materials storage and customer service locations in Norfolk. Replacing these outdated, aging buildings will enhance operational efficiency and customer service.

Budgeted at \$20.4 million, the new building's final price tag is expected to be slightly more than \$20 million. The new building will be completed under budget and about a month ahead of schedule.

Yankton Walks Slated For Yankton Oct. 2

Local arts and points of interest in Yankton will be featured in the free 5 Km or 10Km walks at your pace on Saturday, Oct. 2. The walk is sponsored by the Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club.

The first walk is set to begin at 9 a.m. at the Territorial Capitol Building at Riverside Park. A second 5Km or 10Km walk event is planned for 1 p.m. at Lewis & Clark Recreation Area. Inquire that morning at the Territorial Capitol for details.

Allow an hour plus for the 5K or 3-mile walk. You can walk with a group on your own with self-guided directions provided. Walk-by points of interest include some RiverWalk sculptures and city buildings, Cramer-Kenyon garden, GAR Hall, a local writer's home, and landscape along the Yankton Federal Prison perimeter.

Habitat for Humanity Trail Ride Oct. 2

Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County is holding its "Home on the Range" Trail Ride on Saturday, Oct. 2. This event will help raise money for the local community housing project.

Habitat officials are encouraging riders to collect donations and come enjoy a day of horseback riding. Prizes will be offered to the riders who raise the most money. There is a separate Kid's Award. The trail is safe for children of all ages. There will also be lunch and other prizes.

For more information, call 260-4224 or go online to habitatyanktoncounty.com.

YSD To Offer Free Educational Screening

The Yankton School District will be offering a free educational screening for preschool children ages 3-4 who are residents of the district. The preschool screen is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 30, and Monday, Oct. 4.

Parents who have concerns about their child's development are invited to schedule an appointment.

Call Kelley Casey at 665-3999 to schedule an appointment.

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BARKER

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Barker said people shouldn't be put off by the show's subject matter.

"It's dramatic and intense, but there's also a lot of comedy," he said. "It's not all blood and guts, and this is not a dreary show that is going to bum you out and ruin your day. It's not that kind of a show."

Henrickson agreed. "It takes you through his experience of that trauma, but also the healing, the forgiveness and the redemption of working through something so horrible," he said. "So I think the show offers a lot of hope in situations that seem hopeless."

Barker originally developed

the show as a sabbatical project that called for him to come up with a solo production that would be personal and revealing.

"I found a bit of a dilemma because I lead a rather standard kind of life," he said. "I have a family, I like to golf, I work, I do theater — I'm not really extraordinary."

Then he and his sister were attacked that summer.

"Even though it was really traumatic, shortly after, I realized it would be a perfect vehicle for my sabbatical project, so I started writing down what people were saying about it, the responses people had," he said. "I just kept a notebook of what was going on, and eventually I had to formulate it and structure it into a show."

Barker also took some inspiration from Paul Haggis' 2004 film, "Crash," the structure of which is built around several

parallel stories that tie together at the end.

"I very easily could have started at the beginning and progressed in a linear fashion to the end of the show, but I've been doing theater all my life, and that kind of story structure doesn't appeal to me anymore," he said.

As a result, the show finds Barker playing a total of 10 roles, including that of his own mother.

The first performance of "Dodging Bullets" took place in March 2009, and since then Barker has performed it for professional theaters, colleges, domestic violence conferences and high schools.

"I learn all the time when I'm doing it, and one thing I've learned is that I can take liberties and artistic chances with it during performance," he said. "For more than a year, I was so tied into doing it exactly as I had

OBITUARIES

Claude Oliver

Claude Raymon Oliver passed away at his home on Sept. 22, 2010 after a short battle with cancer.

He was born on Jan. 26, 1938 to Claude and Velda Oliver in Auburn, Neb. After school he went into the Air Force then relocated in Wagner, SD. He spent the next 35 years driving truck across the nation's highways. The next 10 years he spent driving the Coach for country singers in Nashville. He will always be remembered for his smile and laugh while drinking coffee and smoking a cigarette.

His survivors are: his son Randall Oliver and Jackie (Yankton), the Angel by his side Bonnie Bradley and her children Larry, Babette and Tracy (Kalamazoo, MI), his sister Dale & Carol (Oliver) Behrands, Nebraska City, Ne., Brother Richard Oliver, Nebraska City Ne., Brother Von & Nancy Oliver, Weeping Water, Ne., Brother Duane and Margret Oliver, Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Those who preceded his death are his parents and grandparents, and Arlys Oliver.

A family service will be held in Kalamazoo, Mi. at Whitley Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials directed to: The family of Ray Oliver, 1001 W. 10th St., Yankton SD 57078.

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Oliver

Ruth Wright

VIBORG — Ruth Wright, 92, of Viborg died Tuesday at the Pioneer Nursing Home in Viborg. Ruth Kost married Harold Wright in 1947. They lived in Virginia, MN for 35 years. In 1989 they moved to Viborg. Harold died in 2006.

Ruth is survived by a granddaughter, Terry Lee Sjoberg, a grandson, Michael Sjoberg, and a great-grandson; a sister, Johanna Fabianek; three brothers: Robert, Ben and Harley Kost.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2:00 at the Church of the Nazarene in Viborg. Burial will be at Rosehill Cemetery in Viborg.

Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 at the church.

Walter Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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Vivian Finck

BRANDON — Vivian K. Finck, 87, of Brandon died Saturday (Sept. 18, 2010) at the Helping Hand Assisted Living in Brandon.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Tyndall United Methodist Church, Tyndall, with the Rev. Duane Coates officiating.

Visitation starts at 3 p.m. Friday at Heartland Funeral Home, Brandon, with the family present at 7 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral Saturday in Tyndall. Internment will be at the Tyndall cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Heartland Funeral Home of Brandon (www.heartlandfunerals.com).

Brokaw To Speak At USD Sept. 29

VERMILLION — Distinguished journalist and best-selling author Tom Brokaw will present the program "Uncle Sam Needs Us" at The University of South Dakota at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, in the ballroom of the Muenster University Center.

Brokaw is currently a special correspondent for NBC News reporting and producing long-form documentaries while also providing commentary during election coverage and breaking news events.

A native of Yankton and a 1964 graduate of The University of South Dakota, Brokaw is the former anchor of "NBC Nightly News." Most recently, he was a correspondent during the network's coverage of the XXI Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, and he traveled across the United States to report on the changing face of the nation in "Tom Brokaw Presents: American Character Along Highway 50" for NBC and USA Network.

As anchor and managing editor of "NBC Nightly News" for 21 years, Brokaw received



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numerous honors, including the Edward R. Murrow Lifetime Achievement Award, the Emmy Award for Lifetime Achievement, and he was inducted as a fellow into the prestigious American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The Association of the U.S. Army honored him with their highest award, the George Catlett Marshall Medal, first ever to a journalist; and he was the recipient of the West Point Sylvanus Thayer Award, in recognition of devoted service to bringing exclusive interviews and stories to public attention. His insight, ability and integrity have earned him a dozen Emmys and two Peabody and duPont-Columbia University awards for his journalistic achievements.

The best-selling author of "The Greatest Generation" (1998), "The Greatest Generation Speaks" (1999), "An Album of Memories"

(2001), "A Long Way from Home" (2002) and "BOOM! Voices of the Sixties" (2007), Brokaw began his journalism career in 1962 at KMTV in Omaha, Neb. He anchored the late evening news on Atlanta's WSB-TV in 1965 before joining KNBC-TV in Los Angeles. Brokaw was hired by NBC News in 1966 and from 1976-1981 he anchored NBC News' "Today" program. He has interviewed every president since Lyndon Johnson, has covered every presidential election since 1968 and he was NBC's White House correspondent during Watergate (1973-1976). In 2008, Brokaw served as interim moderator of NBC's top-rated Sunday morning public affairs program, "Meet the Press," after the untimely death of Tim Russert.

"Uncle Sam Needs Us" is sponsored by the W.O. Farber Center for Civic Leadership and the USD Political Science League. For more information about this event, contact the Department of Political Science at The U by e-mail at Political.Science@usd.edu or by calling (605) 677-5242.

DRILL

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Yankton. However, a bigger portion of it is kept at a regional office in Brookings.

"We would take steps at the site of the damage to our pipeline on land to build earthen containment berms and different earthen structures to collect the oil and contain it," Latimer said. "On the water, we would take sections of floating boom that would divert the oil to a point where we could skim it off the top and collect it."

Everything was going fine until lightning and heavy rain interrupted Wednesday's exercise being held in Riverside Park, he stated.

"When the weather started changing and a front came in, we stopped our deployment of equipment into the water," Latimer said. "We had taken one length of boom into the water and were in the process of stringing boom to create diversions in the water."

However, a portion of the drill was continued, he said.

"At the same time we were



COURTESY PHOTO

TransCanada employees prepare an oil containment boom as part of emergency exercise held at Riverside Park Wednesday morning.

doing this work on the ground, we were running a corporate-level drill that involved our emergency operations center in Calgary, Alberta, and our regional office in Omaha," Latimer explained. "We were testing our processes and the interplay we have between those two places and the field. That test still continued, because it wasn't hampered by the weather."

Enough was accomplished that the exercise won't have to be rescheduled, he said.

"We would have liked to

spend a couple more hours on the water," Latimer said. "We'll carry on with more drills in the future and apply the lessons we had here to other drills."

The Yankton County Emergency Management Office and the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources was also involved in the exercise.

"It helped us confirm the contacts we might need to make and know what their role might be," Latimer said.

It's not the first time a training drill has taken place in Yankton, he stated.

"We did a couple of boom-deployment boat exercises in Riverside Park last year," Latimer said.

Small leaks have occurred in pump station facilities along the pipeline, confirmed TransCanada spokeswoman Cecily Dobson. At the station located near Freeman, there was a leak on Aug. 10, for example.

"Local operations staff responded immediately after being notified and began oil clean-up," Dobson said. "Clean-up and remediation efforts were completed within two days. We monitor the system 24/7 and were able to detect these things immediately and stop the flow of oil within minutes."

Latimer said that drills like the one carried out Wednesday prove that TransCanada gives more than just lip service to its dedication to safety.

"TransCanada is a company with integrity and wants to continually demonstrate our abilities to perform safety measures," he said. "We say we have an emergency response plan, and we practice it to test it."



Rev. Dr. Paul M. Opsahl
After Care Counselor

Healthy Healing Begins Here...

Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory announces a program for those who have lost a loved one and are dealing with grief. Our goal is to assist people through this difficult time. Leading this after care program will be the Rev. Dr. Paul M. Opsahl.

Dates:

September 27	October 18
October 4	October 25
October 11	November 1

Topics to be covered:

- The Meaning of Grief
- The Normal Experience & Features of Grief
- Constructive Ways of Handling Grief
- The Need To Reach Out and Set Goals
- Coping with Special Days
- Grief, the Latter Stages
- What does the Future Hold?

Paul Opsahl is not new to the community as he attended Yankton College and the School of Theology where he earned the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Theology. He earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Conn. His doctoral studies were with McCormick Seminary, Chicago, Ill. He was awarded an honorary degree from Yankton College, where he has served on the Board of Trustees for over 20 years. Rev. Opsahl has over 40 years of pastoral experience, which reflects his concern and compassion for people.

Anyone who has suffered a loss is welcome to join in this program, which will meet on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory in Yankton.

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