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hosted 39,996 units, Chief White Crane hosted 8,245 units and Pierson Ranch hosted 3,738 units.

"The largest increase was at Pierson Ranch," Bertsch said. "We were up just under 10 percent. White Crane was up 3 percent. Lewis & Clark was up .6 percent."

Bertsch expects an even greater increase next year, when 41 campsites and two cabins are added to the grounds at Lewis & Clark.

He added that inclement weather didn't have a significant increase on the use of the parks.

"We had the wet weather, so that kind of put us behind the eight-ball for a while," Bertsch said. "Then we had some strong weeks at the end to get our numbers back up...."

"We had a few people that canceled because of the weather, but it seemed like if somebody canceled, somebody else reserved a spot. We did pretty good considering how many rainy days we had," he said.

Even the storm of Aug. 8 that downed many trees and caused considerable damage in the area failed to keep the parks closed

for more than a week.

"We were able to get that cleaned up and keep the White Crane campground open, and that really helped out," Bertsch said. "We were able to be ready for the weekend. The storm hit on a Sunday and we were ready by Thursday to get back open."

However, the parks are still dealing with the after-effects of the storm in some ways.

Within the next 30 days, a project to remove the stumps of downed trees will be completed. The holes will then be filled with soil and re-seeded.

"That's the last phase of our cleanup," Bertsch said.

Later on, more downed trees on the fence line north of Chief White Crane will be removed.

"We have to wait until the ground freezes before we go in and clear that fence line. There's quite a few cottonwoods down over there," Bertsch said.

There's also general maintenance to be done.

"There's a lot of stuff, and right now we're starting to shut buildings down (for winter)," Bertsch said. "We'll keep a couple of them open until the first part of November, and we've got to make sure everything's drained and all the water is out of the lines."

The Lewis & Clark Recreation Area is open year-round. For more information, visit www.campsd.com.

Local Veteran Honored For Service

BY LORETTA SORENSEN
 P&D Correspondent

Memories of World War II flooded Hod Nielsen's thoughts when he was recently presented with the scale model of the Lockheed P-38 Lightning, an American fighter aircraft he flew during reconnaissance missions from 1943-1945.

Charles "Chuck" Thomas held a special luncheon at his business place, Walnut Village, to honor Nielsen with the model plane.

"There are only a half dozen P-38s in flying condition in the United States and one in Europe," Thomas said. "Many people aren't aware of Hod's reconnaissance work during the war, and I thought this was a good way to recognize his accomplishments during his military career."

Nielsen was a member of the 13th Squadron, 7th Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping Group, 8th Air Force that obtained photos between March 28, 1943, until the end of the war for intelligence personnel who created maps for officers who were developing war strategies. The first squadron to implement the photographic mission, the 7th Photo Group spent 7 1/2 months flying 5,700 sorties, completing close to 440 missions, 105 of which were in behalf of mapping for the U.S. Engineers in the European theater. Pilots averaged 15,570 operation hours during that time. In the 105 missions, the 13th Squadron mapped approximately one million photos that outlined nearly 3 million square miles of enemy territory across Austria, Italy, Russia, Denmark, Belgium, Holland, France, Czechoslovakia and Germany.

"It's hard to believe, but most of the guys in our outfit, 20 out of the 27 pilots, never made it back home," Nielsen said.

The missions Nielsen and his co-pilots flew varied from day to day. They followed some of the U.S. heavy bombers and photographed damage resulting from bombing raids. They also helped keep track of shipping activities in the British Channel and North Sea.



PHOTO: LORETTA SORENSEN

Steve Hamilton (left), executive director of the South Dakota Pilot's Association, was on hand for the presentation of a scale model of the P-38 Lightning, a World War II aircraft Hod Nielsen (center) flew during reconnaissance missions in Europe from 1943 through 1945. Chuck Thomas (right) of Walnut Village presented Nielsen with the model airplane in recognition of Nielsen's accomplishments in providing intelligence information to U.S. Intelligence officers during World War II.

"One of our missions was as secret as possible," Nielsen said. "I was one of five pilots selected to photograph all of Normandy and Brittany in France because the latest maps of the area dated back to Napoleon's armies, which had marched in that area a century before World War II."

In the P-38s Nielsen and his fellow pilots flew, the K-17 camera with a six-inch cone provided tremendous coverage from high altitudes. Different planes also had one or more different types of cameras, including a 12-inch vertical, two split 24 K-17 9x9 cameras or one

K-18. At the time, the K-17 far exceeded the quality of British cameras, so Nielsen's squadron received requests from London to obtain photos for their reconnaissance needs.

"Some reconnaissances of extremely long range couldn't be handled with the P-38s, so the British took care of those needs with their Mosquitoes," Nielsen said. "There were about 65 enemy ports from France's Mediterranean to northeastern Germany. Some were covered as often as every two days, others as infrequently

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Area Projects Share In \$12.7M For Water Projects

From P&D Staff Reports

Delmont, Menno, Utica and the Randall RC&D are receiving state funding for water projects.

Gov. Mike Rounds announced the awards Friday. The state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved more than \$12.7 million in grants and loans for drinking water, wastewater, storm water, and solid-waste projects.

The board met Thursday and Friday in Pierre.

"Making grant and loan funds available for these projects will result in better drinking water, other improved utility services for residents, and enhanced protection of the environment," the governor said.

Delmont received a \$25,000 loan for water meter replacement through the Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program. The town also received a \$90,000 loan for water replacement, with all \$90,000 awarded as principal forgiveness, through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program.

Menno received a \$100,000

grant for Highway 18 waterline replacement through the Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program. The town also received a \$240,000 loan for Highway 18 sewer improvements through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program.

Utica received a \$16,500 grant and \$13,500 loan for water tower improvements through the Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program.

The Randall Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Association received a \$130,000 grant for a Lewis and Clark watershed restoration project. The grant came through the Consolidated Water Facilities

Construction Program.

The Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program provides grants and loans for water, wastewater, and watershed projects statewide. The Legislature appropriates dedicated water funds in the Water and Environment Fund annually to the program through the Governor's Omnibus Water Funding Bill.

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program provides low-interest loans for public drinking water system projects.

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program provides low-interest loans for wastewater and storm water projects.

OBITUARIES

Arthur Fischer

Arthur A. Fischer, age 94, of Yankton, South Dakota died Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Monday, September 27, 2010 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton with Reverend Jim Mueller officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton with military honors provided by Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791.

Visitation is from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with the family present from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and a prayer service and video tribute at 6:30 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral service.

Pallbearers are Bill Flattum, Tom Fischer, Joshua Habick, Mike Johnson, Doug Marquardt and Jeff McAdaragh. Honorary pallbearers are Jack Habick, Bill Nelson-Loefke, Hannah and Jonathan Loefke.

Arthur was born June 4, 1916 in American Falls, Idaho to Robert and Caroline (Preszler) Fischer. The family moved to Menno, SD when Arthur was a young boy. He attended schools in Menno, then Rockham, SD and



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finally Troy, SD. After school, Arthur worked as a farmhand before joining the United States Army in December 1942. He served four years during World War II and was discharged in January 1946. He

farmed in the Menno area for several years before being called again into active duty during the Korean War. After the war, Arthur lived in Yankton and worked in the bakery in the cafeteria at the Human Services Center. On October 16, 1960, he married Maxine McAdaragh Nelson in Yankton. From 1969 to 1977, they farmed in the Menno area. After he retired from farming, they moved back to Yankton and Arthur worked on the assembly line at the Freeman Company. Then he worked for Dick Payne and fixed fence for many farmers. Arthur's final job was as a custodian at Marquardt Transportation and he retired at age 80. Arthur loved to read and enjoyed woodworking. He loved being around people and the activities at the Yankton Senior Citizens Center, Pine Lane Estates and the Avera Yankton

Care Center. Arthur loved his grandchildren, especially playing checkers and dominos with them.

Arthur will be missed by his wife, Maxine Fischer of Yankton; two daughters: Janet (Jack) Habick of Des Moines, IA and Mary Anne (Bill) Nelson-Loefke of Aberdeen, SD; three grandchildren: Joshua Habick, Hannah and Jonathan Loefke; two brothers, Emil (Sally) Fischer of Menno and Alvin Fischer of Renton, WA; two sisters, Ella Thayer of Renton, WA and Edna Schoppert of Menno; and many nieces and nephews.

Arthur was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Herbert, William and Paul Fischer; and three sisters: Frieda Fischer, Annette Reich and Caroline Stroud.

To post an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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 and Cremation Service, Inc.
 Online condolences at:
www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Political Signs To Be Posted On Private Property Only

The City of Yankton Department of Community Development reminds candidates and citizens that political signs cannot be placed in the city street right of way.

All political signs must be placed on private property and in general this is the area between the house and sidewalk.

Anyone with sign placement questions can call 668-5251 for further information.



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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William McDowell
 ELKTON — William "Bill" McDowell, 54, died Wednesday (Sept. 22, 2010) at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls.
 Funeral services are at 10:30

a.m. Monday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Elkton, with burial at St. Mary's Cemetery. Visitation begins at 4 p.m. Sunday with a 7 p.m. Scripture service at Skroch Funeral Chapel, Elkton. www.skrochcfc.com.

ATTN: Yankton' First...TEA PARTY MEETING
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Where: JoDean's Restaurant
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IN REMEMBRANCE

Theresa C. Fleming 10:30 AM, Saturday Holy Trinity Catholic Church Hartington	Lajoy Sudbeck 10:30 AM, Saturday Holy Family (Sts. Peter & Paul) Catholic Church, Bow Valley
Arthur A. Fischer 10:30 AM, Monday St. John's Lutheran Church Yankton	

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THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone who remembered me on my 88th birthday, which was August 28th. It made me so happy to receive so many beautiful cards and notes. Thanks again to my friends and relatives.

Connie Kendall