

Tailwaters Campground To Re-open

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Gavins Point Project has announced that Nebraska Tailwaters Campground, located below Gavins Point Dam, will re-open at 10 a.m. today (Friday) after being closed since June due to flooding on the Missouri River. While a few tent sites remained open throughout this period, all electric sites were closed when flood water began to cross the access road. Campsites in Nebraska Tailwaters will be available on a first come-first serve basis until the park closes for the season on Monday, Oct. 10.

Crest Road To Be Closed Monday

The road that crosses Gavins Point Dam, also known as Crest Road or the spillway, will be closed from Monday, Sept. 26, through Friday, Sept. 30, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to conduct maintenance at the powerplant. Motorists should seek alternate routes.

Sandbag Cleanup Day Slated For Saturday

The Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce, Keep Yankton Beautiful, Missouri River Futures and the National Park Service is looking for volunteers to help with the cleanup process at the affected areas of the Missouri River this Saturday, Sept. 24, beginning at 9 a.m.

Sept. 24 is also National Public Lands Day (NPLD) and is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer event for public lands in the United States. NPLD builds partnerships between the public sector and the local community based upon mutual interests in the enhancement and restoration of America's public lands. While the flooding in the Yankton area primarily affected private property, this joint effort is being made to ensure the proper cleanup of the sandbags that are harmful to our waterways and public areas.

Areas that will need assistance on Saturday include: 1103 Sister Grove, 212 Kay Street, 217 Kay Street, 2603 Moonlight Drive, Larson's Landing and Lexie Lane.

Anyone willing to help is asked to meet at the Riverside Acres Park staging area for assignments. Trucks, trailers and skid loaders will be needed at several of the properties to haul sandbags to a nearby collection site. Property owners have the option of using the sand or taking the bags to the collection site set up by the county.

Property owners keeping the sand are responsible for the proper disposal of the empty bags. Owners keeping the sand for use will need help opening bags and spreading it around their property. Volunteers are asked to bring a knife to cut bags and to wear gloves and proper shoes.

If you are not available on Saturday but would like to help out during the week, help is needed at 100 Kay Street after 4 p.m. to cut bags and spread out sand.

Contact Carol at (605) 665-4855 for directions and to schedule times.

Police Arrest Man In Connection With Three Local Burglaries

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A Yankton man was arrested Thursday in connection with three Yankton County burglaries, according to the Yankton Police Department.

Bryce Selwyn, 18, has been charged with possession of stolen property, possession of a controlled substance and two counts of second-degree burglary.

Lt. Mark Payer said the police department, in cooperation with the Yankton County Sheriff's Office and the Cedar County (Neb.) Sheriff's Office, recovered property in excess of \$10,000 that was taken in three separate residential burglaries within Yankton County.

"The property was recovered in Cedar County," Payer stated.

Property damage associated with the burglaries is in excess of \$3,000, he added.

Two of the thefts occurred in the City of Yankton, the latest of which took place Wednesday.

The Yankton County burglary occurred in late May, according to Michael Rothschild with the sheriff's office. He said the department plans to file additional charges against Selwyn in connection with that case.

The investigation into the burglaries is continuing, and additional arrests are pending, Payer said.

Mindfulness Meditation Classes To Be Offered At Avera MindBodySpirit

The Avera Center for MindBodySpirit will be offering two different sessions of "Mindfulness and Meditation: A Practice Opportunity" in September and October and then again in November and December.

Mindfulness is the ability to bring nonjudgmental awareness to the present moment. The capacity to be mindful is a wonderful human ability; unfortunately most of us have forgotten how to be truly mindful. We often have trouble staying in the present moment because our minds are constantly preoccupied with future or past moments and much of our thinking is critical and judgmental. These states of mind generate much stress and anxiety in our lives. The cultivation of mindfulness allows awareness of these stressful thoughts, without being swept away by them.

During this series of four classes taught by

Michael R. McVay, MD, Medical Director of the Avera Center for MindBodySpirit, participants will:

- learn about mindfulness and how to engage it through a meditative practice,
- come to understand how our thinking generates much of our stress,
- experience how mindful awareness helps us to disengage from these thoughts and relax.

There will be two different offerings for the series:

- Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11 and 18, or
- Nov. 15, 22, 29 and Dec. 6

Class times are 6:30-8:30 p.m. All classes held in the Yoga Room at the Benedictine Center. For more information or to register call (605) 668-8715.

Sept. 25 Named 'Gold Star Mother's Day'

Gov. Dennis Daugaard has signed an Executive Proclamation proclaiming Sunday, Sept. 25, as "Gold Star Mother's Day" in South Dakota. Gold Star Mother's Day is observed in the United States on the last Sunday in September each year.

In his proclamation, Daugaard encourages South Dakotans to become aware of the South Dakota's Gold Star Mothers and their efforts to continue to honor our sons and daughters who paid the ultimate sacrifice for all our freedoms.

Each year, the president of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation to call on U.S. government officials to display the nation's flag on all government buildings, to call on the people to display the flag and hold community gatherings to publicly express the love, sorrow and reverence to those who are Gold Star Mothers and their families.

In recognition of South Dakota's servicemen and women who died since 9/11, the "Fallen Heroes Banners" will be on display in the east wing of the South Dakota State Capitol Sept. 24-25.

The Gold Star mothers instilled the values that led these brave men and women to service. These families have sacrificed more than most can ever imagine, and yet they still find the courage and strength to comfort other families and support our veterans.

For more information about South Dakota's Gold Star Mothers Chapter, contact them at sdgoldstarmoms@hotmail.com.

OBITUARIES

Wilma Wennblom

ELK POINT — Wilma Wennblom, 88, of Elk Point, South Dakota, passed away Saturday, September 17, 2011 at Wel-Life Assisted Living in Elk Point.



Wennblom

Memorial Service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 24, 2011 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, rural Elk Point, South Dakota. Reverend Mary Feistner will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery. Her body was donated to the University of South Dakota, School of Medicine.

Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service on Saturday and following the service during a time of lunch and fellowship, all at the church. The Carlsen Funeral Home - Schroeder Chapel in Akron, Iowa is in charge of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy can be extended to the family through www.carlsenfuneralhome.com.

Wilma Bea Ellis was born October 27, 1922 in Oakland, California, the daughter of William and Myrtle (Stillings) Ellis. After her father completed his college education, they moved back to Colorado. She attended school in Denver and graduated from North High School. She later attended college in Fort Collins and graduated from Colorado A&M.

She was united in marriage to Raymond Wennblom on July 5, 1943 in Denver. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Elk Point, South Dakota. Later on they began farming in Union County, South Dakota. After renting a farm they bought a farm west of Akron, where they made their home until retirement. Ray and Wilma raised crops and livestock for many years. Through the years, Wilma also worked as a dietician for several area hospitals and nursing homes. In 1989, after retiring, they moved to South Sioux City, Nebraska. Ray passed away April 27, 1999. In 2003, she moved to Wel-Life Assisted Living in Elk Point.

Wilma was a longtime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church near Elk Point. She and Ray enjoyed square dancing for many years. She also enjoyed her flower gardens, sewing, and doing genealogy research. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her 3 children: Nancy Ludwig (Donald) of Windsor, CO, Raymond James Wennblom (Pat) of Elk Point, SD,

and Swen Wennblom (Dianna) of Apple Valley, MN; 7 grandchildren: Beth Doll, Joe Ludwig, Peter Ludwig, Matt Wennblom, Carrie Thonstad, Marty Wennblom, and Trevor Wennblom; 8 great grandchildren; 2 sisters in law: Leora Chicoine of Jefferson, SD, and Ruthann Ellis of Lakewood, CO; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Raymond; a sister: Mable Augusto; and a brother: Warren Ellis.

Memorials can be made in Wilma's name to the Akron Care Center Building Fund and/or St. Paul Lutheran Church Window Fund.

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Miriam Johnson

LENNOX — Miriam Johnson, 85, died Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011 at the Lennox Good Samaritan Center.



Johnson

Miriam Mudder was born in 1926 at Tripp, SD. She grew up at Avon, SD. In 1946 she married Arnold B. Johnson. The couple lived in Avon until moving to Lennox in 1960. Arnold died in 2008.

She was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church and the Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include: daughter, Charlotte (Bernard) Hoverstadt, Webster, SD; two grandchildren: Adrienne (Todd) McKeown, Harrisburg, SD and Ben Hoverstadt, Watertown, SD and two great-grandchildren: Maggie and Ryan McKeown; two brothers: Alvin Mudder and Jerry Mudder, Avon.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 at Faith Presbyterian Church, Lennox. Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox with the family present from 7-8 p.m. Online go to dindotklusmann.com

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Artis Knudson

WAKONDA — Artie E. Knudson, 97, of Wakonda, SD passed away September 21, 2011 at Bethesda Nursing Home in Beresford, SD.

Funeral services will be 10:00am, Monday, September 26, 2011 at Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church rural Wakonda, SD. Burial will follow in Lodi Cemetery, rural Wakonda.

Visitation will be from 5 to

John Gurney

John Gurney, age 53 of Yankton passed away on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton from cancer.

Memorial Service will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 24, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial of John's cremated remains will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitations will begin Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and will continue until the time of the service at the funeral home.

John was born on October 25, 1957 to Elizabeth "Elsie" (Brecht) and the late Edgar Gurney in Yankton, SD. John is a graduate of Yankton High School. He worked for a short time at the Yankton Human Services Center before he started his lawn mowing business. He also drove school bus for 20 years in which time he enjoyed the children who rode with him. John often related the fun he had with them. He enjoyed going to craft shows in which he had a line of wood-working. He could take a picture and cut one out of wood with a saber saw. John did



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some beautiful work especially his large work of the "Lord's Prayer." John is survived by his mother, Elizabeth "Elsie" Gurney of Yankton; two brothers, Stephen (Linda Sue) Gurney of Mankato, MN and Douglas (Lynne) Gurney of Yankton; three sisters, Marcia Gurney of Milwaukee, WI, Linda (Michael) Gilles of Pawling, NY and Sandra (Philip) Spanos of Mitchell, SD; one aunt, Cecilia Schaefer of Yankton; twelve nieces and nephews; ten great-nieces and great-nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Edgar and brothers, Dennis and Terrell, his grandparents, Sewell "Teed" Gurney and Myrtle Gurney and Stephen and Margaret Brech.

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7pm with a prayer service beginning at 7:00pm, Sunday, September 25, at the Hansen Funeral Home in Irene, SD.

Artis was born to John and Ida (Nelson) Dahlin June 6, 1914 in Clay County and had a twin brother Arthur. She married Knute Inman Knudson on Nov. 10, 1939 and they farmed in the Wakonda area. He preceded her in death in May of 1968.

She is survived by a daughter Corrine and husband Ron Hill of Longview, Wa, one son Dennis Knudson of Wakonda, SD, five grandchildren; Rodney and wife Nancy Hill of Washougal, Wa, Gregg Hill of Longview, Wa, Kevin and his wife Pil Ok Hill of Havelock, NC, Lindsay and husband Trinity Turnbow of Bismarck, ND, Tyler Knudson of Bismarck, ND, eight grandchildren; Krista Hill, Korea, David of Pensacola, Florida, Ryan Hill, Nathan Hill, Madison Hill, Abigail Hill, Gracie Hill of Washougal, Wa, Isabella Turnbow, Bismarck, ND, one brother-in-law Don Merriman Beresford, SD, and a sister-in-law Agnes Knutson, Hurley, SD also four adopted grandchildren; Nikki White, Cosette Pease, Nathan White and Amanda White. A special niece Gayle White, Sioux Falls and many

more special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by 6 sisters; Lottie Thomas, Sophie Lowden, Anna Snoozy, Christine Max, Grace Strand, Elaine Merriman and 7 brothers; Nels Dahlin, Joe Dahlin, Clarence Dahlin, Oscar Dahlin, Arthur Dahlin, Melvin Dahlin, Robert Dahlin.

For obituary and online condolences visit hansenfuneralhome.com

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Alice Kupfer

Alice A. Kupfer, 72, of Yankton died Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011, at her home in Yankton.

A memorial service is at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with the Rev. Joe Schulte officiating. Inurnment will be amongst the veterans in Ft. Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minn., at a later date.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the memorial service at the funeral home.

To send an online sympathy message to the family, visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Herman Goeken

Herman F. Goeken, age 95, of Yankton, died Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at Avera Sacred Heart Majestic Bluffs Assisted Living Center, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, September 24, 2011 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Mark Lichter celebrating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, with Military Graveside Rights by Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791, Yankton and SDARNG, Sioux Falls.

Visitations will be from 3-9 p.m. Friday, September 23, 2011 at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. and Prayer Service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Pallbearers are Bernard Goeden, Norbert Goeken, Reynold Loecker, Merlin Lillie, Melvin Reifernath and John Goeken, Jr.

Herman was the son of William and Justina (Struff) Goeken, born May 22, 1916 at West Point, NE. They moved to Petersburg and then to Crofton as a young child. He attended St. Rose of Lima Catholic School in Crofton.

He farmed with his father until entering the service on February 22, 1942 with the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving sixteen months in India from 1944 to 1946. He was discharged on February 12, 1946.

On August 19, 1949 he married Bertha Voll Gratzfeld. He farmed the airport land in Yankton for several years and then in the Mission Hill area until 1962, when they moved to Yankton, SD. Here he worked for the



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City of Yankton as Foreman of the Parks Department.

He retired in 1978. His wife died April 9, 1990. He did volunteer work and was a life member of the Yankton Senior Citizens and Veterans' of Foreign Wars of Yankton, SD.

He married Frances Schramm on November 10, 1990 and they enjoyed a lot of traveling by car and motor coach.

Survivors are step-daughters: Janice (Bob) DeJong of Lesterville, SD and Darlene (Ronald) Dose of Sioux Falls, SD; stepsons: Terrence (Joanne) and Harold (Angela) all of Yankton, Rodney (Diane) Schramm of Utica, SD, Joe (Sylvia) Gratzfeld and Ed (Joanne) Gratzfeld both of Yankton, SD and Carl (Donna) Gratzfeld of Madison, SD; many step-grandchildren, step great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews; sisters: Veronica Lillie and Mary Ann Loecker, both of Yankton, SD; and a very special friend, Odelia Ellis of Yankton, SD.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Bertha, second wife, Frances, 5 brothers and 5 sisters.

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