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ABOVE: Booms were deployed in the Missouri River along Riverside Park in Yankton Thursday during an oil spill training exercise done by the TransCanada Corporation. They are designed to channel the oil to a skimmer that can collect the pollutant, which would then be pumped into a truck and hauled to a disposal point. **RIGHT:** Rob Latimer, a community relations specialist for the TransCanada Corporation, speaks with reporters about the drill. (Photos: Kelly Hertz/P&D)

Oil's Well That Ends Well In Drill

TransCanada Simulates Spill With Exercise In Yankton

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If an oil spill were to occur along the Missouri River in Yankton, Thursday would have been the perfect day for it.

The skies were clear, the temperature was pleasant and the wind was calm.

Fortunately, the boats and booms in the water by Riverside Park were only dealing with a disaster drill scenario where oil had spilled from the Keystone Pipeline owned by the TransCanada Corporation.

The Keystone Pipeline carries crude oil from the oil sands in northeastern Alberta, Canada, to refineries in the United States. It crosses the Missouri River on the east side of Yankton's Riverside Park and is buried "tens of feet" below the river bed, according to Rob Latimer, a community relations specialist for TransCanada.

"We're conducting a practice deployment of our spill containment equipment, boats, personnel and contractors on the Missouri River," he said while overlooking the operation involving approximately 50 TransCanada employees and contractors. "It was 2010 when we had our last full-scale deployment in Yankton. We had some pretty nasty weather that day, so that curtailed it. But throughout our system, we practice in other locations on an annual basis. We're glad to be back in Yankton on a sunny day."

Local and state emergency responders from Nebraska and South Dakota, as well as federal personnel, were also on scene to observe the exercise.

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Latimer said that a control center is



Bloomfield, Neb., resident Laurie Larsen and her fellow Patches band members will be inducted next month into the Nebraska Country Music Hall of Fame.

Area Musician To Join Nebraska Country Music Hall Of Fame

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part of the Press & Dakotan's monthly series spotlighting occupations, tasks and duties in our coverage area.

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BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — When Laurie Larsen took Lamaze classes, she didn't realize it marked the beginning of a Nebraska music legend.

"I was taking the class with Beth Greeno, and we started talking about how we both played 12-string guitar and had performed music," Larsen said. "Beth had a beautiful voice, and we decided we would try (music together)."



ON THE JOB

The two women added other female musicians over the years to form Patches, an all-girl country band. The band originated with Knox County, Neb., members

and played from 1977-95. While its members changed over the years, the band remained a regional hit with its unique harmony and engaging stage presence.

Now, the band will reunite once again — if only for

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Speaker:

CST Simplifies Immigration Issue

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In an effort to explore and understand how Catholic Social Teaching (CST) can be used to interpret and evaluate the debated issue of immigration in the United States, the Mount Marty College Benedictine Institute invited the executive director of the Center For Migration Studies in New York to be a guest lecturer Thursday night.

Donald Kerwin Jr. explained that if the United States government used the tenants of Catholic Social Teaching, the issues would not be as complex.

"It is very straightforward," he said.

Catholic Social Teaching says simply that everyone has equal rights, the right to protection and the right to human dignity. Kerwin added that CST says, because every person has those rights, no person can be "illegal."

"Who are the people that make up the majority of the group of unauthorized we are hearing about?" he asked. "It includes 3.4 million who have come in on visas of some sort. It includes 2.1 million kids that not only grew up here, they would pass the criteria for legal American status. It includes 4.5 million parents of legal U.S. citizen children. It includes 1.2 million that have lived here for 20 years or more. It includes 6

million who have lived here for at least 10 years."

While Kerwin said recent laws giving "the dreamers" — children who have grown up in the United States but do not have legal citizenship — legal status have given some respite, he stressed reforms are needed.

"According to (CST), nations have the responsibility to help support and honor the common good of people who seek better lives," he said.

He added that the majority of unauthorized immigrants in the U.S. left their original birth countries because



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Donald Kerwin Jr. believes that immigration reform should follow Catholic Social Teaching.

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