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OPINION | WE SAY

House Keeping



THUMBS UP to the Charles Mix County Historical Restoration Society (CMCHRS) as it continues its restoration of the boyhood home of the late governor and U.S. senator Peter Norbeck. The home was constructed seven miles northwest of Geddes in the late 1800s, and the structure was moved into Geddes in 1989. Age, weather and other factors have taken their toll on the home. The Geddes residents need to raise a projected \$40,000 for the project and face major matching grant deadlines. Mount Marty College history professor Rich Lothius, who spoke in Geddes and has toured the Norbeck home, encourages visitors to check out the house and also financial support for the project. CMCHRS treasurer Sharon Ackley said this week's *Press & Dakotan* article on the project has already produced results, as a donor contacted her after reading the story. We hope it's the first of many positive results.

Remembered



THUMBS UP to the remembrance of a key individual in Yankton and South Dakota history. On Wednesday, a marker was unveiled in Yankton Cemetery for Amanda Pennington, a former first lady of Dakota Territory (she was the husband of John Pennington, who served as territorial governor from 1874-1878) who was buried in Yankton in an unmarked grave. Research shows that the intention was to bury Ms. Pennington in Yankton temporarily until her remains could be relocated to her husband's home state of Alabama. But for whatever reason, this never happened, and Ms. Pennington has resided in an unmarked grave since her passing in 1884. However, due to the diligent research of Gary Conradi, Ms. Pennington's burial site was deduced and her plot found. That led to the placement of a marker, donated by Luken Memorials of Yankton, to rightly honor and remember this frontier woman. It adds a small piece to Yankton's history, and hopefully — somewhere — it provides some comfort that what was once lost has now been found and properly honored.

Downward Path?



A cautious **THUMBS UP** to a report this week from AAA noting that gasoline prices should continue to fall as we switch from the summer to the fall seasons. Prices in the state have dropped 15 cents since the end of June. And the drop could continue. "The good news for motorists is that gasoline prices typically fall after Labor Day as the stock of the summer driving season reduces demand and the nation stockpiles oil," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "September also marks the start of refineries beginning their yearly transition to producing cheaper winter blends of gasoline. We expect retail prices to inch downward in the coming weeks." And that would be a good way for motorists to end the summer and roll into autumn.

Well Served



THUMBS DOWN to the passing this week of towering character actor Richard Kiel, who died in California at age 74. To say Kiel made a big impression would be an understatement: He stood 7-foot-2 and was instantly recognizable. We suppose he is best remembered by move fans for playing Jaws, the steel-toothed henchman in the 1977 James Bond movie "The Spy Who Loved Me." He made such an impact that he was brought back — and ultimately morphed into a good guy — in 1979's "Moonraker." He also stood out (so to speak) as a neck-breaking con in the football comedy "The Longest Yard." But he *should* also get some due for his role as Kanamit, the seemingly benevolent alien, in one of the most iconic "Twilight Zone" episodes ever, "To Serve Man," which served up a classic plot twist that has often been referenced or parodied, but never quite equaled. Kiel was a limited actor who made the most of his assets, which isn't a bad way to be remembered.

ON THIS DATE

By The Associated Press
Today is Friday, September 12, the 255th day of 2014. There are 110 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History: On September 12, 1914, during World War I, the First Battle of the Marne ended in an Allied victory against Germany.

On this date: In 1814, the Battle of North Point took place in Maryland during the War of 1812 as American forces slowed British troops advancing on Baltimore.

In 1846, Elizabeth Barrett secretly married Robert Browning at St. Marylebone Church in London.

In 1938, Adolf Hitler demanded the right of self-determination for the Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia.

In 1944, the Second Quebec Conference opened with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in attendance.

In 1953, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy married Jacqueline Lee Bouvier in Newport, Rhode Island.

In 1954, the TV show "Lassie" made its debut on CBS.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy addressed questions about his Roman Catholic faith, telling a Southern Baptist group, "I do not speak for my church on public matters, and the church does not speak for me."

In 1962, in a speech at Rice University in Houston, President John F. Kennedy reaffirmed his support for the manned space program, declaring: "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard."

In 1974, Emperor Haile Selassie was deposed by Ethiopia's military after ruling for 58 years.

In 1977, South African black student leader Steve Biko died while in police custody, triggering an international outcry.

In 1986, Joseph Cicippio, the acting comptroller at the American University in Beirut, was kidnapped (he was released in December 1991).

In 1994, a stolen, single-engine Cessna crashed into the South Lawn of the White House, coming to rest against the executive mansion; the pilot, Frank Corder, was killed.

Ten years ago: US Airways Group Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection for the second time in two years. (The following year, US Airways emerged from bankruptcy protection, clearing the way for a merger with America West Holdings Group.) Ten people were killed in an apartment fire just outside Columbus, Ohio. Hurricane Ivan battered the Cayman Islands with ferocious 150-mph winds.

Roger Federer won the U.S. Open, defeating Lleyton Hewitt 6-0, 7-6 (3), 6-0. Playwright Jerome Chodorov died in Nyack, New York, at age 93.

Five years ago: Tens of thousands of protesters marched to the U.S. Capitol, showing their disdain for President Barack Obama's health care plan. The president, keeping up the drumbeat for his proposal, told a packed rally in Minneapolis, "I will not accept the status quo. Not this time. Not now." Serena Williams' U.S. Open title defense ended with a bizarre loss to Kim Clijsters after Williams went into a tirade against a line judge who'd called her for a foot fault; following her outburst, Williams was penalized a point for unsportsmanlike conduct, ending the match, 6-4, 7-5. Norman Borlaug, 95, the father of the "green revolution" who won the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in combating world hunger, died in Dallas.

One year ago: Omar Hammami, an American who became one of Somalia's most visible Islamic rebels, was killed by rivals in the al-Qaida-linked extremist group al-Shabab. The U.S. space agency NASA announced that Voyager 1, launched 36 years earlier, had crossed a new frontier, becoming the first man-made spacecraft ever to leave the solar system. American inventor Ray Dolby, 80, founder of Dolby Laboratories, died in San Francisco.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Dickie Moore ("Our Gang") is 89. Actor Freddie Jones is 87. Actor Ian Holm is 83. U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., is 75. Actress Linda Gray is 74. Singer Maria Muldaur is 72. Actor Joe Pantoliano is 63. Singer-musician Gerry Beckley (America) is 62. Original MTV VJ Nina Blackwood is 62. Rock musician Neil Peart (Rush) is 62. Actor Peter Scolari is 59. Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback is 58. Actress Rachel Ward is 57. Actress Amy Yasbeck is 52. Rock musician Norwood Fisher (Fishbone) is 49. Actor Darren E. Burrows is 48. Rock singer-musician Ben Folds (Ben Folds Five) is 48. Actor-comedian Louis C.K. is 47. Rock musician Larry LaLonde (Primus) is 46. Gaffer Angel Cabrera is 45. Actor-singer Will Chase (TV: "Nashville") is 44. Actor Josh Hopkins is 44. Country singer Jennifer Nettles is 40. Rapper 2 Chainz is 37. Actor Ben McKenzie is 36. Singer Ruben Studdard is 36. Basketball player Yao Ming is 34. Singer-actress Jennifer Hudson is 33. Actress Emmy Rossum is 28. Actor Colin Ford is 18.

Thought for Today: "We must be willing to pay a price for freedom, for no price that is ever asked for it is half the cost of doing without it." — H.L. Mencken, American author and journalist (1880-1956).

FROM THE BIBLE

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation of our sins. 1 John 4:10. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis

Congress might have **FOUR** full work days over the next nine weeks..



The '11 Flood Persists

BY KELLY HERTZ

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I watched a lake die this week. The demise of what was left of Lake Yankton took place Wednesday with a harsh chill squirming in the air. The lake was laced with a poison to kill off the last of the invasive fish — and the other fish therein — left in the withered body of water.

What will follow in short order is the rebirth of Lake Yankton, refilled and restocked with game fish that will one day draw anglers again to this manmade fishing hole.

The lake's fate serves as the latest reminder that we are still living with the flood of 2011. Three years on, the impact is still with us even though the river isn't roaring through the spillway gates of Gavins Point Dam and some lowlands aren't besieged by unimaginably high tides.

Lake Yankton was a victim of the flood. Three years ago, the fingerprints of this act could be found at the southeast corner of the pond, at what is called "the bubble" — a trickle tube that allows the water from the lake to flow down to the river just a few yards away. The key word in that description is "down": The lake that was formed from the old pre-Gavins Point channel sat several feet higher than the tailwater to the east of the dam. But in 2011, the record discharges from the dam changed that, with the tailwater actually running higher than the lake. Water boiled INTO Lake Yankton at "the bubble," which was certainly one of the many stark recollections I have from that summer. The rough fish moved into the lake as well, and this changed things; the lake was different, sickly. That led to the decision to conduct this week's "restoration" and start over.

Yes, the flood lives on. We're still seeing the impact, and in some ways, there's no end in sight to it.

Ask the people of Yankton, who saw the river channel change due to the flooding. This created new sandbars near the feeder tubes for the city's water supply. Suddenly, this "river city" was having trouble getting water.

Or look to the mouth of the James River, which has practically become a dam because of new sediment bars. This could cause the waters of that river to back up or drain more slowly. Any impact that could have ended a



Kelly HERTZ

heavy runoff year remains to be seen.

The flood also led to lawsuits as the event aggravated the strained relationship between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the people who live along the river and counted on the Corps — probably to an unrealistic extent — to manage the Missouri River and make it safe to build in what would otherwise be flood-plain territory.

In some ways, the flooding impact has had good consequences. The Corps now holds regular conference calls with reporters and riverside officials to discuss the short-term and long-term flooding prospects, or the lack thereof. The recent spike in discharges from the dams to offset heavy runoff in the upper basin was vigorously advertised in advance. So, not only was the public made aware of what the Corps was going to do, we were also let in, with great detail, on why it was doing it. This never really happened before 2011.

Elsewhere along the river, places that were ravaged during the flood have rebuilt with flooding in mind. This was a painful process, but probably a good thing. The Corps is not infallible, as a lot of people will tell you, but there's also an awareness now that there are limits to the Corps' power to control a rather mighty river.

Ultimately, the flood of 2011 has caused us to not look at the river in the same way.

As a rule, we used to take the river for granted. Long ago, the Missouri was either a rampaging monster or a slumbering, listless giant, depending on the whims of nature. Then the dams tamed the river, allowing man to raise or lower its levels when we so desired. It turned snarling waters into placid recreational waterways and a virtual water garden in our backyards. Yankton never again had to worry about ice floes backing up the river into the lower blocks of the city, for example. We simply stopped worrying about the Missouri River.

And we paid for it in 2011 — some of us much more than others.

Now, we remember, because we are still living with the memories and the fallout.

Lake Yankton is one such piece of evidence. It will be a great lake again, but it should always stand as one of the reminders of an extraordinary, waterlogged year and how it changed us on many levels.

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YOUR LETTERS

Cemetery Concerns

Marty Larsen, Hurley

As a person who has contracted to mow cemeteries since 1995, I feel qualified to respond to the recent letters from Ruth Ann Dickman (Aug. 21) and Jolene Berndt (July 21) regarding flowers, flags and other memorabilia left at grave sites.

I agree with their statements about some caretakers and/or cemeteries and their disrespectful treatment of our flag. A different manner of disposal should be considered.

But, good form requires that the American flag be lighted while on display at night. Otherwise we must remember to take it down before dark and put it out again for the daytime.

String trimming around flags, flowers, eternal lights and planted bushes all add extra labor. A person who bids to mow a cemetery needs to factor in the cost of equipment and maintenance, fuel, transportation to and from the cemetery, and the time it takes to mow and string trim. Also, depending upon the size of the cemetery, a helper might need to be hired. In the end, the mower hopes to make a profit and must charge accordingly.

Many cemeteries have regulations pertaining to perpetual care in an attempt to keep costs under control. These rules are generally posted at the entries and include "no permanent plantings" and "flowers, and other ornamental decorations shall be removed within two weeks of Memorial Day." A wet spring could easily result in extra mowings during this two-week time frame. A four-week window would add even more mowings! Every additional mowing costs extra money.

Unfortunately, many grave sites are decorated by well-intentioned families who make an annual visit to the final resting place of a relative or loved one but then do not return until the fol-

Online Opinion

The results of the most recent Internet poll on the *Press & Dakotan's* Web site are as follows:

LATEST RESULTS:

Who do you support in the South Dakota U.S. House race?
Krisi Noem 44%
Corinna Robinson 34%
Not sure/neither 22%
TOTAL VOTES CAST 283

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CURRENT QUESTION:

Who do you support in the South Dakota U.S. Senate race?
To vote in the *Press & Dakotan's* Internet poll, log on to our website at www.yankton.net.

lowing year. In the meantime, real flowers die, silk arrangements become sun-faded, wind-whipped and shabby. This reflects on the appearance of the entire cemetery. When a site is "abandoned," the caretakers and/or mowers must step in and do extra clean-up. This is probably the reason the rulings were initially put in place ... extra cost for everyone, except the good-intentioned relatives.

In The Asylum

Walt Fair, Menno

I always knew the inmates were running the Washington, D.C., insane asylum. But it appears lately they have found the keys to the wine cellar. TV news commentators included.

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