

# Boat ramps closed due to flooding

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department is offering an online service to keep anglers and boaters updated on boat ramp access.

Flooding conditions have closed several boat ramps around the state. Other boat ramps could go out of service depending on spring precipitation and runoff. Most of the current closures are in northeastern and north central South Dakota. Some ramps on Lake Francis Case could be temporarily closed later this spring and early

summer.

"With the long winter, anglers are anxious to get on the water, and they are going to want to know if and where they can launch their boats," Bob Schneider, assistant director for the Division of Parks and Recreation said.

A new online service from the Game, Fish and Parks Department will highlight South Dakota boat ramp and fishing access information for boaters and anglers.

GFP has produced an online interactive map that

highlights boat ramp locations and conditions, as well as fishing access points around the state. The map allows individuals to display boat ramps and then bring up a pop-up text to view pertinent site information.

Boat ramps are being monitored by GFP and the online map will be updated throughout the spring and summer.

Anglers may access the online information at <http://gfp.sd.gov/fishing-boating/fishing-access.aspx>.

# VHS to present 'Scapino' May 6-8

Vermillion High School students will present the slapstick comedy "Scapino!" May 6-8 in the VHS Performing Arts Center.

The play, set in 17th century Italy, tells the story of two sets of young lovers struggling to stay together against their fathers' will.

They seek help from Scapino, a jolly trickster whose antics makes fools of the fathers while saving the lovers.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. on May 6 and 7, and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 8. Tickets are available at the door.



Rehearsing a scene from "Scapino!" are (seated) Sarah Szymonski, Derek Iverson, Hannah Ford, Sam Pearson, Cassie Donahoe and Mathia Shumaker, and (standing) Rachel Axtell, Doug Kronaizl, Joe Bob Geis, William Card, Randy LaMie, Paul Granaas, Alexis Reich, Leah Geis, and Gage Thomas.

(Photo by David Lias)

## Ragothaman is Davis-Bahcall Scholarship winner

Gov. Dennis Daugaard has announced the names of 10 South Dakota students who have been selected for scholarships to study with some of the country's top scientists.

This year's participants include Janani Ragothaman, a student at Vermillion High School.

The Davis-Bahcall Scholarship winners will spend several days this summer at the Sanford Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory in Lead, at Princeton University in New Jersey, and at the Soudan Mine in northern Minnesota.

Each of the 10 participants underwent a rigorous selection process, including an interview, in order to be part of the program. In addition to the summer study, scholarship

recipients will have the opportunity to apply for pre-selected summer internships.

To be eligible for a Davis-Bahcall Scholarship, students must be either high school seniors or college freshman attending a public or private high school or postsecondary institution in South Dakota. Applicants also must show a demonstrated interest in science and intent to pursue an advanced degree in math, science, engineering or technology.

The scholarships, which are funded by the 3M company, are named for renowned physicists Dr. Ray Davis and Dr. John Bahcall.

For more information, visit the South Dakota Department of Education's website at [www.doe.sd.gov](http://www.doe.sd.gov)

## NPS, USFWS & Keep Yankton Beautiful to host Family Fun Day April 30

This Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Keep Yankton Beautiful are partnering to host a fun and educational family event at Gavins Point National Fish Hatchery that will include celebrating National Junior Ranger Day, a Kids Fishing Derby, and a mini Great American Clean-Up.

The purpose of these events is to provide opportunities for children and families to visit their public lands and participate in outdoor activities that help them explore, learn about, and care for these special places. Participating children of all ages will have the opportunity to earn a special patch, certificate, and Junior Ranger badge as well as other prizes.

The day's events will include opportunities to fish in the hatchery's ponds and visit the aquarium, participate in programs and activities about the National Park System and Missouri National Recreational River, enjoy fun activities about threatened and endangered species that live in and along the river, enjoy an interactive stream table that shows how a river works and responds to change, take a guided walk and participate in a mini Great American Clean-Up, and more.

For questions or more information, you are welcome to contact Anne Doherty-Stephan from the National Park Service at 605-665-0209 x29 or the Gavins Point National Fish Hatchery at 605-665-3352.

## OBITUARIES

### Bonnie Anderson

Bonnie Belle (Edwards-Haines) Anderson, 87, passed away Monday, April 25, 2011 at the Morningside Manor in Alcester.

Bonnie was born on Sept. 5, 1923 on a farm in rural Vermillion to Clarence and Isabel Edwards. When she was young, Bonnie's mother suffered an illness which led to Bonnie living with Prof. and Mrs. Haines of Vermillion, while the Edwards family returned to Montana.



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and worked as a telephone

In 1941 Bonnie graduated from University High School in Vermillion. After graduation she remained in Vermillion

operator. She did not meet her parents, brothers and sisters until she made a trip to Montana in 1947.

In 1952 Bonnie married the love of her life, Verne Anderson, in Vermillion. Shortly after her marriage she took a job at USD where she worked as the assistant to the president for 29 years. During her time at USD six presidents had the pleasure of working with her. Her dynamic personality and indispensable value to USD led Governor Janklow to

name June 24, 1986 as Bonnie Haines Anderson Day.

Bonnie not only led an exciting and fulfilling professional life, her hobbies reflected that spirit as well. In 1978 she obtained her pilots license and began flying, in their own plane, to trap shooting contests all over the United States, where Verne was an avid and decorated competitor. She also had a lifelong love of the farm and gardening as well as a deep connection to her family. She frequently took trips to visit the

Edwards family and continued to live and care for Prof. Haines until his passing in 1975 at the age of 101.

She is survived by her husband, Verne Anderson; brother, Keith Edwards of Big Sandy, MT; her sister, Dorothy Tordick of Big Sandy, MT; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her brothers, Ethan and Wayne Edwards; her sister, Mona Edwards; and the Haines children, Robert, Pearl and Carlton.

Visitation will be held at the Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion Friday, April 29, 2011 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The funeral service will be held Saturday, April 30, 2011 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion at 1:30 p.m. with Pastor Trisha Boese officiating.

Burial will be in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in rural Elk Point following the service.

Condolences may be posted online to [www.koberfuneralhome.com](http://www.koberfuneralhome.com).

### Robert Driscoll

Robert E. "Mike" Driscoll, of Spearfish died Thursday, April 21, 2011, from heart failure at age 72.

He was the only son of Robert and Elinor Driscoll, one time spouse of Rosalie (Cone), Jean (Young), Helen (Rosenberg), all of whom preceded him in death, and Sharon (Nelson). He was the father of Whitney Driscoll, Colleen Carroll, and Michael Driscoll. He also had eight grandchildren, Catie, Shiloh, Jack, Mary, Ev, and Will Carroll and Andrea and Ryan Driscoll. He shared his days with his last dog partner, Angel, and his special dog friend, Chi the Chihuahua.

Mike was a student, economist, lawyer, law teacher, art gallery

operator, corporate director, and in retirement a private investor. A reserved, reclusive, and contemplative man neither social nor a joiner he had a mostly good and generous heart and loved his family and friends from many different walks of life who gained his trust and loyalty. He also loved and respected animals and all living things, especially dogs. He was usually gentle and kind. He was a spiritual and prayerful man. A recovered alcoholic, he had been sober through the grace of God and help of others for 35 years when he died and considered that and cessation of tobacco smoking and use the major personal accomplishments of his life.

The cultivation of mind and spirit were central to his life. He

read widely and loved books, spoken language, and poetry. For some inexplicable reason he constantly studied and read French, a language which he greatly enjoyed but never used. He sought and saw beauty in all his surroundings, collected art, traveled, enjoyed an endless fascination for trains and railroading once briefly owning his own lounge car, liked to grow vegetables, did downhill skiing from youth until he died striving for perfect style and grace in form, became a serious amateur photographer late in life, found endless fascination with technology and especially Apple computers and products, and studied medicine and issues of health and treatment of disease in all its

aspects except surgery yet refused to consult doctors as he aged preferring holistic and natural methods of staying healthy.

He was interested in anything and everything and, by his own admission, mastered nothing. He wrote well but produced little. His heroes were Augustine, Montaigne, and W. Churchill. He would die, he

said, with far more questions than answers. (This was not surprising for he was one of the last law school practitioners of the Socratic method as his preferred teaching method.) He believed in rigorous honesty. He asked to be cremated and buried in a private graveside ceremony without comment (Written by Mike in July of 2010).

A memorial has been established for the Terry Peak Junior Ski Race Program.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels and Crematory Service of Spearfish. Online condolences may be written at [www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapel.com)

### Helen Meylor

Helen Meylor, 68, of Vermillion, died Thursday, April 21, 2011, at her residence after a battle with cancer.

Helen was born Nov. 8, 1942, in Waterbury, NE to John and Cecilia Marx. She graduated from Waterbury High School and worked at AT&T as a telephone operator until 1969.

Helen married Leonard "Pat" Meylor on Sept. 17, 1966, in Ponca, NE. She was a devoted wife and mother. She was an active volunteer for many years at Birthright of Siouxland.

She is a member of the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion and was previously a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Sioux City, IA and St. Michael's Church in Kingsley.

She is survived by two sons, Michael (Lisa) Meylor of San Antonio, TX, and Kevin (Pam) Meylor of Vermillion; as well as two brothers and four sisters, John (Pat) Marx of Lubbock, TX, Cecilia Patterson of Danbury, IA, Mary Dierking and Margaret Craig, both of Ponca, NE, Susie (Dan) Comstock of South Sioux City, NE, Nick (Mary) Marx of McCook Lake. She is also survived by six beloved grandchildren, Lauren, Maddie, Brendan, Patrick, Connor and Ellie. She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

Funeral Mass was 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 26 at St. Agnes Catholic Church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery in Kingsley, IA. Visitation began at 5 p.m. Monday, with a Rosary at 7 p.m. and a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. all at the church. Online obituary and condolences: [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com).

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