

FIRST-PLACE



Molly Radigan and Randy Rasmussen placed first in the female and male division at the Susan G. Komen 5K held Sunday, Sept. 29, at Falls Park in Sioux Falls. Radigan, who won the Race for Hope in Sioux City, IA, the previous weekend, finished in a time of 19:18, with Rasmussen running in 18:27.

(Photo by Travis Gulbrandson)

South Dakota's gas prices continue to drop

Drivers in several Midwestern and central states are enjoying major month-over-month price relief at the pump where prices are at least 30 cents less than last month.

AAA expects retail prices will continue lower in the coming months, as sufficient supplies, flat demand and cheaper winter-blend gasoline mean motorists are likely to pay less to fill their tanks.

"Barring a hurricane or other unexpected disruption to gasoline production and/or distribution, the South Dakota average could fall below \$3.191 a gallon by Christmas," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota.

The national average may also fall, perhaps to the \$3.10-20 range, by year-end. According to AAA's fuel price website, AAAFuelGaugeReport.com, the last time the national average was below \$3.20 per gallon was on Feb. 23, 2011.

Today's average price for regular gasoline is

\$3.35 per gallon, four cents less than one week ago, 22 cents less than one month ago and 47 cents less than the same day last year.

U.S. and global markets are working to evaluate the impact of the federal government shutdown and renewed U.S. debt ceiling concerns, while retail gas prices continue to march steadily lower, although today's average is three-tenths of a cent above yesterday's. Up until today, the national average had dropped for 36 consecutive days.

Despite retail gas prices trending lower and recent political and economic uncertainty, the price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil has remained above \$100 per barrel for more than three months.

Even with a slight decline in trading earlier, this streak continued as WTI settled 81 cents lower at \$103.03 per barrel at the close of formal trading on the NYMEX Monday.

Tea firm awarded landfill project

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The project to rebuild the baler building at the Vermillion Sanitary Landfill has been awarded to Daniels Residential Construction of Tea.

The action was taken Monday night at the Vermillion City Council's regular meeting.

Daniels submitted the low bid of \$991,600, with other bids ranging from \$1,018,000 to \$1,138,095.

A memo distributed to the city council members said the engineer's estimate for the project was \$850,000. City Engineer José Domínguez said the contractor has been in business "for quite a long time," and have previously constructed large buildings in the Sioux Falls area.

Bids for the project were opened Sept. 25, more than a month after the city failed to get a contractor the first time it opened bids.

The low bid at that time was for \$1,060,000.

Nothing changed on the project but the timeline, Domínguez said, adding that it is set to be completed next year "toward the end of May."

The building will replace the one that was damaged in a fire last October, although it will be slightly larger – 80 by 160 feet, compared to 80 by 130 feet.

Domínguez said the building will not be constructed in the same location as the old one, but rather on "the very east side" of the landfill property.

The landfill's office and scale will remain where they are, he said.

The money used to fund the project will come from several sources.

It was announced late last month that the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a grant for \$225,000 to go toward the new building.

The grant is from the Solid Waste Management Program, which provides grants and loans for solid

waste disposal, recycling and waste tire projects statewide. Revenues come from dedicated state solid waste fees that are deposited in the state Water and Environment Fund.

A further \$663,788 will be provided by the city's insurance carrier.

The remaining portion will be paid with Joint Powers funds, Domínguez said.

Last October's fire at the landfill's baler building led to the loss of items including the baler, conveyor and a truck.

In meetings last November, the city council replaced a wheel loader that was lost, as well as fire department gear that was damaged during the blaze.

This past June the city council approved the purchase of a new baler and conveyor for the landfill.

The cause of the fire was undetermined following inspections from five investigators.

Strong showing for Lavin against big schools

27th Annual YHS XC Invitational, 9/26/2013 at 5 p.m. The official results for this meet were not available in time for earlier press time. No team points were kept.

Girls 4km Results (Top 25 Finishers):

1. Annie Kruse (Yankton) 15:07.49; 2. Madisen Lavin (Vermillion) 16:00.84; 3. Abby Ripperda (Sioux Falls O'Gorman) 16:09.39; 4. Jasmynne Cooper (Harrisburg) 16:18.50; 5. Savannah Woods (Yankton) 16:30.74; 6. Lauren Van Holland (Harrisburg) 17:11.32; 7. Whitlee Larson (Yankton) 17:19.80; 8. Mallory Lanier (Harrisburg) 17:21.21; 9. Abby Protzman (Norfolk) 17:31.34; 10. Alyssa Bornhoft (Sioux Falls

- O'Gorman) 17:35.34; 11. Lauren Graves (Yankton) 17:50.54; 12. Aurora Gates (Norfolk) 17:51.86; 13. Breanna Harthoorn (Norfolk) 18:02.66; 14. Erika Kumm (Norfolk) 18:16.77; 15. Emma Houwman (Sioux Falls O'Gorman) 18:18.45; 16. Taylor Van Holland (Harrisburg) 18:24.77; 17. Ashtyn Haak (Yankton) 18:38.65; 18. Alison Finn (Norfolk) 18:46.04; 19. Morgan Heimes (Norfolk) 18:59.02; 20. Regina Fischer (Sioux Falls O'Gorman) 19:21.17; 21. Zoe Serres (Norfolk) 19:28.82; 22. Olivia Slack (Harrisburg) 19:40.84; 23. Lauren Ermer (Sioux Falls O'Gorman) 19:47.77; 24. Annie Prouse (Sioux Falls

- O'Gorman) 19:48.81; 25. Paige Boetel (Harrisburg) 20:18.83.

Boys 5km Results (Top 25 Finishers):

1. Brice Cowman (Yankton) 16:50.54; 2. Tejai Clausen (Norfolk) 17:38.64; 3. Austin Warren (Norfolk) 17:43.30; 4. Ethan Knobloch (Sioux Falls O'Gorman) 17:47.21; 5. Justin Grode (Yankton) 18:00.51; 6. Andrew Meuret (Norfolk) 18:10.55; 7. Rodrigo Balmaceda (Sioux Falls O'Gorman) 18:14.20; 8. Timothy Carlson (Norfolk) 18:15.43; 9. Joseph Schmidt (Sioux Falls O'Gorman) 18:15.69; 10. Connor Bollweg (Harrisburg) 18:27.37; 11. Tiegen Lindner (Sioux Falls O'Gorman) 18:32.61; 12. Cody Bollweg (Harrisburg)

- 18:40.62; 13. Grayson Zamora (Harrisburg) 18:48.50; 14. Wil Johnson (Harrisburg) 19:01.41; 15. Paul Fanta (Yankton) 19:03.00; 16. Kyle Bergeson (Yankton) 19:06.96; 17. Travis Millikan (Norfolk) 19:21.89; 18. Preston Knobloch (Sioux Falls O'Gorman) 19:30.72; 19. Alexander Auch (Harrisburg) 19:32.14; 20. Brody McClure (Yankton) 19:35.16; 21. Kindard Sproles (Sioux Falls O'Gorman) 19:36.97; 22. Zach Lanier (Harrisburg) 19:45.55; 23. Morgan Hill (Yankton) 19:48.03; 24. Kayle Schapmann (Norfolk) 19:48.86; 25. Silas Jirisek (Yankton) 20:08.21.

OBITUARIES

Michael Freidel

Michael James Freidel, son of Robert James Freidel and Mary (Hawley) Freidel Mimmack, was born on July 14, 1956 (Mitchell, SD) He died on Oct. 6, 2013, at the age of 57, in the Sanford Care Center (Vermillion.) The family wishes to thank the staff for the constant care he received these past seven years.

Mike grew up as a proud Packer in Armour, and excelled in football, basketball, baseball and track (1974 SD Class B 110M Hurdle Champ). He graduated in 1974 and went on to Dakota State University (Madison), where even though he was a walk-on freshman football player, he finished an All-American. He received a B.S. with a double major in Social Science and Physical Education (1979).

His first professional coaching job was at Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall, MN) as Defensive Coordinator. While there, he met Joni (Joanne) Hoffman and they married on Aug. 16, 1980 (St. James, MN).

In 1985, Mike accepted a position as Defensive Coordinator and Assistant Professor at Augustana College (Sioux Falls), where he spent the majority of his professional career (1985-1992 and 1996-2003). In 1990, he obtained a Master's Degree in Athletic Administration.

His professional career was completed as the Assistant Head Coach at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion (1993-1995 and 2004-2006). Much of his legacy includes the countless students he mentored, especially the football



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players he called "his boys."

A renaissance man, Mike was also a cowboy, musician, published historical author, and played a mean guitar in several bands. He was a free agent for San Francisco 49ers, inducted into the Dakota State Athletic Hall of Fame, and published articles on the American Indian Wars. He was most proud of the accomplishments of his teams, especially the Augie Vikings (1992 National #1 Ranking, NCAA II playoff berths in 1988, 1989) and USD Coyotes (1995 national rankings and NCC Championship in 2005.) As soon as spring football was over, Mike would make his annual trek to the Graves' Ranch (Kaycee, WY). Time spent there refueled his soul.

Mike's source of pride was his family; the one he was born into, the one he and Joni created, and the friends he chose as family. Being the oldest of nine children, he was the role model and father-figure to his siblings. As a parent, he showed his children how to lead simple yet meaningful lives. Through his actions of supporting, guiding, and analyzing each child in academics, sports, relationships and life's decisions; his influence, wisdom and love will be forever etched upon their hearts. Mike is survived by his wife, Joni; and their five children, Kelsey (fiancé Joey Nelson), Jackson, Jerrod, Kylen and Hailey Freidel (Vermillion); his mother, Mary and step-father, Chuck Mimmack (Armour); siblings, Dawn Freidel (New Milford, CT), Doug (Peggy) Freidel (Corsica), Cindy (Dave) Balt (Mitchell), Brad (Denise) Freidel (Moberly, MO), Dan (Brenda) Freidel (Eden Prairie, MN), Bill (Tracy)

Freidel (Rapid City), Patrick Freidel (Mitchell), and Rita (Jamie) Rexwinkel (Corsica); step-siblings, Dan (Connie) Mimmack (Baltimore, MD), Deb Mimmack (Baltimore), John (Laurie) Mimmack (Sioux Falls), and Lisa Mimmack (Audubon, IA); and in laws, Dean and Deanna Hoffman (St. James, MN), Troy Hoffman (Rochester, MN) and Stephanie (Brad) Moser (Yankton); 33 nephews and nieces, 13 great nephews and nieces.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Robert Freidel; his grandparents, Alfred and Ann Freidel and Dice and Arietta Hawley; his nephew, Derrick Freidel; and his sister-in-law, Stacy Hoffman.

Funeral Mass was 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with burial following in the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation began at 5 p.m. Wednesday with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. all at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the Mike Freidel Football Scholarship Funds at Dakota State University, Southwest Minnesota State University, Augustana College, or the University of South Dakota. hansenfuneralhome.com.

Peggy Mollet

Peggy Earleen Hucka Mollet, born March 8, 1930, in Laurens, IA, to Earl and Leta Hucka, died peacefully in her sleep at Westwood Rehabilitation and Nursing Facility on Oct. 1, 2013.

She spent her early life on the farm of her maternal Grandfather and Grandmother Orwig in north central Iowa. She graduated from Laurens High School in 1947 where she played basketball and was very involved with anything to do with music. Peggy was blessed with a beautiful soprano voice and was known around Iowa for her Saturday morning radio show on which she sang. She went to cosmetology school in Sioux City, IA, and continued to sing for events in and around Sioux City.

While attending a dance in Sioux City, she met Carl Mollet of Jefferson. This began a 50-year love affair. Carl and Peggy were married on May 2, 1949, and moved to Beresford, to begin their life together on the family farm. Four years and four children later, they bought the farm which was to become their lifeblood in Burbank. They raised seven children: Randall Mollet, Douglas Mollet, Kendall Mollet, Marcia Mollet Hart, Cynthia Mollet, Bradley Mollet, and Carleen Mollet Frey. Peggy was not only Carl's devoted wife, but his hired

hand, best friend, and life mate. She continued her passion for music and it was not uncommon for music to be heard coming from her kitchen, garden, laundry room or just as she went about her day. Peggy's love of music was a common theme in her life and led to all of her children sharing in that love. She and Carl were avid dancers and it was common to see them dancing at the Eagles on a Saturday night. Peggy was an uncommonly good cook and gave the love of cooking to her children. Peggy was a tireless woman of strong faith and volunteered at their church in the altar society, funeral committee and anywhere else there was a need. Carl and Peggy shared a commitment to the betterment of their community and Peggy was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Election Board. They loved to fish, and trips to Lake Andes were one of their favorite activities. They shared the full and tumultuous life of a

farmer for 49 years before Carl preceded her in death on Dec. 14, 1994.

Following Carl's death, Peggy became very involved in community service, especially ESA. She and Carl had moved from the family farm in May of 1994 to Vermillion. Peggy lived out the remainder of her life in Vermillion until she recently moved to the Dakota Dunes in Sioux City where she passed. She was preceded in death by her mother; a sister, Janet Mortale; a brother, Dallas Hucka; and her loving husband, Carl Mollet. Peggy is survived by her seven children, 27 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

A prayer service was held at St Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion on Friday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. with visitation at 6 p.m. Funeral mass was held at St Agnes Catholic Church on Saturday Oct. 5 at 11 a.m. with burial to follow in the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion. hansenfuneralhome.com.

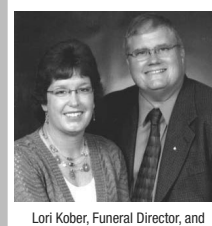
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