

Deepwater Horizon rig is feared to be gushing into the Gulf of Mexico at five times the latest estimate of the US Coastguard, according to satellite imagery viewed by industry experts. The view from space indicates that the oil may be leaking at a rate of 25,000 barrels a day, dwarfing the figure of 5,000 barrels that US officials and the British oil giant BP have used in recent days. That would mean that nine million gallons might already have escaped from the underwater well following the April 20 explosion that killed 11 rig workers. It suggests the disaster will almost certainly prove greater than the Exxon Valdez tanker spill off Alaska in 1989, which released 11 million gallons and was the worst previous spill at sea.

May 3
A local funeral director was recently selected for a national post in his profession.

Kevin Opsahl, funeral director and owner of the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, was named president of the International Order of the Golden Rule, or OGR, a worldwide organization of approximately 1,000 independently owned funeral homes.

Opsahl was officially installed as president during the organization's recent annual conference in Colorado." It's funny how most times you think the work a person does is unnoticed," he said. "It's not just my work, but also the full-time, part-time staff at the business that provides services for families." OGR members, who consist of funeral homes from the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Australia and the UK, work from the motto, "service measured not by gold, but by the golden rule." Opsahl said that phrase is the basic principle for how independent funeral homes should treat and comfort families.

For the first time ever, Mount Marty ends the season as the outright Great Plains Athletic Conference champion in any sport, clinching the GPAC regular season baseball title with a sweep of Dakota Wesleyan Saturday at Riverside Stadium. The Lancers ended the season on top of the GPAC standings with a 20-4 conference record, including a four-game winning streak to end the year, and a 34-13 overall record

May 4
Laurie (Boynton) Baily, Tim Lorang, Kelly Heller and Sister Ann Kessler were inducted last night into Mount Marty College Athletic Hall of Fame. Baily was a part of the first varsity softball team and Lorang was a part of the first baseball team. Heller was on the baseball team for two years and then was assistant coach under Bob Tereshinski. When Tereshinski retired Heller took over the program and was named the Coach of the Year in 2004. Kessler is a former MMC professor and has been a mentor for students and athletes.

May 5
Don "Murdo" and Diane Edwards were introduced Tuesday night as the Captain and Belle for the 2010 Riverboat Days festival in Yankton. The introduction came prior to Tuesday night's annual Yankton Morning Optimist exhibition baseball game between the Mount Marty Lancers and the Sioux City Explorers at Riverside Field. Riverboat Days will be held Aug. 20-22.

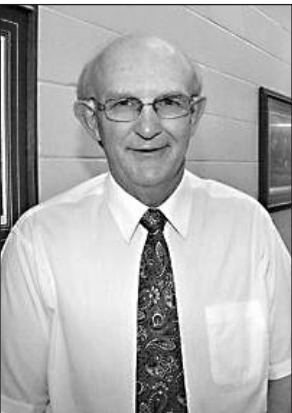
May 7
The Reverend Dave Gunderson, Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church here in Yankton will be deploying next week for a year's mission in Afghanistan. He will serve as chaplain with the 196th

Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

May 15
Yankton School District superintendent Dr. Joseph Gertsema was recently named the Dakota State University Alumnus of The Year. Gertsema received the award at the May 8 commencement of Dakota State University in Madison. A 1972 graduate of Dakota State, he graduated with a degree in business education and social studies. He also earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Sioux Falls, a master's in elementary administration from Mankato State University, and an Ed.D. in educational administration from the University of South Dakota. Gertsema has served as superintendent of Yankton Public Schools since 1990.

May 17
Animal Days is an opportunity for pet owners and potential pet owners to come together gathering information on caring for animals and, perhaps, meet a future member of their family. The 6th annual Animal Days was held over the weekend in Yankton at Riverside Park, said Tasha Anderson, executive director of the Heartland Human Society. "We want everyone to have the opportunity to come together, socialize their pets and learn how to protect them. The pet owners will come to listen and learn. They also like to spend time together; for that matter, they like to give their animals an opportunity to socialize as well."

May 19
Wally Bosch has been named the new activities direc-



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tor for the Yankton School District. Bosch has worked for the past 23 years at the district as assistant principal. Although it's going to be a tough job replacing Bob Winter, longtime activities director for the Yankton School District, Bosch said he's ready to meet the challenge. Bosch has worked in education for 37 years.

May 20
Ray Pravecek and Roy Voracek, both of Yankton, were among the more than 100 World War II veterans who took part in the fifth South Dakota Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C., at the end of April. The two men were among a handful of veterans from the Yankton area. In addition to the WWII Memorial, the veterans visited the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam War Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery and many other sites. Voracek, 84, was drafted into the Army as an 18-year-old in 1944. He ended up as part of the First Cavalry Division battling through Manila in the Philippines during 1945. Pravecek was also drafted into the Army at a young age. "Nobody wanted to go, but somebody had to go to take care of it," he said. Pravecek was stationed in Tokyo, Kobe and Yokohama during the occupation of Japan.

May 26
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teachers Ellen Bollig, Dr. Tim Mulhair, Arlene Stoebner and Bob Winter, all of whom are retiring this year, have taught in the district for a combined total of 133 years. Bollig has taught at Lincoln for 19 years, 17 of them as a first grade teacher. Mulhair stressed how much he has enjoyed every year working with the students and especially his

co-workers. Stoebner also credited her co-workers and expressed her amazement that 40 years had gone by, stating it felt like only four.

However, perhaps the funniest moment of the night came when Winter used songs ranging from "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" to "My Way" to explain his philosophy on work-

ing in the district for the last 47 years.

May 27
In the Yankton School District, there are two Teacher of the Year awards, the one presented by the Yankton Education Association (YEA) and the one voted upon by the graduating senior class. This year, Jama

Mathison — Earth Science and Biology teacher at the high school — was presented with both honors.

South Dakota Lottery officials have confirmed that a \$10 million Hot Lotto ticket has been sold in Yankton. The ticket sold in Yankton Wednesday night matched all five numbers and the Hot Ball in the drawing to

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