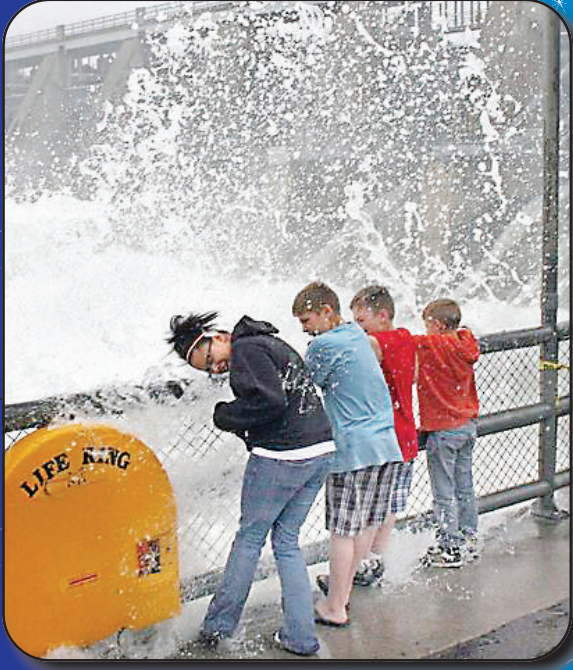


2011: Year In Review



January 2011

January 2

An earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale hit southern Chile; thousands of people feared a tsunami.

January 3

Myrtle Andersen has been named Yankton's 2010 Citizen of the Year. Even at age 90, she is rarely at home, friends say, because she is involved in so many volunteer activities. A reception honoring Andersen will held Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Yankton Elks Lodge

January 5

First Midwest Bank of Centerville was robbed around 1pm in Centerville, SD yesterday. The robber was arrested three hours later with the help of bloodhounds, and authorities using a plane to pursue the suspect. 32-year-old Jeremy Bullock of Inwood, IA was arrested.

Springfield Academy in Springfield, SD will be closing their doors by the end of the month. The facility employees more than 40 people and houses 26 youth residents. Youth Services International said the program is not going where they want it to be and have determined it is in the best interest to close.

January 6

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced he would cut \$78 billion from the Defense Department budget in the next five years due to the nations ballooning deficit.

January 8

U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords is among the

12 people injured in Tucson, Arizona during a shooting that killed 6 people. The event was being held for Rep. Giffords.

January 10

Dennis Daugaard was sworn into office on Saturday as the 32nd Governor of South Dakota. Matt Michaels of Yankton was sworn into the office of Lt. Governor. Daugaard served as Lt. Governor under outgoing Governor Mike Rounds.



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Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, D-Arizona was seriously injured at a town hall meeting at a strip mall in Tucson, Arizona on Saturday. Six people were killed and 14 were injured. Among those killed were Federal Judge John Rolls, one of Giffords aides and a nine-year-old girl. Police have arrested Jared Loughner, 22; Police believe Giffords was the primary target of the attack. Gifford is a moderate Democrat who was re-elected for a third term, she favors immigration reform.

January 11

Yankton received a record snowfall of 8 inches of snow over the weekend. Record low temperatures are expected later in the week.

January 12

Catastrophic flooding in Australia's northeastern state of Queensland is now threatening the state capitol. It was reported yesterday that the Brisbane and Bremer Rivers

were forecasted to reach record crests within the next two days or so. A historic flood had hit the area in 1974. The Brisbane River is forecast to crest near or above the 1974 mark of 5.45 meters later in the week.

January 13

Yesterday marked the first anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti. More than 230,000 people died in the earthquake that registered 7.0 on the Richter scale. Roughly a million people remain homeless in Port-au-Prince.

January 15

Walt Bones of Parker has been selected by Governor Daugaard to be the new South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture. The Bones family has farmed near Parker since 1879.

January 17

Teresa Scanlan of Scottsbluff, Nebraska was crowned Miss America 2011 over the weekend in Las Vegas. She is the longest woman to ever win the crown. It is also the 90th anniversary of the Miss America pageant. Miss Arkansas was runner up and Miss Hawaii placed third.

January 18

Yankton will be celebrating their 150th birthday in June. Among the events planned are two days of concerts at Memorial Park. Headlining will be Big Head Todd and the Monsters, the Christian rock band RED, and Kory and the Fireflies.

Yankton saw more than 200 dead starlings in downtown Yankton. Local officials believe the birds not migrating caused it. Local officials are contacting the South Dakota department of Health to see what they have to say about the situation.

Yankton set a record for precipitation in 2010. Yankton recorded 38.84 inches, surpass-

ing the old record of 38.20 set in 1944.

January 19

R. Sargent Shriver, former Peace Corps director and vice presidential nominee died yesterday he was 95. He served as the first Peace Corps director under his brother-in-law President John F. Kennedy. He was running mate for democrat George McGovern in 1972.

Local officials say that the 300 birds found dead earlier in the week in downtown Yankton were poisoned with pesticide. A poison used by the USDA was the probable source of the deaths; a cattle feedlot in Nebraska was having trouble with a significant number of birds on their property.

January 26

Yankton will make its second appearance on national television in less than a year. Iraq War veteran Sgt. Corey Briest and his wife Jenny will be featured on the "Oprah Winfrey Show" as part of an episode called "The Bravest Families In America," with First Lady Michelle Obama, Tom Brokaw and Bob Woodward. Crew members were in Yankton last week, and the Breists went to Chicago to tape an in-studio segment for the program. Footage taped in the community airs on the "Oprah Winfrey Show" at 4 p.m. Thursday on KELO-Land TV. Corey Briest

was severely injured by a roadside bomb in 2005 while serving with the Yankton 147th South Dakota National Guard unit in Iraq.

January 29

Matt and Tracie Dvorak wanted to enroll their oldest son, Derek, at Sacred Heart School when he entered kindergarten in 1998, but they already found a waiting list for the Catholic school. Eventually, the decision was made to add a second section of kindergarten. The Dvoraks enrolled Derek, who was later joined by siblings Dusty and Danielle. Now, the family has received this year's Sacred Heart School Hall of Fame Award. For the past 18 years, the award has been presented to nominees showing a long-standing relationship with Sacred Heart School and living the ideals taught there. The Dvoraks will be recognized at weekend Masses at Sacred Heart and St. Benedict churches as a kick-off for Catholic Schools Week.

The Yankton-based South Dakota Magazine received the A.H. Pankow Award from the Tourism Office. It goes annually to a member of the print or broadcast media or public relations industry who has covered or promoted the visitor industry. Governor Daugaard who presented the award said the staff of South Dakota Magazine



The Matt and Tracie Dvorak Family received the 2011 Sacred Heart School Hall of Fame Award.

impresses their readers with a variety of stories and photographs in each magazine. Bernie Hunhoff, local state legislator is editor and publisher of the bi-monthly magazine.

Kylie Gross of Yankton and Joseph Stahl of Onida were named Lord and Lady Marben at Mount Marty College 2011 Homecoming festivities. The royal court included: Jared Wall, North Sioux City, Cassie Neth, Scotland; Weston Kusser, Highmore; Mitchell Zenk, LeMars, Iowa; Jennifer Miller, Schuyler, Nebraska, Leonard Risinger, Plainview, Nebraska and Erica Loutsch, Remsen, Iowa.

February 2011

February 2

After days of protest, Egypt's civil unrest came to a head today, with protestors defying curfews as the nation's military entered the streets. Protests started on January 25, when thousands of people began taking to the streets to protest poverty, rampant unemployment, government corruption and autocratic governance of President Hosni Mubarak, who has ruled the country for thirty years. Police took to the streets, arresting and injuring hundreds with batons, tear gas water cannons. Protests occurred not only in Cairo, the capital, but also in Alexandria and Suez, two other major cities. The U.S announced that due to the ongoing protests, the Obama administration would be reviewing the substantial aid, both military and non-military, provided to Egypt.

February 7

The Green Bay Packers edged the Pittsburgh Steelers 31-25 to win Super Bowl XLV in Arlington, Texas yesterday. This was Green Bay's fourth Super Bowl title. Aaron Rodgers,