

killed one person.

Mission Hill resident Lori Hoffman won a new Chevrolet Camaro from the South Dakota Lottery's Camaro Cash instant scratch game. The winning ticket was bought at the Cork n Bottle in Yankton.

May 25

The Opt-out vote failed 66% No to 34% yes with a voter turnout of 56.6%. The proposal for \$4.175 million opts out for the voters soundly defeated the Yankton School District.

After 25 years on TV "The Oprah Winfrey Show" aired its final episode.

May 26

The death toll keeps rising in Joplin, Missouri. This was the nations deadliest tornado in more than 60 years. The estimate number of injured is more than 900. The death toll stands at 125.

U.S. Army Corp officials continue to make adjustments to the regulation of the Missouri River. The gates of the Gavin's Point dam are open and releasing up to 60,000 cu. ft. Per second and will start raising up the flow to 85,000 cu. Ft. per second on June 3rd. The record release of the dam stands at 70,000 in 1997.



Scott Kooistra, has returned to KYNT and to Yankton as sports director and host of the AM station's "Morning Coffee" program.

May 28

Yankton based Charlie Battery has been activated to help fight flooding in the Pierre and Fort Pierre area. The alert went out for 300 soldiers with the 147th Field Artillery Battalion and the 139th Brigade Support Battalion of the South Dakota National Guard.

Judge Arthur Rusch of the First Judicial Circuit is retiring from the bench on June 8th. He has been doing this job for 17 1/2 years now and decided it is time to do something different. Rusch lives in Vermillion with his wife Lana and they have four grown children.

May 31

Mount Marty College has named the new president; Joseph N. Beniot of the University of North Dakota will assume his duties on July 1st.

The Army Corp of Engineers has announced they will be upping the release at Gavins Point Dam to 150,000 cubic feet per second.

June 2011

June 1

St. John's Lutheran Church was named one of the winners of the 2011 Department of Defense Freedom Award. The award is given to employers for exceptional support of their employees serving in the Guard and Reserve. St. John's is the first church to win the award. The Reverend Dave Gunderson, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church nominated them for the award. He just returned a month ago from Afghanistan.

The Army Corp of Engineers has announced that Gavins Point Dam is releasing 78,000 cubic feet per second. The South Dakota Army National Guard and the Federal Bureau of Prisons will be helping fill sandbags.

June 2

Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney announces his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

June 3

Doctor assisted suicide advocate Jack Kevorkian died at the age of 83.

June 6

The Press & Dakotan is 150 years old today. The paper was founded as a weekly on June 6, 1861, less than two months after the start of the Civil War and three months after Dakota Territory were established and Yankton was the capital.

June 12

The Dallas Mavericks win their first NBA title with a 105-95 win over the Miami Heat.

June 15

Gavin's Point Dam Spillway is reaching 150,000 cubic feet per second; according to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers this is the top maximum discharge rate.

June 16

Jerry Hisek is retiring from the Yankton Police Department after 36 years. Hisek became the assistant chief in the mid 1990's.

June 18

Avera Sacred Heart Hospital announced yesterday that it would contribute \$750,000 to Mount Marty College to help fund the new educational facilities. The proposed Avera Science Laboratory will be part of the college's new healthcare and science center.

June 22

At the 6th Annual Ag Gala hosted by the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Agri-Business Committee Robert Heine, a graduate of Yankton High School received a check for \$1,000 as the winner of the P.A.Y. Scholarship. The

Jim & Sharon Petrik Family was chosen as Family of the Year.

Yankton High School students Stormi Hoebelheinrich and Hiley Cammock placed first in the nation at the National History Day competition held in Washington, DC last week. Other YHS national qualifiers included Sadie Stevens, Steven Marlow, Tom Binder, Tory Gross, Chance Sorenson, Robert Schmidt, Jackson Pasco and Alex McKee.

Yankton/Mission Hill author & historian Bob Karolevitz died Friday, June 17, he was 89. He was the author of 37 books and more than 3,000 columns and well as a host of many other articles. He was inducted into the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1996 and the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 1986. He was also named Yankton's "Citizen of the Year" in 1997. He wrote columns for the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan and the Vermillion Plain Talk. Some of his books include "Yankton: A Pioneer Past" and Yankton: The Way It Was". His wife Phyllis, daughters Jill and Jan, son-in-law Patrick and grandson Sam survive Bob.

June 23

Actor Peter Faulk has died at the age of 83. He was most famous for his role on TV "Columbo".

June 24

The state of New York has legalized same sex marriage.

June 30

Longtime Yankton School District teacher Judy Tereshinski was honored as the Yankton School District Teacher Of The Year. By the Yankton Education Association. Tereshinski has been a teacher for 41 years.

Country music star Ty Herndon performed at the Dakota Theater last night, this is his first visit to Yankton and is part of a 16-day national tour.

July 2011

July 1

In Minnesota, the state government has shut down after legislators cannot agree on a budget. The shutdown ends up lasting for three weeks.

July 2

Releases at Gavin's Point Dam spillway are at a record 160,000 cubic feet per second and are expected to stay there through into the month of August.

Jim and Sharon Petrik have been named the Yankton area Farm Family Of The Year. The Petrik Farm is located between Gayville and Volin near old Highway 50; they live in the same house that Jim grew up in. The Petriks have four children ages 9 to 20.

July 5

In Orlando, Florida a jury finds Casey Anthony not guilty of murder, manslaughter, and child abuse in the 2008 disappearance and death of her two-year-old daughter Caylee.

July 6

Private funds have been raised to keep Yankton Middle School extracurricular activities from being eliminated. Football, volleyball, cross country, basketball, wrestling, track and oral interpretation programs for 7th and 8th graders would have been eliminated due the a \$1.2 million budget cuts for the 2011-2012 school year.

July 8

One of Yankton's most recognized voices has come home. Scott Kooistra, who was the voice of KYNT radio from 1985 to 2000, has returned to KYNT and to Yankton as sports director and host of the AM station's "Morning Coffee" program. Kooistra returns to the station

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