

Remembering Maya

Renowned writer Maya Angelou dazzled audiences in her appearances in Iowa, breaking into song in between reciting passages from her books and poetry. Angelou, who died Wednesday at age 86, inspired readers from Oprah Winfrey to President Bill Clinton. Winfrey said her friend "will always be the rainbow in my clouds," referring to a spiritual Angelou often cited.

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In this Nov. 21, 2008, file photo, Maya Angelou smiles at an event in Washington, D.C. AP



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Unearthing a legacy

Long-forgotten trenches used for WWI training, plus a host of artifacts, found at site of an archaeological dig at Camp Dodge



Pat Hashman digs the earth as his colleagues from Wapsi Valley Archeology, Owen Reese and Anrea Einck, sift through a load of soil on Wednesday while they all work in a recently discovered World War I-era training trench at Camp Dodge.

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Deep amid hackberry, elm and black locust trees in a remote area rarely traversed by modern Iowa soldiers, some vestiges of World War I remain at Camp Dodge, where thousands of troops prepared for battle on Europe's Western Front.

As French infantry officers already hardened by combat watched and shouted instructions, fresh-faced American soldiers dug trenches in the snow at the Iowa base, starting in November 1917. Wearing broad-brimmed campaign hats, they trained with Enfield rifles with bayonets attached, firing blank .30-caliber cartridges and throwing dummy hand grenades.

Nearly a century later, the long-forgotten trenches are the site of an

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This grenade was recently found at a Camp Dodge archaeological dig.

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Widow sues over airplane accident

Brooklyn man falls 600 feet after being sucked out of plane.

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The widow of a Brooklyn man killed last year in an unlikely airplane accident has filed a lawsuit claiming that negligence by a skydiving company and pilot caused her husband's death.

Wayne Kidrowski, 56, fell to his death on Aug. 16 after he was sucked out of an open door of an airplane owned by Brooklyn-based Skydive Iowa. The parachute he was told to wear deployed in the plane without warning, according to the lawsuit.

Kidrowski's parachute got caught on the plane's tail before he fell 600 to 700 feet to the ground, the lawsuit said.

Attorneys for Kidrowski's wife, who was named administrator of his estate, believe the plane's pilot and owners weren't in compliance with federal safety regulations, according to the lawsuit sent to Poweshiek County on Tuesday. The lawsuit names Skydive Iowa and its owner, Bruce Kennedy, as well as the pilot, Andrew Arthur, as plaintiffs.

Kennedy declined to speak with a reporter, citing the litigation. Kennedy said the skydiving business remains open. Arthur could

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U.S. SENATE RACE PROFILE

Jacobs says he's the best contrast to a 'career politician'



Mark Jacobs

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U.S. Senate candidate Mark Jacobs has a hard time falling asleep without working out a puzzle.

"It was crossword puzzles forever, and then he went through the Sudoku phase a lit-

tle bit, and Words with Friends — he loves Words with Friends," his wife, Janet, told The Des Moines Register in an interview. "He loves solving problems. That's who he is to the core. That's how he relaxes."

Jacobs, 52, who is retired from a career in the banking

and energy industries, has been noodling how to fix problems with the federal government if Iowa Republicans choose him as their Senate nominee.

He thinks the government should sell the rights to oil and gas reserves on federal land he said are valued at as much as

\$100 trillion, sell "surplus" properties and dispose of unused buildings. He would apply the one-time proceeds to the national debt.

He also believes more can be done to clamp down on Medicare fraud, which could save

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