

Register photographer Chind wins Pulitzer Prize



MARY CHIND/REGISTER FILE PHOTO

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Des Moines Register photographer Mary Chind won a Pulitzer Prize on Monday for her photo of a construction worker rescuing a woman from the Des Moines River last June.

"I never imagined this," said Chind, 42, after learning of the award.

Chind's photo showed construction worker Jason Oglesbee dangling from a crane and reaching down to try to pluck Patricia



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Ralph-Neely from the roiling water. She and her husband, Alan Neely, had fallen into the river after their disabled boat went over the Center Street dam in downtown Des Moines.

Alan Neely drowned, and rescue workers were unable to reach his wife because of the powerful current. The roiling water repeatedly sucked Ralph-Neely under, then pushed her back to the surface.

Oglesbee, part of a crew building a pedestrian bridge over the dam, chained himself to the construction crane's cable. A crane operator then lowered

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