

**MIDWEST DIGEST**

**Obama Declares Disaster For Neb. Flooding**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — President Barack Obama has declared a major disaster for 35 Nebraska counties affected by spring flooding.

The disaster declaration will allow state and local government entities to request federal aid to help pay for repair costs.

The state has estimated repairs from March flooding will cost more than \$10.8 million.

The following counties are included in the declaration: Antelope, Arthur, Boone, Boyd, Butler, Cass, Colfax, Cuming, Dakota, Gage, Greeley, Hayes, Holt, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Loup, Madison, Nance, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Stanton, Thurston, Valley, Wheeler and York.

**No New Trial For Convicted Neb. CSI Chief**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A Cass County district judge has denied a new trial for Douglas County's former chief crime scene investigator.

Cass County District Judge Randall Rehmeier on Wednesday denied David Kofoed's request.

Rehmeier convicted Kofoed last month of tampering with evidence in a 2006 Cass County case in which two men were wrongly charged in a double murder.

Kofoed's attorney Steve Lefler said his client would never have agreed to a bench trial before Rehmeier if he'd known that the judge's cousin was a sheriff's deputy who supported a Douglas County employee who raised questions about Kofoed.

Lefler said he'll try again to appeal Kofoed's conviction after sentencing, which is scheduled for May 10.

Kofoed faces up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

**Victim Hurt In Mall Shooting Loses Job**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A department store employee who was critically injured during a 2007 shooting at Omaha's Westroads Mall has lost her job.

Micky Oldham says she was fired from Von Maur on Monday. Oldham was working at the department store when 19-year-old Robert Hawkins opened fire on the third floor. He shot 12 people, killing eight and wounding four. He also shot and killed himself.

Oldham underwent surgery for wounds to her abdomen and back and was hospitalized for weeks.

Oldham says she's still in pain and can't stand for prolonged periods. Rather than full-time hours, she's been working two four-hour shifts a week.

A statement from Von Maur says the company regrets having to fire Oldham, but she'll continue to receive compensation from the shooting.

**Prosecution Rests In Reservation Slaying**

RAPID CITY (AP) — Closing arguments in the trial of a man facing a murder charge in a 34-year-old killing on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation are scheduled for Thursday morning in Rapid City.

Richard Marshall is accused of providing the gun that was used to kill American Indian Movement activist Annie Mae Aquash (AH-kwah) in December 1975.

Prosecutors believe AIM leaders ordered her killed because they thought she was a government informant. Federal investigators have denied Aquash was a snitch.

Marshall has pleaded not guilty to murder and aiding and abetting murder. The trial began on April 14.

**Woman Sentenced For Nursing Home Theft**

PIERRE (AP) — A Belle Fourche woman has been sentenced for stealing nearly \$10,600 from the nursing home where she worked.

The state attorney general's office says 38-year-old Dara Lee Carlson was given a suspended sentence of five years in state prison. Under the judge's ruling, she won't have to serve that time if she spends 60 days in county jail, serves five years' probation and repays the money she took from Belle Fourche Regional Senior Care.

The attorney general's office says Carlson pleaded guilty in March and admitted stealing the money while she worked as a resident account representative at the nursing home.

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**Fed. Judge Drops Neb. Bankruptcy Court Case**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A federal court has dismissed a bankruptcy case filed by a former provider of foster care in Nebraska.

The dismissal Tuesday came after the state Department of Health and Human Services on Monday objected to Visinet's request for an extension to file a list of creditors. HHS is among the company's list of creditors.

Omaha-based Visinet filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy earlier this month, leading the state to end its contract with Visinet.

That has left three private agencies to coordinate care for nearly 6,500 state wards. Cedars Youth Services canceled its contract with the state in March.

Visinet CEO John Powers told the Lincoln Journal Star that Visinet had been prepared to lose \$1.5 million the first year of the state foster care contract, but discovered the loss was likely to be much more. Powers said HHS officials denied the company's request for \$600,000 in emergency funding, leading Visinet to file for bankruptcy.

The move left about 360 Visinet employees out of work, and many are worried about whether they'll be paid or have health insurance through the end of April. Visinet's payment to the insurer, due at the end of the month, hadn't been made in April.

The company had expected the bankruptcy court would allow for wages and benefits to be paid through April 15, Powers said. Some employees are pregnant, while others have surgeries scheduled and pending claims.

Todd Reckling, who oversees child and family services for the state, told the Lincoln newspaper that HHS intervened in the bankruptcy because the case was complicating the agency's ability to provide services to children and families.

Messages left Wednesday by The Associated Press with Visinet and state Health and Human Services officials were not immediately returned.

**S.D. Governor Candidates Talk Economic Development**

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SIoux FALLS — South Dakota's six gubernatorial candidates discussed job creation, fiscal responsibility and reduced regulation during an economic development forum Wednesday in Sioux Falls.

The forum was part of the annual Governor's Conference on Economic Development. Gov. Mike Rounds cannot seek re-election because of term limits, leaving a field of five Republicans and one Democrat vying for the state's top job.

Senate Democratic Leader Scott Heidepriem of Sioux Falls said the next governor will inherit a structural deficit — that is, a shortfall that exists even when the economy is doing well — of between \$80 million to \$107 million.

That can only be fixed with a meaningful reduction in the size of government that avoids cutting education and Medicaid, he said.

"We have spent more money than we have taken in, consistently," Heidepriem said. "That must stop."

Lt. Gov. Dennis Daugaard said he would return the state's economic development office back to a separate Cabinet-level agency, reversing a reorganization Rounds implemented that combined economic development, tourism and other agencies in a single department.

Daugaard said the governor needs to build on

the state's competitive advantages in agriculture, biotech, tourism and energy.

Senate Republican Leader Dave Knudson of Sioux Falls said the federal government will likely continue to enhance its share of Medicaid for another half year, resulting in a one-time savings to the state of between \$30 million and \$36 million.

He proposed spending all of that on economic development rather than existing programs. "It's not realistic to think we're going to get more economic development without giving more resources," Knudson said.

Former Brookings Mayor Scott Munsterman said he realized as mayor the importance of communities around Brookings in both retail dollars and work force. That same concept can be applied among communities statewide, he said.

"It's good business for me as mayor of Brookings if Arlington's growing and White's growing and Flandreau's growing," Munsterman said.

Buffalo Gap rancher Ken Knuppe said small business is the backbone of the state, and government needs to ensure those businesses aren't over-regulated.

"Less government is better government," Knuppe said.

State Sen. Gordon Howie, R-Rapid City, said it's important to restrain state spending and keep government in check rather than increasing taxes and regulation.

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