

Neb. Lawmakers Pass High School Dropout Bill

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska lawmakers have passed a bill that would make dropping out of high school more difficult. Lawmakers voted the bill through its final reading Tuesday, 28-20. The measure by Lexington Sen. John Wightman would only allow students to drop out before age 18 if they can show that they have to work to support their family, or cannot attend school because of an illness.

Wightman has said letting students drop out before age 18 severely limits their job prospects. Opponents countered that the bill infringes on parental rights, and could lead to classroom disruptions from older students who don't want to be in class.

Current law allows students to drop out at age 16, if they receive a parent or guardian's written consent.

Neb. Gov. Opposed To Prenatal Care Bill

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman says he's strongly opposed to a bill that would restore prenatal care coverage for illegal immigrants.

The Republican governor said in a statement Tuesday that he objected to the use of taxpayer money for benefits that would go toward illegal immigrants.

Lawmakers are set to begin first-round debate on a measure that would reinstate coverage to the unborn children of mothers who were deemed ineligible for Medicaid. It also would cover women in prison.

About 1,600 women lost their coverage in 2010, when the federal government ordered the state to stop offering services through the program. Roughly half were illegal immigrants.

The bill would extend coverage to an estimated 1,200 unborn children per year. It would cost \$2.6 million per year in federal and state money.

S.D. State Government Wins In Lottery Frenzy

RAPID CITY (AP) — State government was the biggest winner in South Dakota in Friday's record-breaking Mega Millions drawing.

South Dakota Lottery spokeswoman Kelly Thompson told the *Rapid City Journal* that more than \$1.1 million was spent in South Dakota on Friday's game. The state gets an estimated 25 percent of ticket sales, or about \$282,000 from the Friday drawing.

Winning tickets were sold in Illinois, Kansas and Maryland, meaning the \$640 million prize will be split three ways.

A Sioux Falls man claimed a \$250,000 second prize on Monday. Three tickets sold in South Dakota also won \$10,000 third prizes.

Neb. Lawmakers Approve \$2.5M For Child Welfare

BY GRANT SCHULTE
The Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska lawmakers approved \$2.5 million Tuesday for child welfare providers that haven't been fully paid, citing both a legal and moral obligation as they narrowly overrode Gov. Dave Heineman's veto.

Lawmakers voted 31-12 to overpower the Republican governor's veto and pay the group homes, counselors and other services left in limbo by a state contractor.

Heineman used a line-item veto to strike the payments from a larger state claims bill. He argued that the payments would amount to unconstitutional special legislation and said the bill would make taxpayers responsible for the debts of a private organization. Overriding the veto required approval from at least 30 of the Legislature's 49 senators.

Omaha Sen. Steve Lathrop, who filed the override motion, said the state has both a legal and moral duty to pay the providers. Most received 35 cents on the dollar under an agreement worked out by state officials.

Lathrop said the state paid \$105 million to contractors when it began to privatize services, even though officials spent \$107 million the year before. He said the state, as a result, failed to fulfill its obligation to the organizations that cared for children.

"It was never enough money to

get these people paid," Lathrop said. "And when you look at the fact that we amended these contracts over and over and over to provide additional dollars, it's clear they were underfunded."

The payments were proposed to reimburse subcontractors that worked for the Boys and Girls Home, a private child welfare service provider that had a contract with the state.

The providers had subcontracted with Boys and Girls Home of Sioux City, Iowa, which lost its state contract in 2010 because it had not paid subcontractors. Lawmakers passed the bill, 42-4.

Lincoln Sen. Kathy Campbell, chairwoman of the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee, said the lack of payments forced mom-and-pop providers throughout the state go bankrupt. Child advocates say the resulting financial troubles have damaged the state's network of counselors, group homes and other service providers.

"How can our front-line caretakers from border to border have confidence in their partnership with the state?" Campbell asked. "To me, this issue is far more than just discussing a point of law. It is about our word to the people who cared for the children."

Opponents of the override motion said they viewed the payments as unconstitutional special legislation that could leave the state on the hook for future unpaid debts of state contractors.

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Probe Finds Mislabeled Gasoline

ABERDEEN (AP) — State officials are investigating the mislabeling of gasoline sold in South Dakota, though they do not know how widespread the problem is or whether there has been any intentional fraud.

An investigation found that 85 octane gasoline has been sold at multiple locations labeled as 87 octane or 89 octane, fuels that are considered to help an engine perform better, David Pfahler, director of weights and measures for the South Dakota Department of Public Safety, told the *American News*. Some 87 octane also has been mislabeled as 89 octane, he said.

Improperly labeling gasoline is a misdemeanor punishable by up

to 30 days in jail and a \$500 fine, though officials said their emphasis is not on prosecuting violators.

"My focus is to make it stop," Pfahler said.

It is unclear if gas stations were knowingly mislabeling gasoline or if they did not realize that they were getting lower-level octane fuel from a distributor.

"We have no way of knowing who is ultimately responsible," Pfahler said.

He said 85 octane gas is more commonly sold in areas of higher altitudes. It is common in the Black Hills of western South Dakota. The investigation was sparked by reports of that fuel moving east.

OBITUARIES

Deryl Kruse

Deryl Kruse, 85, of Vermillion, SD passed away Saturday, March 31, 2012 at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

Funeral Services are 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 6, 2012 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion. A Committal Service will follow at the Bluff View Cemetery with Military Honors performed by Vermillion VFW Post #3061.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 5, 2012 at Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion with a 7:00 p.m. "Celebration of Deryl's Life."

The Mount Funeral Home of Platte is handling arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family through www.mountfuneralhome.com.

Deryl Wayne Kruse was born on December 5, 1926 to Leo and Lois (Wrede) Kruse in Wessington, SD. He moved with his family to Vermillion in what he called the "dirty 30's." He enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17 and was assigned as Seaman First Class for 2 1/2 years during WWII. After being honorably discharged, he returned to Vermillion and met Lela Christopherson. They were united in marriage on January 7, 1947 and spent 65 cherished years together. They raised 6 wonderful children and were blessed with 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Deryl enjoyed time with his wife, Lela, spending time with his family, telling jokes, cruising around Vermillion on his scooter, making BBQ ribs, watching his grandchildren and great grandchildren's activities and sports, as well as just having a pure joy for life.

An avid bowler for most of his life, Deryl participated on many leagues and passed his fondness for the sport down to his children and beyond as a favorite family pastime. He loved the outdoors, and could be found fishing on the Missouri River whenever he got the chance. He was also a member of the Black Hills Hunt Club, served on the Vermillion Fire Department for many years, and belonged to VFW Post #3061 and American Legion Post #44, both of Vermillion. It was Deryl's privilege to take part in Honor Flight South Dakota in April of 2010, making the trip to Washington, D.C. with his son, Tom.

Grateful for having shared in Deryl's life: his wife, Lela Kruse of Vermillion, SD; their 6 children: Linda (Al) Kruse of Marshall, MN, Nancy Kruse of Soldotna, AK, Mary Jo (Bill) Ralph of Austin, TX, Carol Kruse of Vermillion, SD and Mike (Laurie) Kruse of Vermillion, SD; Grandchildren: Jay (Stacey) Yates and sons, Zach and Caden, Seth Ralph and son, Shawn, Michael (Beth) Kruse and

children, Emma and Michael, Matthew Kruse and son, Conner, Megan (Kevin) Kail and Shawn Kruse; 2 sisters-in-law, Joyce Ashmore of Elk Point, SD and Betty Hansen of Vermillion, SD; along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Deryl is joined in heaven with his parents; a sister, Maxine Cummins and a brother, Charlie Kruse.

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Herbert Huber

Herbert H. Huber, 82, passed away peacefully on April 2, 2012 at the Menno Olivet Care Center.

Visitation will be at the Walter Funeral Home in Freeman from 5 pm to 8 pm with the family present from 6 pm to 7 pm on Wednesday, April 4, 2012.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 11:00 am, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Freeman with burial at Freeman City Cemetery.

Herb was born on December 18, 1929 to Magdelina (Hodde) and Henry G Huber. He was baptized on January 19, 1930 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Heilbroon, SD. He was confirmed in the same Church on March 28, 1944. Herb attended parochial school and graduated from Freeman High School on May 16, 1947. After high school Herb returned to the family farm. On January 16, 1952 Herb was drafted into the US Marine Corp. Herb attained the rank of Sergeant and was stationed at El Toro, Santa Anna, CA. He attended Airman School at Jackson, FL and Aviation Mechanic School at Memphis, TN. He was honorably discharged on January 15, 1954. Herb was very proud of his service in the Marine Corp during the Korean War. After his discharge he again returned to the family farm and worked in partnership with his brothers, Kurt and Ray. In later years he established Huber Farms with his sons Rob, Jeff and Steve.

In 1957 Herb met and fell in love with Myrna Albrecht. Herb and Myrna were married on October 13, 1957 at St Paul Lutheran Church, Freeman. They were blessed to have 54 happy years together. To this union six children were born, Jacqueline, Robert, Joan, Jeffrey, Steven and Christopher. Herb was a life-long member of St Paul Lutheran Church.

In Herb's early years, he enjoyed playing baseball. He pitched for both Menno's and Freeman's amateur baseball teams. He enjoyed watching sports, observing wildlife, and being outdoors and was even able to go hunting in the last few years. But Herb's real passion was farming. He loved every aspect of farming, especially raising cattle. Also, after a rainstorm, he was always ready to check the rain gauge and drive around and check on crops. He spent many years doing what he truly loved. In July of 2011,

a sudden change in his health ultimately ended his farming career. Even in his last days and hours he was still farming, in his mind.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Myrna and 6 children, and 14 grandchildren. Jackie (Chet) Groen and their children, Nicki, Beth & Mandy Wek and Henry, Sherri & Sandi Groen. Rob (Vicki) Huber and their children, Jessica (Fiancée Tyler Schurman) & Kyle Huber. Joan (Greg) Andersen and their children, Michael (Kathy) & Matthew Andersen. Jeff (Janet) Huber and their children Shelby & Madison Huber. Steve (Katie) Huber and their children Hayden & Lexie. Chris Huber & Fiancée Molly Heier. 7 Great Grandsons. 1 Brother, Walter (Bridget) Huber. 3 Sisters, Wilma Krause, Alice Mendel & Marty Coffin. Brothers-in-law, Don Peters & Bob (Doris) Albrecht. Sisters-in-law, Hilda Huber & Karen Dirkson, and many nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

Herb is preceded in death by his Parents, Brothers, Kurt, Ray, Harold & Ruben (Sam) Huber, and Sister Betty Peters, and Grandsons Bradley & Corey Wek.

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Kenneth Paesl

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Kenneth R. Paesl, 84 of Creighton, Neb., died Monday, April 2, 2012, at Faith Regional Health Services, Norfolk, Neb.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Ludger Catholic Church, Creighton. The Rev. Walter Nolte will officiate, with burial in the parish cemetery.

Visitation is 3-7 p.m. Thursday at Brockhaus Funeral Home, Creighton, with a 5 p.m. wake service.

Rita Kubal

LESTERVILLE — Rita R. Kubal, 43, of Lesterville died near Scotland.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 11 a.m. Monday, April 9, at the Bishop Marty Chapel on the Mount Marty College campus, Yankton, with the Rev. Dan Smith and Msgr. Carlton Hermann officiating. Burial will be in the Polish Catholic Cemetery, rural Lesterville, overlooking the family farm.

Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Sunday at St. Wenceslaus Catholic

Church, Tabor, with a wake service at 7 p.m. with Rev. Joe Puthenkulathil officiating.

Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, is assisting with arrangements.

Vincent Tramp

Vincent J. Tramp, 69, of Yankton died Monday, April 2, 2012, at the Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, Vermillion.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 9, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in the Beaver Creek Cemetery in rural Crofton, Neb., following the lunch.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Sunday at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with a rosary at 7 p.m. followed by a video tribute and then a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

To send an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Garrald Cameron

Garrald "Gerry" A. Cameron, 82, of Yankton died Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with Fr. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations are at 5:30 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Cornelius Kiyukan

LAKE ANDES — Cornelius J. Kiyukan, 61, of Lake Andes died Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at the VA Medical Center, Sioux Falls.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Friday at White Swan Community Center, Lake Andes. Burial is in St. Phillips Episcopal Cemetery, Lake Andes, with military honors.

Wake services will begin at the Community Center today (Wednesday).

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner, is in charge of arrangements.

Iva Catherman

WYNOT, Neb. — Iva A. Catherman, age 95 of Wynot, Nebraska, died on Sunday, April 1, 2012 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington.

Funeral Services will be on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington, Nebraska with Rev. Gary Kimm officiating. Burial will be in the Ida Grove Cemetery in Ida Grove, Iowa.

Visitation will be on Monday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Tuesday at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington.

Iva was born on August 4, 1918 at Wynot, Nebraska to John Iven and Della Luella (Rauch) Catherman. She grew up on a farm east of Wynot and attended a nearby country school through the 3rd grade and graduated from Obert High School in 1936. She took some post graduate classes at the Ida Grove High School and then was a secretary/bookkeeper at the local grain elevator in Ida



Catherman

Grove. She returned to the family farm home and was employed at the ASCS office in Hartington until she retired in 1973. Iva loved being outdoors but her passion was reading, especially novels.

Iva is survived by several cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 2 sisters, Lois and Fern Catherman.

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Sandra Reiner

TRIPP — Funeral services for Sandra Reiner, 69, of Tripp will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 7 at Frieden's Reformed Church in Tripp, with Rev. Greg Way officiating. Interment will be held in Frieden's Cemetery, Tripp.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until a 7:00 p.m. prayer service at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tripp.

Sandra passed away on Monday, April 2, 2012 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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