

## Newspaper Runs Page 1 Editorial On Bullying

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP) — In a rare and forceful act of advocacy, an Iowa newspaper devoted the entire front page of its Sunday edition to an anti-bullying editorial after a gay teen committed suicide. Relatives have said 14-year-old Kenneth Weishuhn Jr. suffered intense harassment, including threatening cellphone calls and nasty comments posted online, after coming out to family and friends about a month ago. He died April 15 from what the local sheriff's office described only as a "self-inflicted injury."

The *Sioux City Journal's* front-page opinion piece calls on the community to be pro-active in stopping bullying and urges members to learn more about the problem by seeing the acclaimed new film, "Bully," which documents the harassment of a Sioux City middle school student. It notes that while many students are targeted for being gay, "we have learned a bully needs no reason to strike."

"In Kenneth's case, the warnings were everywhere," the editorial said. "We saw it happen in other communities, now it has hit home. Undoubtedly, it wasn't the first life lost to bullying here, but we can strive to make it the last."

Editor Mitch Pugh said the newspaper has run front-page editorials before but has never devoted the entire page to one.

## Neb. Man Gets 40-50 Years For Fatal Stabbing

COLUMBUS, Neb. (AP) — A Columbus man has been sentenced to 40 to 50 years in prison in the stabbing death of another man in a motel parking lot.

The *Columbus Telegram* reports 21-year-old Ozzy Tilden was sentenced Friday in Platte County District Court for second-degree murder. He pleaded guilty last month in the death of 36-year-old Jerry Garcia in the parking lot of the Sundown Motel in Columbus.

Investigators say in court documents that Tilden had gotten into a fistfight in the parking lot after he returned from having some drinks at a bar in Tilden early in the morning on Oct. 8. Garcia got involved only briefly in the scuffle.

According to the documents, a witness told police that Tilden left but soon returned and confronted Garcia, stabbing him several times.

## Jankow's Family Promotes Tissue Donation

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Former South Dakota Gov. Bill Janklow's family is continuing his legacy by urging people to donate the eyes and tissue of their deceased loved ones.

After Janklow died of brain cancer in January, his corneas were donated to two recipients in North Dakota and his veins were used in a bypass surgery.

Janklow's 19-year-old granddaughter, Lindsey appeared at a tribute luncheon held by the South Dakota Lions Eye and Tissue Bank.

Lindsey Janklow told KELO-TV she knows her grandfather would have wanted her to attend the event and promote tissue donation because he loved helping people.

South Dakota Lions Eye and Tissue Bank Executive Director Jens Saakvitne says the organization saw a sharp increase in the number of donations immediately after Janklow's death.

# State Eyes Summer Opening For Park

BY DIRK LAMMERS  
 Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — State Parks and Recreation Director Doug Hofer has a spring in his step as he hikes the potential trails meandering through Blood Run, a national historic landmark set to become South Dakota's first new state park in more than 50 years.

The picturesque acreage along the Big Sioux River was used by thousands of Oneota Indians into the early 1700s, and its diverse landscape boasts a large oak forest, rolling hills, flood plains and riverside bluffs. The site also has a story to tell, holding historically rich burial mounds, refuse pits and artifacts.

"The topography and the natural resources working together just give you some fantastic panoramic views, and you have both natural resources and historic resources in one site," Hofer said. "That is going to make it a great story, a great place to preserve and a great place to visit."

Although the entire Blood Run site could eventually encompass some 1,400 acres in South Dakota and Iowa, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department recently partnered with two non-profits to buy a 324-acre parcel from a private landowner that Hofer calls "the

key" to creating a state park.

Officials won't seek state park status until the Legislature convenes in January, but Hofer tells the Associated Press that people should be able to visit the land this summer through guided tours by appointment.

"The first step in that is going to be having a veteran interpreter-historian living on site this summer to help tell that story," he said.

The Oneota culture wasn't a single tribe but conglomerate of groups with similar characteristics taking back to 1200 or earlier, said Rich Fishel, cultural resource archaeologist with the Illinois State Archaeological Survey at the University of Illinois.

The Oneota grew corn and other staples, hunted bison, built circular lodges and stored perishable food underground in bell-shaped storage pits lined with grass and covered with logs or bison hides. Another common trait among the Oneota is their pottery, which features specific decorative patterns and often depict raptors such as eagles and hawks.

Much of the Oneota's history, such as where they originated, remains a mystery.

"We have to rely on what archaeology teaches us and also what the Native Americans have passed down in their stories," Fishel said. At Blood Run, the prime riverfront location

allowed the area to blossom into a trade hub.

Many Oneota groups settled on flood plains along rivers, and the Blood Run site eight miles southeast of Sioux Falls is "probably the largest of the Oneota sites," Fishel said.

The area was occupied in later times by the Omaha, Ponca, Ioway and Oto, and it's believed that many tribes can trace their lineage back to the Oneota, he said.

Blood Run is believed to have received its name from white settlers, perhaps because the iron-rich rocks leached into the stream on the Iowa side to give it a reddish tint.

Iowa's Blood Run National Landmark Site across the Big Sioux River is managed by the State Historical Society of Iowa and the Lyon County Conservation Board. Access to the land is restricted and requires permission.

The Iowa site is home to Blood Run Creek and features numerous burial mounds. There are several pink granite boulders whitened from weathering and adorned with 2-inch cupmarks that have a symbolic or spiritual purpose.

Blood Run has been treasured for more than a century by historians, Hofer said, but the state began its quest to preserve the land in 1995 when it partnered with Forward Sioux Falls and the city's chamber of commerce to acquire 200 acres on the southern end of the area.

# Nebraska Child Services Director Starts Work

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska needs to remove fewer children from their homes and do a better job coaching parents before family problems escalate into abuse and neglect, the new director of the state's child and family services agency said.

Thomas Pristow is assuming his new role at a time of upheaval for the Nebraska Division of Child and Family Services. The former Marine with a master's degree in social work said he wants to restore public confidence in a system plagued by financial problems, high staff turnover and a failure to place many children in permanent homes.

"My job is to put a structure in place," Pristow told The Associated Press in an interview at his office in Lincoln. "I want the staff and com-

munity to be able to take a breath, to focus on what's important, and be able to develop a process together on what we're going to move forward."

Lawmakers and Gov. Dave Heineman approved a legislative package that will reduce caseloads for social workers, create a child welfare watchdog who reports to the Legislature and end the state's experiment with privatized services in all but two Omaha-area counties.

But advocates for families involved in the system said the reform effort failed to address the fact that too many children are removed from their homes and kept in foster care. A report by the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform blamed many of the state's problems on a "take the child and run"

mentality that needlessly splits families apart.

Lawmakers have commissioned two studies that will take place while they are out of session: one to identify why the state removes children at such a high rate, and another that examines the relationship between child welfare removals, poverty, housing and access to health care.

Nearly eight out of 1,000 children in Nebraska were taken from their homes in 2010, compared with 3.4 nationally, the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform report found. The report also found a racial bias in foster care placements, with African-American children entering the system at a rate 3.4 times higher than the general population, and American Indian

children at a rate 6.8 times greater.

Pristow, who began work last month, oversees nearly 1,900 employees who work in child welfare services, adult protective services and various public assistance programs.

Child and Family Services is the largest of six divisions within the Department of Health Human Services.

The 18-year veteran of human services work came to Nebraska from the Louisa County Department of Human Services in Virginia, where he worked to shift the agency's focus toward preventative care. Earlier, he headed the Department of Human Services in Norfolk, Va., and spent 14 years with the Department of Children and Families in Vermont.

## OBITUARIES

### Don Nelson

Don D. Nelson, age 76, of Yankton, South Dakota, died April 20, 2012 at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Mark Lichter officiating. Entombment is in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton. Visitation is from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the funeral service.

Honorary pallbearers are Romaine Nelson, Fleurette Rita, Ralph Anderson, Randy Anderson, Russ and Janelle Ekeren, and godchildren: Stephanie and Janessa Ekeren.

Don was born October 2, 1935 in Clay County, South Dakota to Maynard and Opal (Chausse)



Nelson

Nelson. He attended Bethel Country School in the Wakonda area and graduated from Wakonda High School in 1953. On September 5, 1957, Don married Karyn Anderson. He joined the United States

Army in 1958 and after his discharge, he worked for ACS in Huron, South Dakota. In December 1959, they moved to Yankton and Don started working for Art's Superior Gas Station on 11th and Broadway. He worked there for over 30 years, first for Art Peitz and then for Merlin Hanson. In 1985, Don purchased the gas station which he operated until 1992. Then Don worked for Art's Garbage Service for nine years until he retired. Don enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was an avid sports fan and loved watching NASCAR, basket-

ball and the Minnesota Twins play baseball.

Don is survived by his wife Karyn Nelson of Yankton; brother, Romaine Nelson of Lewiston, ID; sister, Fleurette Rita of Boise, ID; two brothers-in-law, Ralph (Kathy) Anderson of Scottsbluff, NE and Randy (Janet) Anderson of Irene; and several nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Dean Nelson.

To send an online sympathy message, please visit [wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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[www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com)

### Maria Lebkowski

Maria Z. Lebkowski, age 76, of Yankton passed away in her home Friday, April 20, 2012 with her brother and friend at her side.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date as her ashes will be buried in Poland. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton is handling the arrangements.

Maria Zgoda Lebkowski was born August 15, 1935 in Lodz, Poland to Bronislaw and Wladyslawa (Wawrzyniau) Zgoda. Her early childhood was under the Nazi regime and thusly she wasn't able to attend regular grade school and was taught her A, B, C's through an underground facility. Later the Russian took over and occupied her country. She was a happy child and enjoyed growing up with her parents. A little boy joined them in 1949.



Lebkowski

She attended Business College and worked for a short time for the government.

Maria met and married Dr. Boleslaw Lebkowski, who had gone to medical school in

Scotland. Together they moved to London, England where he worked at a psychiatric facility. Yearning to move to America they arrived and stayed in Rochester, MN for a short time. A position became available and they traveled and relocated to Yankton, SD at the State Hospital. After 13-year the marriage was dissolved and she remained in Yankton, obtaining an aides job at the hospital.

Through tenaciousness, self-preservation and the desire to learn the language, she set

about doing just that and became a citizen and psychiatric technician. She remained at the State Hospital for 35-plus years and was a valued employee.

She loved all the creatures that God put on this Earth and in her own way protected and saved them from destruction, truly a gift.

She will be dearly missed by her brother, Dr. Waldemar (Dr. Maria) Zgoda, a niece, a nephew and her dear friend of thirty years, Joann Nicholls. She leaves behind many friends and relatives in Poland and Yankton, SD.

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Care Center, Ainsworth. Arrangements are pending under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

### Theresa Slaba

Mass of Christian Burial for Theresa D. Slaba, 97 of Geddes will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Geddes, with burial in the parish cemetery.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the church, followed by a 7:00 p.m. rosary/wake.

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

Theresa Dolores Slaba, the ninth child born to Joseph and Mary (Petrik) Soukup, was born June 8, 1914 on a farm south of Wagner. She passed away peacefully Friday, April 20, 2012 at the Avera Platte Health Center in Platte. Theresa attained the age

of 97 years, 10 months and 17 days.

Theresa attended school at Lawrence #3 Country School through the eighth grade. As a young girl, she lived with her brother George and his family in the summer, helping with cleaning, baby sitting and chores. Later she moved to Omaha to work as a nanny. Coming home for Christmas, she was in a car accident and she decided never to go back. In 1933, she worked weekends at Summer's Grocery Store in Wagner and lived with her sister Rose and Frank Kocer, helping them on the farm.

Theresa married Oscar Slaba on September 12, 1938 at St. John's Catholic Church. Three children were blessed to their union. They farmed east of Geddes and moved into Geddes in March of 1964. She worked part time at Harold's Cafe as a cook for a few years. Oscar died August 3, 1989. Theresa continued

to live on her own until May of 2009, when she moved to the Platte Assisted Living Center at the age of 94. When this facility closed in December of 2009, she moved to the Wagner Good Samaritan Society on December 27, 2009.

Theresa's pride and joy were her family, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed gardening and loved her flowers and yard. At one time, she had over 70 varieties of roses. Theresa was a great cook and baker. She always had cookies, donuts and kolaches in the

freezer to share with all. Theresa will be remembered for her positive attitude. She loved the motto at the Good Samaritan Society, "In Christ's love, everyone is someone".

Theresa was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, St. Ann's Altar Society, Catholic Workman and the Geddes Civic Club.

Thankful for having shared her life are her children: David and wife Pat, Geddes; Angie Steckley and husband Dick, Geddes; and Theresa Kocer and husband Ernie, Dante; 14 grandchildren; 37 great grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Mary

Rezac, Dante; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Theresa was preceded in death by her husband; parents; six brothers: George, Frank, Joe, Charles, Tom, Mike, and Stephen; two sisters: Rose Kocer and Mary Soukup; and grandson-in-law, Mike Fischer.

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### Rudolph 'Rudy' Grewe

AINSWORTH, Neb. — Rudolph "Rudy" Grewe, 87, of Ainsworth, Neb., died early Sunday morning, April 22, 2012, at the Ainsworth

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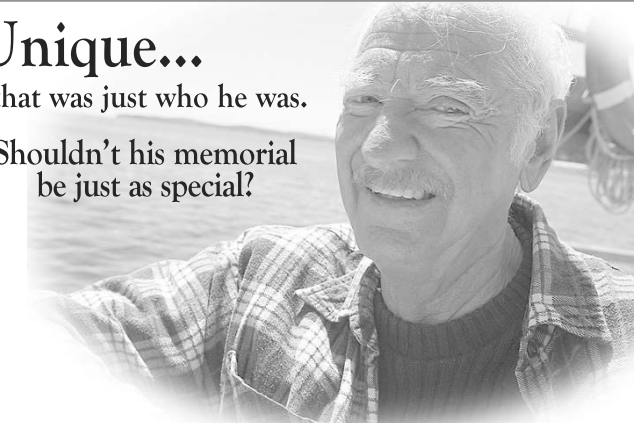
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