

Woman Dies After Stabbing At Walmart

RAPID CITY (AP) — A woman has died after being stabbed in the parking lot of a Rapid City Walmart.

Rapid City police say they were called to the Walmart at about 3:20 p.m. for a report of a stabbing. A 30-year-old woman was found with multiple stab wounds in the parking lot. She was transported to a local hospital, where she was pronounced dead. Her name has not been released.

The suspect was found barricaded in a bathroom at a nearby hotel with self-inflicted stab wounds. He was transported to a hospital and detained by law enforcement. His condition is unknown.

KOTA-TV reports that the woman was a Walmart employee. Rapid City police spokeswoman Tarah Heupel says she does not know if the two people knew each other.

Woman Denies Charge For Having Child Drive

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — A 32-year-old woman accused of using her 11-year-old daughter to drive the mom and two friends during a night of drinking has pleaded not guilty to child abuse.

The *Norfolk Daily News* reports that Jennifer Etgen, of Tilden, is out of jail on bond and is scheduled for trial on June 12.

Norfolk police say an officer saw a pickup driven by the girl almost hit a curb just before 3:15 a.m. on March 13.

After pulling over the truck, the officer was told the girl was driving because her mom and two friends had been drinking alcohol.

The felony charge of child abuse carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

Mom Convicted Of Helping Sons Sell Marijuana

MITCHELL (AP) — A Mitchell woman has been found guilty of helping her 17- and 19-year-old sons sell marijuana.

A jury convicted Charlene Stahl, 43, Tuesday after a two-day trial, *The Daily Republic* reported. She will be sentenced later on charges of aiding and abetting a drug crime and contributing to the abuse, neglect or delinquency of a child. Jurors found her not guilty of actually possessing marijuana.

Assistant Attorney General Katie Mallery asked jurors to find Stahl guilty on all three counts.

"She knows what is going on, she's promoting it and she's facilitating it," the prosecutor said.

Defense attorney Mike Fink acknowledged prosecutors proved Stahl contributed to the delinquency of a minor by giving her 17-year-old son cigarettes, but he maintained that prosecutors lacked evidence for the aiding and abetting charge.

Grain Elevator Fire Prompts Home Evacuations

MILLER (AP) — An overnight grain elevator fire in the eastern South Dakota city of Miller prompted officials to temporarily close off roads and evacuate about 15 homes.

An employee at a nearby business reported the fire at Miller Grain about 11 p.m. Wednesday. Homes downwind from the scene were evacuated as a precaution about 1:30 a.m. because of concerns about strong winds and embers and also possible toxic fumes from rodent control chemicals inside the facility, authorities said. The 40-50 residents were allowed to return home about 3:30 a.m. Thursday.

The fire was under control as of 8 a.m. but an estimated 2 million pounds of sunflowers destined to become bird seed still were burning.

South Dakota

Feds Move Closer To First Tribal National Park

BY KRISTI EATON

Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — As the National Park Service and Department of Interior move closer to creating the nation's first national park managed by an American Indian tribe, new details about what the park could look like are being released, including plans to establish a free-roaming bison herd.

The National Park Service and the Interior Department on Thursday released the final version of a plan that would establish the first national tribal park at the South Unit of Badlands National Park, which is entirely within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Congress must still approve the establishment of the park, but Thursday's announcement means the National Park Service and the Oglala Sioux tribe can begin implementing parts of the plan and identifying what a tribal national park looks like.

"As we seek to tell a more inclusive story of America, a tribal national park would help celebrate and honor the history and culture of the Oglala Sioux people," Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar said in a statement.

The U.S. government's War Department took what is now the South Unit from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to establish a practice bombing range in the 1940s. It was

returned to the Oglala Sioux tribe in 1976 and has since been co-managed with the Park Service. The tribe began pushing for greater control of the unit's 133,300 acres about a decade ago, after they disagreed with the Park Service's plans for the land.

The plan released Thursday recommends Congress create a new designation for a tribal national park. Depending on Congressional action, it could be administered several different ways, including as a unit of NPS managed by tribal members who work as NPS employees or by tribal members who work for the tribe.

Eric Brunnemann, superintendent of the Badlands National Park, said one goal is to create a free-roaming, economically viable herd of bison at the park as part of the Park Service's plan to establish and sustain at least three wild bison herds in the central and western United States over the next 100 years.

"We have tried for many years to put buffalo into the South Unit, but because the parcels are so small, you can't really succeed," Brunnemann said.

He said officials are working with non-governmental organizations to test and study the viability of piecing together parcels to allow for a free-roaming herd in the area and working with donors for funding.

Nebraska

Appeals Court Judge Appointed To State High Court

BY GRANT SCHULTE

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A Nebraska Court of Appeals judge has been chosen to fill a vacancy on the state's highest court, Gov. Dave Heineman announced Thursday.

Heineman said he has chosen William Cassel, of O'Neill, to join the Nebraska Supreme Court. He replaces Judge John Gerrard, who left the Supreme Court for an appointment as a U.S. District Court judge.

Cassel, who is eligible to join the bench immediately because he already is a judge, said in a statement that he was "deeply hon-

ored" by the governor's trust and confidence and would strive to serve Nebraska residents as a member of the state's highest court.

Cassel has served on the appeals court since 2003, participating in roughly 5,000 cases and writing 650 opinions. He spent 12 years as a district court judge, and worked as a private-practice attorney in Ainsworth from 1979 to 1992.

The judge has volunteered at the University of Nebraska's Law College, helping teach students about ethics and professionalism. He has been a guest speaker in multiple classes and served as a

judge for the students' final trial before a mock jury.

"He's always been just a wonderful help to us and our programs," said Associate Dean Glenda Pierce, who teaches one of the classes where he has volunteered. "He always gave good, constructive comments that were delivered in a kind way."

Cassel also has served for five years as a "master of the bench" for the Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court, an educational organization focused on developing high standards of ethics and professionalism for law students and lawyers.

He was a co-recipient of the 2011 Nebraska Supreme Court

award for "Distinguished Judge for Improvement of the Judiciary" and has been elected as a fellow of both the Nebraska State Bar Foundation and the American Bar Foundation.

Cassel will serve as the justice from the Nebraska Supreme Court's third district, a region in the northeast part of the state that includes 19 counties and parts of Douglas and Sarpy counties around Omaha.

He was one of three nominees chosen last month by a state judicial nominating commission. The others were Omaha attorney Francis Riedmann, and Sixth District Judge John Samson of Blair.

OBITUARIES

Jerome Sylliaasen

MISSION HILL — Jerome M. Sylliaasen, age 75 of Mission Hill, SD passed away Monday, April 23, 2011 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2012 at Vangen Lutheran Church, Mission Hill, SD with Rev. Lance Lindgren officiating. Burial will be in the Vangen Lutheran Cemetery with Military Grave-side Rights by the Rudolph Christensen American Legion Post #237.

Visitations will begin at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 29, 2012, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD, with a Scripture service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be Scott Simonsen, Timothy Simonsen, Jessica Epp, Tyler Larsen, Nathan and Briana Epp, and Alexa Larsen. Honorary pallbearers are Robert Oien, Marvin Ekeren, Charles Cowman, Darrell Ek-



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eren, Bernal Huber, Ralph Guenther and Ken Kjer.

Jerome M. Sylliaasen was born on February 17, 1937 at Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD to Henry and Viola (Braunesreither) Sylliaasen. He attended grade school at Pleasant Valley, Inch, and Mission Hill, and attended high school at Gayville, graduating in 1956. He worked on a farm owned by Howard Magorien all through High School. After graduation, he enlisted in the Army in September 1956 and served for two years. He was discharged in September, 1958.

He married Dorothy Ann Remington at St. Johns Lutheran Church on September 28, 1958. To this union, two children were born, Pamela and Patricia. He worked for Freeman & Company, AB Vinateri Plumbing and Yankton County Highway Department. In 1962 the family moved

to California where he worked for Hytone Paper Company, Garden Grove, CA and Kimberly Clark, Fullerton, CA. In 1964, the family returned to South Dakota to farm with his father and brother, Alan, in Mission Hill. Jerome continued farming until he retired in 2008.

Jerome was a 4-H Leader for many years, a member of the Moose Lodge, Elks Lodge and American Legion. He was baptized, confirmed and a lifetime member of Vangen Lutheran Church of Mission Hill and served as Usher, Deacon and was Secretary on the cemetery board for 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Mission Hill, SD; two daughters, Pamela (Raymon) of Mission Hill, SD, Patricia Larsen of Yankton, SD; grandchildren, Jessica Epp of Pollock, LA, Nathan (Briana) Epp of Yankton, SD, Tyler Larsen of Yankton, SD, Alexa Larsen of Yankton, SD; sister, Diane (Jim) Johnson of Ormond Beach, FL; brothers and sisters-in-law, Dolores Christensen of W. Garden Grove, CA,

Robert Remington of Hemet, CA, Ken (Lonnice) Remington of Yankton, SD, Donald Remington of Hemet, CA, Wilma (Roger) Simonsen of Menno, SD, Mary (Michael) Cline of Lake Havasu, AZ; and uncle, Wayne Lane of Phoenix, AZ; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry in 1981 and Viola Sylliaasen in 1996 and two brothers, Gale Sylliaasen in 1960 and Alan in 2003; son-in-law, Verlin Larsen on November 17, 2011.

Memorials can be directed to Vangen Lutheran Church, 303 West 3rd Street, Mission Hill, SD 57046.

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Rudolph 'Rudy' Grewe

AINSWORTH, Neb. — Rudolph "Rudy" F. Grewe, age 87 of Ainsworth, NE passed away after a brief battle with brain cancer early Sunday morning, April 22, 2012 at the Ainsworth Care Center, Ainsworth, NE.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 28, 2012 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Dan Smith officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, SD with Military Grave-side Rites by the Ernest Bowyer VFW Post #791, Yankton and SDARNG Honor Guard, Sioux Falls, SD.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are under the care of the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, SD.

Rudolph was born August 1, 1924 in rural West Point, NE to Frank and Mary (Western) Grewe. The family moved to South Dakota where he received his elementary education. He served in the U.S. Army and the Air Force from March 15, 1945 to May 30, 1947. During this time he served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater. After his honorable discharge, he went to work for



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Northwestern Bell Telephone Company. He retired from the telephone company after 33 years. He lived at Long Pine, NE and then Ainsworth, NE.

Rudy is survived by a brother, Joseph, of Omaha, NE; two sisters, Anna Marie (Charles) Murray, of Sioux Falls, SD, Mary Ann (Gerald) Schulte of Sioux City, IA; two sisters-in-law, Jane Grewe of New Buffalo, MI, and Marilyn Grewe of Bloomington, IL; 16 nieces and nephews; cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Mary (Western) Grewe; brothers, Al, Edward, Bruno, Richard and Raymond; a sister, Agatha and her husband, Henry Pesicka; and sister-in-law, Lorene Grewe.

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Donald Vennard

Donald Eugene Vennard, age 70 of Yankton, retired Master Sergeant from the U.S. Army who had a successful military career passed away on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at his home.

Visitations will be from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with the family present. Burial of Don's cremated remains will be in the Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis, SD.

Donald is survived by his wife, Yang Vennard of Yankton, SD; three daughters: Barbara, Stephanie, and Patricia Vennard and her fiancée, Matt Knauer of Aurora, CO; his brothers and sisters: Delmer (Karen) Vennard, Marilyn (Roger) Peterson, Nancy (Thomas) Scheinost, Larry (Carla) Vennard, Ruth (Paul) Bremer, Lois (John) Hazen, Dale Vennard, Susan (Michael) Welter, Dean (Sherill) Vennard, Wayne Vennard, and Willard (Barbara) Vennard.

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Sylvia Ryken

Sylvia M. Ryken, age 90, of Yankton, South Dakota, passed away Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton and went home to be with her Lord and Savior.

Funeral services are 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 30, 2012 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend David Wildermuth officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer, video tribute and time of sharing at 6:30 p.m. Visitation continues one hour prior to the funeral service.

Pallbearers are Drew Canady, Bruce Christensen, Chris Hemmelman, Steve Katsis, Jeff Ryken, Jerold Ryken, Jake Stange, and Lyle Stock.

Sylvia was born November 8, 1921, in Yankton, South Dakota



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Sylvia married Donnelly (Don) Ryken Feb. 23, 1944, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton. They were lifetime farmers and cattle feeders. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and a life member of Ernest Bowyer Post No. 791 Ladies Auxiliary. Sylvia was a member of an area woman's club and enjoyed helping people and the friends she made. She was an avid sewer, reader, and crossword puzzle enthusiast. She enjoyed travelling and being with her loving family and friends.

Survivors include three sons: Russell (Bobbie Jo) Ryken of

Sioux City, IA, Douglas Ryken of Yankton and Steven (Beverly) Ryken of Tabor, SD; 17 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; six brothers: Richard, Jason, Raymond, Donald, Leo, and Lester Dunham; and three sisters: Ethyl Huber, Beulah Hespe, and Evelyn Schmelzel.

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

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