

Snow, Freezing Rain Impact SD Farm Work

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Snow and freezing rain have brought badly needed moisture to parts of South Dakota, but last week's storm delayed field work and made calving conditions difficult.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says in its weekly crop report that there was hardly any time suitable for fieldwork in the past week. Activities included caring for livestock and preparing for spring planting.

Winter wheat conditions were rated 30 percent very poor, 43 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 5 percent good and 0 percent excellent.

Calving was 60 percent complete and lambing was 78 percent complete.

Cattle and calf conditions were rated as 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 7 percent excellent.

Woman Accused Of Fraud In Seeking Aid

KEARNEY, Neb. (AP) — A 35-year-old Kearney woman has been accused of lying on Medicaid applications for her mother and herself.

Amanda Wilson was arrested April 5 and charged with two counts of felony misrepresentation in obtaining state assistance, according to the *Kearney Hub*.

A public phone listing for Wilson is no longer in service. Her attorney didn't immediately return a call Monday from The Associated Press.

The Nebraska Health and Human Services Department said in court records that Wilson didn't report a checking account and property on the Medicaid applications she completed on behalf of her mother, Connie Franks. Officials also said Wilson didn't disclose a joint account she shared with Franks, who died last December.

The records say Franks was approved for long-term Medicaid for nursing home care after her October 2009 application listed only \$12 in a savings account.

Just a few months later, Franks inherited real estate valued at nearly \$242,000, but it was not listed on her November 2010 reapplication for benefits. The property sold for nearly \$203,000, but Franks didn't report the proceeds placed in the joint account on her November 2011 reapplication.

Wilson faces up to five years in prison on each count.

Man Pleads Not Guilty To Murder Charges

CHAMBERLAIN (AP) — A man accused of killing a Mitchell woman last month has pleaded not guilty to murder and manslaughter charges.

Thirty-six-year old Kent Gene Davidson is accused of killing 26-year-old Crystal Schulz. Her body was found March 14 in a shed at her mother's residence in rural Chamberlain.

The *Mitchell Daily Republic* reports that Davidson was arraigned Monday at the Brule County Courthouse. He was shackled and wearing an orange jail jumpsuit with a white bulletproof vest under a blue hooded sweat shirt.

Davidson was indicted last month on charges of first-degree murder, second-degree murder and manslaughter. A fourth charge alleges Davidson possessed a firearm while committing a felony.

Davidson requested a court-appointed attorney, and Circuit Judge Bruce Anderson appointed Sioux Falls attorney Clint Sargent to continue representing Davidson.

Nebraska

Heineman: Don't OK Medicaid Expansion

BY GRANT SCHULTE
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LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman said Monday that a proposal to expand Medicaid as part of the federal health care law should not pass, even if lawmakers include a sunset date that would require them to re-evaluate it.

The Republican governor repeated his opposition to the proposal during a press conference on an unrelated issue. Lawmakers are expected to start first-round debate on the proposal when they reconvene on Tuesday.

"This comes down to, 'What can we afford?'" Heineman said. "... This bill should not pass."

Heineman said a proposal to add a sunset date to the bill wouldn't help control costs, because such sunsets are frequently extended or removed when the time comes to



Heineman

re-evaluate a law. He argued that it would eventually pull state tax dollars away from other needs, such as education.

Supporters have argued that residents already are paying higher-than-necessary health care costs in the form of increased premiums. One leading supporter, Sen.

Jeremy Nordquist of Omaha, has said many of the uninsured choose to delay medical care until their conditions force them to go to emergency rooms, where the costs are much higher.

Some health-care patients have relied on local safety-net programs funded by county property tax dollars, and supporters say expanding Medicaid would eliminate that need. Supporters also have said expanded Medi-

caid in Nebraska would save several hundreds of lives every year, by allowing the insured to receive mammograms, colonoscopies and other preventative care.

The program's cost and federal budget pressures have remained sticking points on the Medicaid expansion debate. State officials predict the bill would extend coverage to between 54,000 and 80,000 uninsured Nebraskans by 2015. Some insured residents would switch from their current plans.

The federal government has agreed to pay 100 percent of the cost for newly insured Medicaid recipients from 2014 to 2016, and then ratchet down its contribution to 90 percent. Supporters say the federal money would reduce the number of uninsured residents who are already seeking care, an expense that health providers pass along through higher premiums to those who are insured.

South Dakota

Wounded Knee Bids Received

BY KRISTI EATON
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SIoux FALLS — A landowner trying to sell a portion of the Wounded Knee National Historic landmark in South Dakota said Monday he has three offers from West Coast-based investment groups for the land that sits adjacent to where about 150 of the 300 Lakota men, women and children killed by the 7th Cavalry in 1890 are buried.

But James Czywczynski told The Associated Press that he is giving the Oglala Sioux Tribe until May 1 to make an offer on the 40-acre parcel before he opens it up to outside buyers. Czywczynski would not give details on the groups, nor what they intend to do with the land, but said they are willing to pay the full \$3.9 million asking price.

"I cannot do anything until May 1 because I have allowed the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the Wounded Knee Survivors Association the opportunity to purchase this property first because that is what I and my family would like to see it in their hands. Otherwise we're going to advertise it nationally and internationally and get the best price we can," said Czywczynski, whose family has owned the land since 1968.

The Wounded Knee National Historic landmark comprises 870 acres.

Along with its proximity to the burial grounds, the land includes the site of a former trading post burned down during the 1873 Wounded Knee uprising, in which hundreds of American Indian Movement protesters occupied the town built at the site of the 1890 massacre. The 71-day standoff that left two tribal members dead and a federal agent seriously wounded is credited with raising awareness about Native American struggles and giving rise to a wider protest movement that lasted the rest of the decade.

Czywczynski, who also is trying to sell another 40-acre piece of nearby land to the tribe for \$1 million, said he hopes the tribe sees the value the land could add in terms of jobs and economic development to the impoverished reservation. Some tribal members think the land around the massacre site should be developed into a tourist attraction while others are adamantly opposed to it.

Wounded Knee tribal council member Kevin Yellow Bird Steele said the tribe has money to purchase the land but believes the asking price is too high. The land has been appraised at less than \$7,000.

Paying \$3.9 million for the land would "detrimentially affect the rest of the land base around there," Yellow Bird Steele said. "If they did buy it for that price, then all the other land value would go up and that's what they don't want to do right now."

Inmates Help In Cleanup From Sioux Falls Storm

SIoux FALLS (AP) — State prison inmates and staff from the South Dakota State Penitentiary have begun to help clean up tree limbs that fell in the Sioux Falls area during last week's storm.

The state Corrections Department says the effort includes five crews, each with 10 minimum-security inmates and one staff member. The crews include hand laborers and trained chain-saw operators.

Tree limbs and branches are being cut into smaller sections and then loaded into waiting trucks for removal.

Last week's storm dumped freezing rain and heavy snow in the area, snapping tree branches and downing power lines.

Bombings

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As the FBI took charge of the investigation, authorities shed no light on a motive or who may have carried out the bombings, and police said they had no suspects in custody. Officials in Washington said there was no immediate claim of responsibility.

Police said three people were killed. An 8-year-old boy was among the dead, according to a person who talked to a friend of the family and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Hospitals reported at least 144 people injured, at least 17 of them critically. The victims' injuries included broken bones, shrapnel wounds and ruptured eardrums.

At Massachusetts General Hospital, Alisdair Conn, chief of emergency services, said: "This is something I've never seen in my 25 years here ... this amount of carnage in the civilian population. This is what we expect from war."

Some 23,000 runners took part in the race, one of the world's oldest and most prestigious marathons.

One of Boston's biggest annual events, the race winds up near Copley Square, not far from the landmark Prudential Center and the Boston Public Library. It is held on Patriots Day, which commemorates the first battles of the American Revolution, at Concord and Lexington in 1775.

Boston Police Commissioner Edward Davis asked people to stay indoors or go back to their hotel rooms and avoid crowds as bomb squads methodically checked parcels and bags left along the race route. He said investigators didn't know whether the bombs were hidden in mailboxes or trash cans.

He said authorities had received "no specific intelligence that anything was going to happen" at the race.

With scant official information to guide them, members of Congress said there was little or no doubt it was an act of terrorism.

"We just don't know whether it's foreign or domestic," said Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security.

A few miles away from the finish line and around the same time, a fire broke out at the John F. Kennedy Library. The police commissioner said that it may have been caused by an incendiary device but that it was not clear whether it was related to the bombings.

The first explosion occurred on the north side of Boylston Street, just before the finish line, and some people initially thought it was a celebratory cannon blast.

When the second bomb went off, spectators' cheers turned to screams. As sirens blared, emergency workers and National Guardsmen who had been assigned to the race for crowd control began climbing over and tearing down temporary fences to get to the blast site.

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