

## SD Prison Guard Injured In Inmate Assault

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A guard at the South Dakota State Penitentiary is recovering after authorities say he was assaulted by an inmate. Corrections officials say Zane Mathis was punched several times in the head and suffered facial cuts and a broken jaw. He was taken to a Sioux Falls hospital after the attack Saturday night. Authorities say inmate Carlos Green was subdued by other prison staff and locked up in a disciplinary section of the prison. The section of the prison where the incident happened was placed on lockdown status the rest of the night but returned to normal operations Sunday. Green is serving more than 40 years for Brown County convictions that include aggravated assault.

## Train Derailment Blocks Panhandle Highway

BRIDGEPORT, Neb. (AP) — BNSF railroad crews are still working to clean up a weekend coal train derailment in the Nebraska Panhandle. The loaded 124-car train derailed in Bridgeport early Sunday morning. The clean-up continued Monday morning. BNSF spokesman Andy Williams says 15 of the cars derailed and blocked the Highway 88 crossing on Main Street in Bridgeport. Bridgeport Police Chief Scott Decoste says crews worked all day Sunday and into the night to clean up the mess, but he predicted the crossing would continue to be blocked most of Monday morning. BNSF says the track was damaged in the derailment and will have to be repaired. Officials are still working to determine the cause of the derailment.

## Man Facing Charges After Break-In, Chase

PIERRE (AP) — A Pierre man is facing felony charges after he allegedly stole money from a club and led police officers on a chase. KCCR reports that 36-year-old Cody Cruse made his first court appearance Monday. He did not enter a plea to a charge of third-degree burglary and grand theft. Stanley County Chief Deputy Sheriff Greg Swanson says an employee of the club found the man going through the safe about 8:30 a.m. Saturday. When officers arrived, a pursuit ensued with speeds reaching 90 mph. Cruse was located about three hours later.

## Cabela's Founder Hands Off Chairman Job

SIDNEY, Neb. (AP) — Cabela's says Dick Cabela plans to step down as chairman and hand off the job to his younger brother and co-founder, Jim Cabela.

The Sidney, Neb., based outdoor outfitter announced the transition on Monday.

Dick Cabela will become chairman emeritus of the company that started on his kitchen table in 1961 at the shareholders' meeting in June.

Jim Cabela, who is currently the company's vice chairman, has helped oversee Cabela's grow into a well-known outdoor brand that sells gear through catalogs, its website and retail stores.

Cabela's CEO Tommy Millner says the company will continue to honor the Cabela family's focus on customer service and passion for the outdoors.

## South Dakota

# Man Charged In Johnson Threat

BY CHET BROKAW  
Associated Press

PIERR — A South Dakota man accused of threatening U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson because the senator allegedly supports gun control has been taken into custody.

Jonathan Constantine, of Piedmont, has been charged in federal court with transmitting in interstate commerce a threat to injure another. A conviction on that charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

Constantine allegedly posted a threatening message March 16 on the Democratic senator's Facebook page. An affidavit by an FBI special agent from Rapid City said Constantine wrote: "I'm giving you a last warning tim. Stop supporting gun control. It will be the last thing you ever do. If you want to end up dead somewhere just keep supporting it."

According to the affidavit filed in federal court, Constantine showed up at the sena-



Johnson

tor's Rapid City office April 11 and screamed at the staff regarding Johnson's alleged support for gun control measures in Congress. He left when requested to do so, but the senator's staff then notified authorities about the alleged threat.

The FBI agent's affidavit said Constantine said he would not talk to agents without a lawyer present, but Constantine then added: "But I will say this about it, it was not a threat."

Constantine made his initial court appearance Monday by video conference with a federal judge based in Sioux Falls. An assistant U.S. attorney from Iowa handled the hearing for the prosecution because U.S. Attorney for South Dakota Brendan Johnson is the senator's son. A bail hearing for Constantine is scheduled for Thursday.

Neil Fulton, federal public defender for South Dakota and North Dakota, said his office was still studying the allegations.

"As with anyone, when you're indicted you're simply charged. It's an allegation. It's not proof of anything," Fulton told The Associated Press.

"In the environment we live in, certainly particularly threats about public officials have a tendency to whip up public frenzy. It's important to step back and let the process work," Fulton said.

The *Argus Leader* reported that in Monday's hearing, Constantine told U.S. Magistrate Judge John Simko that he suffers from post-traumatic distress disorder.

When the judge asked Constantine if he had taken any medication or had ever been diagnosed with a mental illness, Constantine said he has post-traumatic stress disorder and a traumatic brain injury. He also said he had not taken his pain medication since his arrest over the weekend.

## Nebraska

# School Bill Divides Lawmakers

BY GRANT SCHULTE  
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Lawmakers remained divided Monday over a proposal to change Nebraska's school-funding formula, which determines how much money rural and urban districts receive from the state.

The bill divided lawmakers who represent smaller, rural schools with shrinking enrollments, and state senators from fast-growing districts in Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island. Faced with an impasse on Monday, lawmakers moved on to other bills without voting.

At stake is nearly \$1 billion per

year in "equalization aid" from the state, which helps public school districts fill the gap between their needs and what they can cover through local property-tax revenue. School funding is the single largest budget item that lawmakers are debating this session.

Sen. Kate Sullivan, chairwoman of the Education Committee, said the bill was an attempt to compromise on the funding formula. State-aid for schools is often controversial because some schools end up feeling short-changed.

"This should not be about rural versus urban," said Sullivan, of Cedar Rapids. "I don't want this to be about winning and losing."

Many lawmakers from Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island argued

that more state dollars should flow to larger districts with increasing student enrollments, higher property-tax levies and less spending per student.

Sen. Mike Gloor of Grand Island said schools in his district are facing more financial pressure because of an increase in students, including many from low-income families and those with limited English language skills. Gloor said his schools have delayed maintenance projects, which saved \$500,000, and shifted \$1 million out of a district building fund to cover basic education costs. They also cut into early-childhood education programs.

## OBITUARIES

### Opal Pier

Opal V. Pier, 93, of Cavour, died Monday April 22, 2013 at the Good Samaritan Center in De Smet, SD.

Her Memorial service will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, 2013 at the American Lutheran Church in Huron, SD, with a private family burial at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in rural Iroquois, SD. Her Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at the Welter Funeral Home in Huron, with the family present from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday night. Visit [www.welterfuneralhome.com](http://www.welterfuneralhome.com).

Opal V. Peskey the daughter of Arthur and Emma (Schwederske) Peskey, was born on August 3, 1919, in Beadle County. She attended country school.

Opal married Gilbert "Gib" Pier on October 5, 1940, at Redfield, SD. In 1945, they moved to a farm south of Cavour and farmed there until 2003 when they moved to Huron.

Opal was a member of both the Immanuel Lutheran Church in rural Iroquois and the American Lutheran Church in Huron, SD. Opal was very active in both church circles and was always ready and willing to help with whatever was needed at Church. She enjoyed baking, cooking, and taking care of her family.

Grateful for having shared in Opal's life are her three sons: Gary (Jackie) Pier of Huron, SD, Craig Pier of Cavour, SD and Steve (Joni) Pier of Yankton; four grandchildren, Rhonda (Scott) Klinkel of Aberdeen, Elizabeth (Nicholas) Bigrigg of Davenport, IA, Emily Pier, of Vermillion, and Andrew Pier of Sioux Falls; grandson-in-law, Barry Cranston, of Huron, SD; two step grandchildren, Stephanie Stearns of Sioux Falls, SD and Douglas Stearns of Brookings; four great grandchildren, Jennifer (Chad) Letvin of Golden Valley, MN, Chad Klinkel of Aberdeen, Zackary Cranston of Huron, SD, and Logan Bigrigg, of Davenport, IA; sister, Delores (George) Sellent, of Almena, WI; and several nieces and nephews.

### Maynard Jensen

Maynard F. Jensen, 81, of Yankton passed away early Sunday Morning, April 21, 2013 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, with family present.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at Calvary Baptist Church, Yankton with Rev. Jon Cooke officiating. Entombment will be in the Garden of Memories with military graveside rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard, Yankton and the SDARNG Honor Guard, Sioux Falls.

Visitations will be 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. prayer service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gilbert in 2005; granddaughter, Brenda Cranston in 2010; and brother, Hillard Peskey.

Yankton Press & Dakotan  
April 23, 2013

### Vernet Mielke

Vernet Helen Marie Mielke, 86, of Menno died Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at the Freeman Regional Health Services, Freeman.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 30, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Menno, with the Rev. David Ellis officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery.



Jensen

Maynard was born on October 31, 1931 in Wakonda to David and Segria (Davidson) Jensen. The family farmed in rural Wakonda, SD. He attended Volin schools and graduated in 1951. In 1952, he enlisted in the Air Force and was stationed at Mill Valley, CA and Yuma, AZ. He married Marilyn Munkvold on June 1, 1955 in rural Viborg. They lived on a farm in rural Wakonda. He worked for Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services (ASCS) and attended Huron College in Huron, SD. In 1960, he started working for National Farmers Union Insurance Company. They moved to Yankton where he

was a long time insurance agent. Maynard was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Yankton. He enjoyed his long time affiliation as a Lion's Club member. He loved his friends and family — especially his 3 grandchildren. He was a real people person, enjoying his many coffee break friends at Tastee Treat or Dairy Queen. His strong faith in Jesus Christ as his personal Savior was something he shared with everyone who crossed his path.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marilyn; Daughters: DeeRhonda Anderson of Yankton and Dianna Rajski of Sioux Falls; Grandchildren: Reese Anderson, Addison and Bergen Rajski; Brothers-in-law and Sisters-in-law: Cornell and Lois Munkvold of Viborg, Vernon and Pam Munkvold of San Tan Valley, AZ, and Carol

### LeRoy Cordes

Memorial services for LeRoy C. Cordes, 82 of Bloomfield, Neb., are at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 25, 2013, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bloomfield, with the Rev. Tim Koester officiating.

Brockhaus Funeral Home, Bloomfield, is in charge of arrangements.

LeRoy died Saturday, April 20, 2013, at Osmond General Hospital in Osmond, Neb.

was a long time insurance agent.

Maynard was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Yankton. He enjoyed his long time affiliation as a Lion's Club member. He loved his friends and family — especially his 3 grandchildren. He was a real people person, enjoying his many coffee break friends at Tastee Treat or Dairy Queen. His strong faith in Jesus Christ as his personal Savior was something he shared with everyone who crossed his path.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marilyn; Daughters: DeeRhonda Anderson of Yankton and Dianna Rajski of Sioux Falls; Grandchildren: Reese Anderson, Addison and Bergen Rajski; Brothers-in-law and Sisters-in-law: Cornell and Lois Munkvold of Viborg, Vernon and Pam Munkvold of San Tan Valley, AZ, and Carol

### Raymond Rogers Jr.

Memorial visitation for Raymond J. Rogers, Jr., 75, of Wausa, Nebraska, will be Thursday, April 25, 2013, from 5-7 p.m., at Brockhaus Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Nebraska

Raymond died Sunday, April 21, 2013, in Bloomfield.

### Laurence Hansen

Laurence Hansen, 99 of Viborg died Sunday April 22, 2013 at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Thursday April 25, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church Viborg. Burial

Munkvold of Viborg and many nieces and nephews. Also missing his presence are lifelong friends, Joyce and LeRoy Tschetter of Sioux Falls and their extended families.

Maynard was preceded in death by his parents: David and Segria Jensen, Sisters: Elvina Nordland and Margery Jensen; Mother and Father-in-law, Marie (Isakson) and George Munkvold, and Brother-in-law, Ordell Munkvold.

Yankton Press & Dakotan  
April 23, 2013

**PSAHL-KOSTEL**  
FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY INC.  
Online condolences at:  
[www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com](http://www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com)

will be in the Rosehill Cemetery, Viborg.

There will be a Prayer Service beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at the Fraternal Funeral Home, Viborg. Family will be present to greet friends following this service. Visitation will resume at 1 p.m. Thursday at the church.

**Tonight's Special • 5 - 9 p.m.**  
All you can eat **\$9.95**  
*Chicken*  
*Yesterday's Cafe*

Private nonsectarian cemetery offering earth burial plots, mausoleum crypts and niches.

**WINTZ & RAY**  
FUNERAL HOME and Cremation Service, Inc.  
605-665-3644 [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com)

**WINTZ**  
FUNERAL HOME INC.  
Hartington, Colorado, Crofton  
402-254-6547

**YANKTON MONUMENT CO.**  
*Family Memorials*  
by Gibson

**AMBER LARSON**

325 Douglas Ave., Yankton, SD 57078  
Office (605) 664-0980 • 1-800-658-2294  
Cell (605) 610-6992 • [www.gibsonmonuments.com](http://www.gibsonmonuments.com)

**Do you suffer from Chronic Knee Pain or Aching Back?**

**Relax & Rejuvenate in a Luxurious Power Lift & Power Recliner**



Several In Stock to Choose From!

**hatch**  
FURNITURE & FLOORING

"Your Home's Best Friend"  
109 East Third, Yankton, SD  
605-665-4416 • 800-798-4663  
MF 10-6, Sat. 10-5, Evenings by appt.

0% Financing for 48 months on all purchases over \$1500

**Toro**  
**\$549.99**

**\$30 savings through April 30th** (717003)

**Ariens**

**Husqvarna**

**Husqvarna**  
**\$499.99**

**\$50 reward offer good through April 30th** (767018)

*Kopetsky's*  
**ACE**  
The helpful place.

### Power Equipment Sales & Service

Sales Manager - Arnold Stelling • Service Manager - Russ Crosley • Service Tech - Larry Schumacher  
We offer financing, pick-up & delivery, and expert service in our sales department.  
Our service shop offers repair on almost all makes & models of power equipment.

2404 Broadway Ave.  
Yankton, SD 57078  
605-260-2813  
[bwservice@kopetskyace.com](mailto:bwservice@kopetskyace.com)

In Loving Memory of  
**Jerome Sylliaasen**  
February 17, 1937 - April 23, 2012

Gone...but not forgotten  
In our hearts Forever

**Love you Always**  
Dorothy Sylliaasen  
Pam (Raymon) Epp  
Jessica Epp  
Nathan (Briana) Epp  
Patricia Larsen  
Tyler Larsen  
Alexa Larsen

