

Commuters Head Home Amid Light Snow

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Commuters were greeted with light snowfall Thursday as they headed home from work in Omaha. The National Weather Service says snow was expected to fall until about 6:30 p.m. in Omaha. Norfolk also saw light accumulation, and David City got 1.4 inches of snow. Meteorologist Becky Kern tells the *Omaha World-Herald* that the snow wasn't sticking to the ground, but it might create some slush. She says a warm front following the snow will bring more spring-like temperatures. The system came from northeast Nebraska and moved southeast.

Hundreds Mourn Jandreau's Death

LOWER BRULE (AP) — Hundreds of mourners, representatives from South Dakota's tribal governments and state and federal leaders gathered Thursday to remember late Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Chairman Michael Jandreau, who was considered an icon in Indian Country. Leaders from other Native American tribes from South Dakota and neighboring states paid respects to Jandreau and told stories to a packed gymnasium of funeral-goers at the Lower Brule Community Center. The 71-year-old Jandreau died on April 3 from heart problems at a Sioux Falls hospital after serving as a leader in the tribe for more than 35 years. Former Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation Chairman Tex Hall was one of many leaders who noted Jandreau's long tenure at the helm of tribal government on the Lower Brule Indian Reservation along the Missouri River. "I always knew him as chairman," Hall said. "He was devoted to the Lower Brule people." Jandreau was elected to the Lower Brule Tribal Council in the early 1970s and later became chairman. He earned praise from tribal members and state and federal leaders for economic development projects that benefited the 1,300 Native Americans on the reservation.

Education Grant Compromise Advances

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Lawmakers reached a compromise Thursday over how to split millions of dollars in Nebraska Lottery money for education grants and programs. Senators advanced a new funding distribution bill with a 34-0, first-round vote, after changing the original measure to ensure K-12 schools receive a larger percentage of the money. The largest recipient under the bill is the Nebraska Opportunity Grant program, which provides financial aid to low-income college students. K-12 schools would receive millions for "innovation grants." Lottery revenue varies by year, depending on ticket sales. Nebraska will have an estimated \$27.7 million available in fiscal 2017 and \$17.8 million the following year. Sen. Kate Sullivan of Cedar Rapids, chairwoman of the Education Committee, said lawmakers plan to conduct an interim study this year into college affordability. "We will be looking at that and quite conceivably come up with some additional ideas that may be proposed next session on how we support needy students who want to pursue a higher education," she said. The bill would distribute 62 percent of the money to Nebraska Opportunity Grants for low-income college students; 20 percent for K-12 "innovation grants" to encourage new approaches to education; 9 percent for financial aid to community college students specializing in areas where Nebraska faces a labor shortage; 8 percent for forgivable loans to teachers who receive training in specialties that are needed; and 1 percent for extended-learning programs for high-need students.

AP Analysis: Few Vets Wait More Than 30 Days For Appointment

BY CARSON WALKER
Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — Relatively few veterans in South Dakota had to wait more than 30 days for an appointment at a Veterans Affairs medical center or clinic, according to an analysis of the most recent government data. The Associated Press examined waiting times at 940 VA hospitals and outpatient clinics from Sept. 1 to Feb. 28 to see how things might have improved since a scandal over delays and attempts to cover them up led to the resignation of the agency's secretary and prompted lawmakers in August to pass the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act. The AP's analysis found that, nationally, 2.8 percent of all appointments handled by the health system failed to meet the federal timeliness goal, which calls for patients to be seen within 30 days. The majority of South Dakota's VA locations fared better than the national average, less than 1.5 percent, though three fell just short: Fort Meade at 3.6 percent, Rapid City at 3 percent and Sioux Falls at 2.9 percent, according to the data. "Our veterans are getting the care

they need. And if they're waiting, it's often something we're doing to support their choice of when they get their health care and where they get their health care," said Darwin Goodspeed, a Navy veteran who now leads the Sioux Falls VA system. He cited possible examples, such as snowbirds who won't see their VA doctor until returning from warmer climates or veterans in rural areas scheduling numerous appointments for one trip to a VA site. "A fairly large majority of them have agreed to stay on that waiting list because they want to wait for a VA doctor. They don't want to go a civilian doctor. They're willing to wait," added Ken Laughlin, adjutant executive director of the Disabled American Veterans for South Dakota. One potential change that could alter some wait times in western South Dakota is the proposed closure of the inpatient hospital at Hot Springs, which would shift some services to Rapid City, Laughlin said. But VA Black Hills Health Care System acting director Jo-Ann Ginsberg said that wouldn't be the case because a new outpatient clinic would be built in Hot Springs to handle all other services, she said.

"Rather than be housed in an outpatient part of our hospital, they'd be housed in an outpatient clinic," Ginsberg said. Sloan Gibson, deputy secretary of the VA, said that when he looked at the Hot Springs hospital's data a few months ago, just five patients, on average, were spending the night. That illustrates some of the unique challenges the VA faces when it comes to allocating resources and dealing with patient access, he said. Only the VA would continue to operate a full-service hospital in an area with so little demand for inpatient services, Sloan said, adding that the Black Hills hospital staff had done a good job ensuring quality care. "Go find a private sector hospital" operating with just five patients per night, he said. "In fact, you won't find them." While the overall number of South Dakota appointments with a wait time of 61 days or more was relatively low, it was higher in January and February at the Fort Meade hospital, which Ginsberg attributed to various factors, such as post-holiday scheduling, snowbirds scheduling for their return and some farmers taking advantage of the slower month.

Gay Teacher Is Fired From Catholic School

BY MARGERY A. BECK
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Supporters of a teacher whose Omaha Catholic school contract will not be renewed because of his same-sex relationship say the school is discriminating against him based on his sexual orientation. But experts say the school has not violated Omaha's 3-year-old anti-bias ordinance protecting gay and transgender people because the ordinance has a religious exception, and a lawsuit would probably not succeed. Skutt Catholic High School rescinded its offer to renew the contract Matt Eledge, an

English teacher and speech team coach, after learning he planned to marry his same-sex partner, saying that would violate church tenet in breach of his contract, according to Kacie Hughes, a close friend of Eledge's and assistant Skutt speech coach. The school later said he could return to the school, but only if he ended his same-sex relationship. Eledge, 28, confirmed that his contract at Skutt has not been renewed. He's taught at the school since 2010, and the speech team he coaches just won its fourth straight state championship. "Whatever happens, I love Nebraska and I love my job. I love working here," he said.

"I want to do the right thing, but I don't want to say anything that would hurt my job or anybody I care about. I'm scared and unsure and fearful. I'm just trying to finish out the year at this point." Hughes, a 2012 graduate of Skutt, said Eledge was told by his bosses that if he told his students he was gay, "he'd be fired on the spot," she said. "Catholic schools in general allow teachers to be divorced without an annulment, or let teachers be on the pill or let men get a vasectomy ... there are so many examples," Hughes said. "You don't do this to anyone else except for him, because he's gay." Omaha Archdiocese Chancellor Tim McNeil said that's

not true. There have been single, pregnant teachers and those who've divorced and remarried outside the Catholic church who have lost their jobs, he said. He also acknowledged that plenty of teachers get away with breaking church tenet, saying the archdiocese essentially has a "don't ask, don't tell" policy. "Of course there's a lot we don't know," McNeil said. "We don't go looking for these situations." McNeil and the school's president, John McMahon, both declined to comment on Eledge's employment, citing a personnel confidentiality policy.

OBITUARIES

Margaret Olson

Margaret Alma Olson, age 83, of Yankton, South Dakota and formerly of Gayville, South Dakota, died Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. Funeral services are 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Gayville Lutheran Church in Gayville with Reverend Dan Brandt officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery. Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., on Friday, April 10 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation continues one hour prior to the funeral at the church. Pallbearers are her seven grandchildren. Margaret was born November 2, 1931 on a farm south of Platte, South Dakota to John and Swantie (Mos) Smit. She graduated from Platte High School in 1949 as the salutatorian of her class. In 1952, Margaret graduated with her Nursing Degree from Sacred Heart School of Nursing in Yankton and then worked at the hospital in Pickstown, South Dakota until 1954. During nursing school, she met her future



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husband, Glen Olson, and they were united in marriage on March 15, 1954 in Chamberlain, South Dakota. After their marriage, they lived on a farm near Marindahl, South Dakota and began their family. In 1958, they moved to Gayville and Margaret worked at the Human Services Center in Yankton for the next 18 years until her retirement. After retirement, she enjoyed antiquing woodwork. As a teenager, Margaret enjoyed camping and horseback riding along the Missouri River with her friends, Jeanette and Leona. She would also spend a week camping and horseback riding in Wheeler, South Dakota where she enjoyed exploring the hills. Margaret loved her family and watching her grandchildren in their activities. She had a tender heart and a warm smile for everyone she met. Margaret is survived by three sons: Roger (Lila) Olson of Volin, SD, Craig Olson of Brookings, SD and Doug

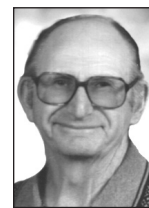
(Vickie) Olson of Watertown, SD; one daughter, Linda (Kip) Maddox of Yankton; seven grandchildren: Ashli Maddox, Josh (Kalee) Olson, Jessica Olson, Brandon Olson, Adam Maddox and his fiancé, Nakita, Kyle Olson and Nathan Olson; one great granddaughter, Avery Sue Rose; three brothers: Wilbur Smit of Platte, SD, Frank (Jerry) Smit of Arvada, CO and Conrad (Gisela) Smit of Norman, OK; and several nieces and nephews. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Glen Olson on September 4, 2012; and a brother, Roy Smit. To send an online message to the family, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Roy Braunesreither

Roy Braunesreither, age 91, of Yankton, SD passed away Tuesday, April 07, 2015 at his residence. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 13, 2015 at Martinus Lutheran Church, rural Utica, SD, with Rev. Dean Schroeder officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories, Yankton, with Military graveside rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard and the South Dakota Army National Guard Honor Guard. Visitation will begin at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, April 12, 2015 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Condolences may be sent at www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com. Pallbearers are Jeremy Fejfar, Jeff Fejfar, Justin Fejfar, Mark Braunesreither, Adam Braunesreither, Cliff Fejfar, and Eric Braunesreither. Honorary Pallbearers are: Jamie, Christine, Becky, Amy, Carla Braunesreither and Genny Lunsford. Roy was born at home in rural Utica on March 15, 1924 to Albert and Celia (Vollmer) Braunesreither. He was baptized and confirmed at Martinus Lutheran Church in rural Utica where he was



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a lifetime member and served as elder and other offices for many years. He attended grade school at Huber #44 in rural Utica. Roy joined the United States Army in 1946 when his brother, Bud, came home from the service. He served as a MP in Tokyo, Japan where he met up with his other brother, Virgil during the occupation. When he got back to the states, he used his GI Bill, along with some of his buddies, to learn to fly a plane. He gave his future wife, Gladys, a flight in a piper cub airplane. He married Gladys Jerke on June 17, 1949 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton, SD and they were married for 65 years. While they were married, Roy farmed adjacent to the land he grew up on and next to his grandfather's which was homesteaded in 1877. After he retired in 1986, he came out to the farm every day to help his sons farm. Just a month ago, we couldn't keep him from crawling into the grain bin to help shovel corn. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing cards and visiting with his friends. He attended and supported the baseball

games in Lesterville. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Braunesreither of Yankton, SD; children: Alan Braunesreither (Cec Nielsen) of Yankton, SD, Lora (Gerald) Fejfar of Sioux Falls, SD, Dean (Dawn) Braunesreither of Mission Hill, SD and Kent (Linda) Braunesreither of Sioux Falls, SD; 13 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; brother, Ronald (Dianne) Braunesreither of St. Charles, MO; sisters-in-law, Gladys Braunesreither of Yankton, SD and Charlotte Mayhew of Wichita, KS; brother-in-law, Carrol (Pearl) Jerke of Yankton, SD; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Bud (Wilbert) and Virgil, sisters, Lorraine (Melvin) Wudel and Alma Campbell. Roy will be greatly missed by family and friends. You always knew when Roy was around because of his infectious laugh. The family requests that memorials be directed to Martinus Lutheran Church, 43804 300th Street, Utica, SD 57067. Yankton Press & Dakotan April 10, 2015

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Patricia Nelson

Patricia Nelson, 76 of Sioux Falls, SD formerly of Winner, SD passed away on Tuesday, April 7th, 2015 at the Avera Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, SD. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Winner, SD. Burial will follow at a later date. Visitation will be held one hour prior to funeral service. Patricia L. Nelson (nee Ogle) known to her family and friends as Pat or Patsy of Sioux Falls, SD arrived August 14, 1938 on her mother's 27th birthday in Ashland, WI and departed peacefully April 7, 2015 with her family by her side at Dougherty Hospice in Sioux Falls, aged 76 years. Pat was born and raised on the shores of Chequamegon Bay in Ashland, WI, the daughter of Richard and Mary (Kovachevich) Ogle where she spent the long summers days of an idyllic youth on the beaches of Lake Superior with her siblings and friends. After graduating from DePadua High School she was



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Erna Schneider

Funeral service for Erna Anatha Schneider, 91, of Tyndall will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. Burial will follow in the Emmanuel Reformed Cemetery at Tripp. Visitation will be held from 3-7 p.m. on Friday, April 10 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall, with family present from 5-7 p.m. Erna passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at the Good Samaritan Society of Tyndall.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com/.

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employed by Wisconsin Bell for 11 years. She married Tom Falencik of Ashland and they started their family before moving from Ashland to Winner, SD, where they owned and operated restaurants for many years. Although Pat adopted South Dakota as her home she traveled often to Wisconsin to visit family and friends. She was employed at Fullerton Lumber in Winner until marrying Wayne Nelson, then her focus became Nelson Farms. Wayne's many leadership positions and their great sense of adventure took them to Washington, DC and around the world. Always grateful to have traveled to many cities and places on six continents and meeting interesting peo-

ple, she especially cherished time with family and friends, tending her gardens, baking and canning and summers at the lake house in Minnesota. Pat and her family are grateful for the compassionate care she received at Avera McKennan and Dougherty Hospice in Sioux Falls during the challenges that presented with an AML diagnosis nearly 3 years ago and especially, with heart-felt gratitude, Dr. Aref Al-Kali of The Mayo Clinic who's unfailing optimism, compassionate care and accomplished direction he provided during an experimental drug therapy she received at The Mayo Clinic. Pat is survived by her children; Julie (Carlos)

Cornay of Sioux Falls, Tim Falencik of Minneapolis, Patrick Falencik of Winner, Joy Falencik of Sioux Falls and grandsons Tanner (Lauren) Cornay of Sioux Falls, Jordan (Melissa) Cornay of Omaha, Will Cornay of Sioux Falls and great-granddaughter Kate Cornay, sisters Mary Kay (Russell) Whitehead, Lincoln City, OR, and Romie (David) Ogle, Minneapolis, MN and brother Dick (Sandy) Ogle, Ashland, WI, Aunt Fran Halverson of Bayfield, WI, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Mary C. Ogle of Ashland, WI and husband Wayne K. Nelson of Sioux Falls, SD.

Private interment at a later date. Yankton Press & Dakotan April 10, 2015 Joyce Conklin Joyce Conklin, 94 of Yankton passed away early Easter morning, April 5, 2015, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton, with the Rev. Molly Carlson officiating. Burial will be in the Hills of Rest Cemetery, Sioux Falls, at approximately 2:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Visitation will begin at

6 p.m. Friday, April 24, at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with service details and on-line condolences can be sent at www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

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