

MIDWEST DIGEST

Meister Wants Apology For Goober Comment

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mike Meister on Sunday called for Attorney General Jon Bruning to apologize for calling him a goober at the state GOP convention.

Meister, in a news release, called Bruning's remarks a slap to his western Nebraska roots and said the attorney general "insulted all Nebraskans with rural ties with his elitist remarks."

During his speech at the Saturday convention in Fremont, Bruning said: "When I first heard that Mike Meister was running, my initial response was, 'Mike Meister? Are you kidding me?'"

"Nobody puts goober in gubernatorial more than him," Bruning couldn't immediately be reached for comment Sunday.

Meister filed paperwork Thursday to enter the governor's race and will face Republican incumbent Dave Heineman in November. The party's original candidate, Mark Lakers, dropped out after allegedly inflating or falsifying campaign finance filings.

Meister lost the attorney general's race to Bruning eight years ago.

Driver Charged With DUI In Fatal S.D. Crash

GARRETSON (AP) — The driver of a vehicle that crashed near Garretson, killing a passenger, has been arrested.

Pete Jaros of the Minnehaha County sheriff's office says 35-year-old Luis Rolando Deloera-Lozano of rural Sherman was being held Sunday in the county jail on charges of driving while intoxicated and vehicular homicide. He was arrested after his release from a Sioux Falls hospital, where he was being treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Jaros says Deloera-Lozano's vehicle crashed about 2:30 a.m. Sunday, killing 34-year-old Juan Lozano Rodriguez of rural Sherman.

Mother Faces Years In Prison For Abuse

BEATRICE, Neb. (AP) — A Beatrice woman whose young son was duct-taped to a wall faces up to a year in prison when she's sentenced next month.

Eighteen-year-old Jayla Hamm has pleaded no contest to negligent child abuse in Gage County District Court. She's scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 15.

A police affidavit says Hamm held her then-22-month-old son the wall while her boyfriend, 19-year-old Corde Honea (kord HOH-nay) taped him to it in January. The affidavit says pictures on Hamm's digital camera showed the boy crying while being taped.

Hamm allegedly told police the boy was regularly confined in a dark closet.

The boy has been placed in state custody. Honea has pleaded guilty to felony child abuse and two other charges. His sentencing is Sept. 1.

Sioux Falls Firefighter Overcome By Heat

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A Sioux Falls firefighter was overcome by heat and high humidity while battling a house fire.

Fire officials say the firefighter suffered minor injuries. His name was not released, and it was unclear whether he needed medical attention.

The fire at the two-story house was reported at 3:49 p.m. Saturday. Fire officials say the fire started in the basement but spread throughout the home, which was rendered unlivable.

Fire officials say the family got out safely, and no other injuries were reported.

Walton League Honors Watertown Man

WATERTOWN (AP) — The Izaak Walton League of America has given its highest honor posthumously to Mike Williams, a Watertown man who served as national president of the conservation organization. The Izaak Walton League honored him with its 54 Founders Award for working to conserve the nation's natural and renewable resources.

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Nominations Now Open For South Dakota's Outstanding Philanthropists

The South Dakota Association of Fundraising Professionals (SDFP) is accepting nominations for the 2010 South Dakota Philanthropy Awards. Awards will be given to the Outstanding Philanthropist, Outstanding Philanthropic Community, Outstanding Philanthropic Business and Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer. Award recipients will be recognized during South Dakota's National Philanthropy Day luncheon on Oct. 1 at the Best Western Ramkota in Sioux Falls.

Nominations will be accepted in these categories:

- Outstanding Philanthropist — A South Dakota individual, couple, or family with a proven record of exceptional philanthropy.

- Outstanding Philanthropic Community — A South Dakota community that has successfully achieved a community improvement by encouraging the entire community to work together to raise the necessary funds.

- Outstanding Philanthropic Business — A business operating in South Dakota that has a significant record of exceptional generosity in its community or statewide.

- Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer — An individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills in coordinating groups of volunteers for major fund raising projects.

Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting the South Dakota AFP at southdakotaafp@live.com or by calling Krista Noren, 2010 Philanthropy Day Chairman, at 605-695-1086. Nominations must be postmarked by Sept. 1. Nominations should be mailed to the Association of Fundraising Professionals, South Dakota Chapter, P.O. Box 1052, Sioux Falls, SD 57101-1052.

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Swollen Rivers, Lakes Causing Problems

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Rivers and lakes swollen with rain and untreated wastewater continued to plague residents in southeast South Dakota on Sunday, and the possibility of more rain had some on edge.

In Lincoln County, the threat of more rain Sunday night into Monday prompted residents to place sandbags at their homes. Emergency management director Harold Timmerman said sandbags stored in Harrisburg, Tea and Canton were going fast. "We ate into our supply quite a bit," he said.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had been releasing extra water from Gavins Point

Dam near Yankton into the Missouri River in case more rain fell.

Meanwhile, residents were still contending with flooding caused by heavy rain that fell Thursday night into Friday across southeast South Dakota. The storms led to flooding of streets and roads, and water and sewer backups in basements.

Flooding in Montrose sent raw sewage into the river, which leads to Lake Vermillion. Officials at the park there have discouraged recreation on the lake.

"We don't advise swimming and we don't advise boating," said park manager Derek Dorr, "but they can do whatever they want at

their own risk."

Dorr said the lake should soon be safe again, once the river flows cleaner water.

Boaters wanting to use Lake Alvin south of Sioux Falls and Lake Mitchell were also out of luck. High waters forced officials to order watercraft off those lakes.

Sioux Falls also sustained flooding and sewer problems in the wake of the storms. On Friday, the city declared a health emergency due to sewer problems. Public works officials said they were forced to discharge untreated wastewater into the Big Sioux River when a lift station failed due to flooding.

Neb. Woman Says She Won't Stop Waitressing

BY WILL VRASPIR
Hastings Tribune

HASTINGS, Neb. — Reaching 90 years of age hasn't deterred Lucille Waters from waitressing at the Village Diner in Good Samaritan Society-Hastings Village.

"I'm just not ready to slow down," Waters said. "I'll have sense enough to know when to stop."

Waters started volunteering to take orders and serve meals when she moved to Good Samaritan in 2002. Upon arriving at Good Samaritan, she asked about helping out somewhere and found they needed help at the diner.

While the work is volunteer, she does get to keep tips. She said the money isn't the important part of the job.

"I like working for these people, they are very nice," she said. "I need something to do to keep me busy, and I like people."

Sandy Richardson, who has been in charge of the kitchen at the Village Diner for the last two years, said she has been impressed by the work of Waters and all the volunteers who help take orders and serve food.

"There's never a sick day," Richardson said. "They're always here. There's never any calling in sick in the morning."

In the two years she has worked with Waters, Richardson said, Waters has been a go-getter who enjoys having fun at the diner.

Human Resource Management Conference Scheduled For Aug. 13

SIoux CITY, Iowa — The Siouxland Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) has scheduled its fourth annual Human Resource Management Conference on Friday, Aug. 13, at the Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City.

The conference will benefit business owners, office managers and human resource professionals by offering workshops throughout the day.

The workshops will be presented by experts in the areas of health care reform, performance feedback, employment law, leadership development, legislative updates, social media tools for recruiting and wage and hour compliance.

The speakers are: Peter Thoreen, CEO and President of St. Luke's Health Care Systems, Jesse Patton, President of Associations Marketing Group,

Inc. in Des Moines, Tom Posey of Posey Associates, LLC of St. Paul, Sarah Kleber, Attorney with Heidman Law of Sioux City and Richard Tesarek, Assistant District Director, Department of Labor, Wage & Hour Division from the Omaha office. Additional speakers from Wells Dairy include: Jeff Stanley, Tracie Franko, Brandon Curry, Mike McDaniel, Cynthia Schramm, Dane Doty and Joe Ouradnik. HRCL certification credits will be available for those holding PHR or SPHR designations and attorneys practicing in Iowa may receive 3 hours of general CLE credit. For details and registration visit the Siouxland SHRM website, <http://Siouxland.shrm.org>, click on the Meetings Link on the home page. For additional information, contact Rita Nelson at 712-252-5337 or rnelson@williamsccpas.com.

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