

Omaha: 2 Bodies Found In Pickup Truck

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — An Omaha police officer has found the bodies to two men in a pickup truck near a city pool. Police say the officer was on patrol just before 5 a.m. Sunday when he noticed the pickup near Spring Lake Park pool. The officer checked on the pickup and found two dead males inside. Police say the deaths are being investigated as homicides, but they provided no more information about their identities or how they died.

1 Man Dead In North Omaha Shooting

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Omaha police say a 23-year-old man has been killed in a north Omaha shooting, and one man has been arrested. Police say officers were in the area around 2:40 a.m. Saturday when they heard gunshots. Upon investigating, the officers found 23-year-old Craig Brown on a sidewalk with a gunshot wound. Brown was taken by ambulance to an Omaha hospital, where he died. Police say 44-year-old Dwayne Blackson has been arrested on suspicion of criminal homicide and several weapons counts. He also faces a misdemeanor charge of failing to appear on a warrant in a separate case. Police say Blackson is being held at the Douglas County jail.

RC Man On Mission For Late Navy Pilot

RAPID CITY (AP) — A 73-year-old retired Navy fighter pilot from Rapid City is on an honors mission for a revered South Dakota pilot who died more than 30 years ago. Ken Schroeder has spent the last two years trying to secure the Medal of Honor for Cecil E. Harris, a World War II pilot who received numerous honors in his long military career. But not the nation's highest military decoration. The *Rapid City Journal* reports that Schroeder is spending the weekend driving more than 600 miles round-trip to attend the annual Corn Fest in Cresbard, the birthplace of Harris. The governor has proclaimed Sunday as Captain Cecil E. Harris Day in South Dakota. Schroeder is seeking donations for a proposed memorial to Harris at his college alma mater, Northern State University.

Man Turns Biz Resort Into Academy

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A South Dakota wind power entrepreneur has transformed a resort for business retreats into a training academy for former foster children. Joe Kolbach had originally turned the former South Dakota School for the Blind campus in Gary into the Buffalo Ridge Resort and Business Center. Now it will be home to former foster children ages 18 to 24 and military veterans ages 20 to 25. The *Sioux Falls Argus Leader* reports that students will spend their six-month program living in a dorm on the Buffalo Ridge campus and receiving on-the-job training. They will be taught how to balance a checkbook and work with local governments. The academy opened July 18 with five students. Kolbach says it may take 20 years, but he believes the academy will "change the world."

Man Dies After Neb. Feedlot Accident

MITCHELL, Neb. (AP) — An Idaho man trampled by a steer in a western Nebraska feedlot accident has died. Scottsbluff radio station KNEB reports that 65-year-old Rodney Dickensen of Nampa, Idaho, died this week after being trampled by a steer Tuesday and suffering severe head injuries. Authorities say Dickensen was sorting cattle at the Sioux County Feedlot in rural Mitchell when the accident happened.

Underground Lab Seeks \$20M Budget

LEAD (AP) — The Sanford Underground Research Facility in South Dakota's Black Hills is seeking a \$20 million budget for the next year. The Black Hills Pioneer reports that the lab is seeking \$12.7 million from the U.S. Department of Energy, \$2 million from state government, \$3.8 million from a gift given by T. Denny Sanford, and some money from other funding sources. Officials at the federal supported lab nearly a mile underground are conducting research on complex subjects such as nuclear reactions within stars and dark matter, an elusive substance that scientists believe makes up 25 percent of the universe. Sanford Lab Executive Director Mike Headley says most of the operating money is used for salaries, and the lab tries to operate as efficiently as possible.

SD Task Force Aims To Help Disabled Enter Workforce

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SIoux FALLS (AP) — Suzanne DeMore was 39 when leg problems forced her into a wheelchair and out of the teaching job she no longer felt she could adequately do. Sam Kooiker was 16 when a restaurant rejected his job application because of his cerebral palsy. Patricia Docken is 23 and out of the workforce because of a combination of developmental and physical disabilities. All three situations will, indirectly, be on the agenda of a new task force appointed by Gov. Dennis Daugaard to examine ways to help people with disabilities enter the workforce.

"People with disabilities work hard for themselves and their families, and I am encouraging South Dakota employers to give them opportunities to prove themselves as employees," Daugaard wrote in a column announcing the task force. "The vast majority of people with disabilities are still unemployed or underemployed compared to people without disabilities," said Shelly Pfaff, executive director of the South Dakota Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities, a statewide advocacy group. "There's a need to do work when it comes to creating a level playing field."

A collection of 34 business leaders, nonprofit representatives and state officials are trying to find a way to make that happen. "There are many people with disabilities who want to work, but they don't know how," he told the *Argus Leader*. The task force has a broad purview, including people with physical and developmental disabilities, as well as those who were born with their disabilities and those who were not. Most members of the governor's Employment Works Task Force say they're

coming in with open minds rather than specific proposals. A common goal is to help change the culture in South Dakota about people with disabilities. Pfaff said her goal is "to break down some of the attitudinal barriers that exist, in terms of seeing people with disabilities as people first." "They have abilities and capabilities and skills as other people do," she said. Even disability advocates call for real-

abilities. Sutton is paralyzed from the waist down and uses a wheelchair to move around. Deb Docken, a task force member and Patricia's mother, said current services for people with disabilities often don't focus on employment. "That's a discussion that needs to occur," Docken said. "Sometimes, when you get into adult services, (employment is) not even a part of the conversation, and it needs to be."

But task force member Cindy Walsh said simple solutions also can make a big difference. "Hopefully, as an employer I can give input as to how valuable these people are," said Walsh, in charge of human resources for Dakota King Inc., a franchisee that operates 35 Burger King restaurants in Sioux Falls and throughout the North-

ern Plains. "We do hire people with disabilities who have limited jobs they can do, but they have been wonderful assets to our team. They're very committed and enthusiastic, the customers love them, and they're grateful to have a job." Members of the task force and people with disabilities alike said jobs are an important focus. "Employment is a very big piece of my day," Deb Docken said. "It's a very big piece of my life. It's a big piece of what's meaningful for me. It's no different if you have a disability." DeMore agreed. When she was forced to rely on a wheelchair, she and her husband launched a search for something productive she could do. "I did not want my mind to not be busy," DeMore said. "I couldn't watch another soap opera in my life."

Julie Benz, an assistant vice president at Avera McKennan Hospital who oversees rehabilitation, among other areas, said employment "gives us great pleasure" aside from the money. "It's something we all aspire to, really contributing to our families and contributing to our communities," Benz said. "This is a human characteristic, and this is one way we can better support that."

FEMA Awards SF \$4.9M For Storm Cleanup

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard says the Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded the city of Sioux Falls \$4.9 million to help pay for cleaning up debris from an April ice storm. The funds will reimburse the city for the cost of removing debris caused by the ice storm that knocked down power lines, trees and tree branches throughout Sioux Falls.

State Emergency Management Office director Kristi Turman says the April storm caused widespread damage that required a massive cleanup effort. She says the federal funding will help the community and its residents. The federal funds represent reimbursement of 75 percent of the eligible expenses for the project. The state covers 10 percent of the cost, and local governments provide the remaining 15 percent.

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OBITUARIES

Vergene Stockland-Fletcher

Vergene Grace Stockland-Fletcher, 83, of Akron, Iowa went home to her Lord and Savior on August 9th, 2013 following complications from a stroke. Vergene was born January 3rd, 1930 in Freeman, South Dakota to Paul and Mary (Wipf) Wollmann. She grew up in Freeman and Hurley. Vergene married Frank Stockland, Senior on March 18th, 1948. They farmed near the Wakonda area and raised nine children. Frank passed away in 1979. Vergene married Robert "Bob" Fletcher of Sioux City on April 2nd, 2005 and they resided in Akron,



Stockland-Fletcher

Iowa. Vergene enjoyed baking, dancing, embroidery, bingo and spending time with her family and friends. She was known as the butterfly grandma to her grandchildren and great grandchildren because she always wore a butterfly as part of her outfit. Vergene was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church in Sioux City, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank, her second husband, Lloyd Fickbohm, her parents, two brothers (Art and Arnold) and two sisters (Edna and Erma). Survivors include her husband, Bob Fletcher of Akron, Iowa; nine children, David (JoAnn), Carol (Guy), Linda (Carl), Steve, Pam (Jim), Julie (Al), Frank (Robin), Banita (Musie) and Lee (Angie); as well as 23 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. Visitation will be at Hansen Funeral Home in Ver-

million on August 12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Funeral service will be held August 13 at 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church in Sioux City, Iowa followed by a private burial ceremony at Union Cemetery with burial next to her first husband, Frank. Yankton Press & Dakotan August 12, 2013

Steven Aune

Steven F. Aune, 59, of rural Volin died at his home after a courageous battle with cancer. Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, at Trondhjem Lutheran Church,



Volin, with the Rev. Mark Ostrem officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

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August 16, 2012

Terrell C. Schanche
who passed away on
August 18, 2012

Lillian (Manas) Hlavac
who passed away on
August 14, 1961

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End-Of-Life Discussions

While aggressive treatment may be preferred by end-of-life patients wanting to prolong their lives at any cost, most dying patients want to avoid such measures. Among patients with advanced cancer, research shows that initiating end-of-life discussions at the earliest possible opportunity helps them avoid unnecessary aggressive care and take full advantage of hospice care. According to a recent study on the subject, nearly 58 percent of the terminal cancer patients entered hospice at some point. By fully discussing this option earlier and not waiting until patients showed clear signs of diminishing health, end-of-life patients were better able to outline their wishes to die in the comfort of their own homes, with less pain, in the company of family.

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