

Work Could Begin Soon On New S.D. Vets Home

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PIERRE — Work is expected to begin in late September on a new State Veterans Home in Hot Springs after the project was redesigned to lower costs, a state official said Wednesday.

The Legislature had authorized spending \$41.3 million in state and federal money to build a new 100-bed home on the same Black Hills property where the current facility is located, but the project was held up last spring when the lowest bid was considerably above projections, leading to an estimated total project cost of \$53.1 million.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard had said earlier a new plan for the Veterans Home might be presented to the Legislature when it holds its regular 2014 session in January.

But Eric Matt, a member of the governor's staff, told a legislative committee Wednesday that state officials have been working with an architect and construction company to redesign the facility to bring its cost back below the \$41.3 million authorized price. Scull Construction of Rapid City, which submitted the low bid last spring, will manage the project and provide a guaranteed maximum price.

Scull Construction will present its initial cost estimates to state officials next week, but officials are confident the redesigned Veterans Home can be built for less than \$41.3 million, Matt said.

Officials do not expect to ask the Legislature for any additional money for the project, which could be completed by November 2015, Matt said.

"We've been digging into this, and we've made some changes. We're in the preliminary stages, but we feel good about things and things are on track," Matt told the Legislature's Government Operations and Audit Committee.

The redesigned building will be two stories instead of one, with nursing home beds on the first floor and assisted living apartments on the top floor, Matt said. The building's smaller outside dimensions will reduce site preparation costs such as rock removal, he said. The outside of the building has been simplified, and the boiler plant will be moved closer to the building to save electrical and plumbing costs.

In addition, the state Transportation Department has offered to help transport debris from old buildings that will be torn down on the site, and the South Dakota National Guard may help with site preparation work, Matt said.

Sen. Corey Brown, R-Gettysburg, said lawmakers want to make sure the redesigned facility provides high quality care to veterans who are patients there.

"We haven't cut any corners that we think are going to reduce the quality of care. We think it's going to be a great facility," Matt said. "Our No. 1 priority is to provide really great care for these patients. We don't think this jeopardizes that in any way."

Rep. Susan Wismer, D-Britton, noted that officials have been able to cut project costs considerably.

"That just seems like a pretty big cut for accomplishing the same thing. I hope it works," Wismer said.

Daugaard had intended to call the Legislature into a special session in June to approve up to \$10 million in additional spending on the project, but he canceled the special session after the federal Veterans Administration extended a \$23.6 million grant to give the state more time to make design changes and finalize construction plans.

Matt said he's confident the VA will approve the design changes.

Survivors Named In B-1B Crash

RAPID CITY (AP) — People who live near the remote area where a B-1B bomber crashed in southeastern Montana said the plane broke apart in midair, scattering debris over several miles.

Rancher Braden Garwood said he was on horseback searching for a stray bull Monday when he heard an explosion and saw a mushroom cloud erupt in a field about 15 miles away. In the sky, a chunk of flaming metal was still hurtling through the air.

"A big chunk of something just heading straight for the ground," he told the *Rapid City Journal*. "And when it hit the ground it made another big boom and there was another big mushroom cloud of smoke."

The plane was based at South Dakota's Ellsworth Air Force Base, one of only two bases in the U.S. with B-1B crews. Its four crew members safely ejected and none suffered life-threatening injuries, military officials said.

The Air Force is still trying to determine what caused the plan to crash near Broadus, Mont., about 170 miles southeast of Billings, Mont. Military officials have cordoned off the crash site and have released no further information about what happened.

The crew members hail from across the country, the *Journal* reported: instructor pilot Maj. Frank Biancardi II is from Methuen, Mass.; instructor pilot Capt. Curtis Michael is from Albion, Neb.; instructor weapons systems officer Capt. Brandon Packard is from Ashland, Ky.; and instructor weapons systems officer Capt. Chad Nishizuka is from Kailua, Hawaii.

Nishizuka's brother, Capt. Reid Nishizuka, died in April when he was piloting an MC-12 aircraft that crashed near Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan.

Col. Kevin Kennedy, commander of the 28th Bomb Wing, said ejecting from an aircraft is "a fairly rough experience" and subjects the crew to an "instantaneous load of G-forces."

The crew did not have time to contact Ellsworth before the crash, Kennedy said.

Area ranchers estimated that more than 50 Air Force officials were on the scene Tuesday, accompanied by a bevy of pickup trucks, diesel tankers, trailers and at least one ambulance. In the driveway of one rancher's property, the Air Force had erected five tents and a security checkpoint.

The Federal Aviation Administration has restricted flights within a 10-mile radius of the crash site to military aircraft only. The air space above the crash zone is closed indefinitely, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Neb. Group Waits On Transgender Policy

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The organization overseeing high school sports competition in Nebraska says its wants its members to decide whether to adopt a transgender policy.

The Nebraska School Activities Association board of directors met Wednesday and said it doesn't have a policy in place. It will instead allow members to make the decision.

The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports the association created confusion when it posted an item on its website about a policy on transgender students participating in high school sports. Board members insisted they had not voted on a policy.

Implementation of a policy will involve at least several districts voting on legislation ahead of the general assembly meeting in April.

NSAA Executive Director Rhonda Blanford-Green says the announcement Wednesday is the best and most open way to draft a policy.

Commission To Consider Waterfowl Rules

VALENTINE, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska Game and Parks commissioners will consider staff recommendations for 2013 waterfowl hunting regulations when they meet next week.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Aug. 30 at the Niobrara Lodge in Valentine.

The recommendations include those for waterfowl seasons and increases in daily bag limits for teal, canvasbacks, scaup and Canada geese.

The commissioners also will consider an increase in the possession limit on rail, snipe, woodcock and dove from two times the daily bag limit to three times the daily bag limit.

Neb.: 11 Cases Of West Nile Virus

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska health officials say they've recorded 11 human cases of West Nile virus in the state this year.

The state Department of Health and Human Services said Wednesday that of those cases in 2013, three people have been hospitalized.

West Nile virus is transmitted to people through mosquitoes that feed on an infected bird. Most people with the virus will have no symptoms or only mild flu-like symptoms. A small percentage will develop a serious illness.

Health officials say 75 mosquito pools in 14 Nebraska counties have tested positive for the virus. No birds have tested positive.

In 2012, there were 193 human cases of West Nile virus in Nebraska and four deaths.

911 Call About Escaped Inmate Released

BEDFORD, Iowa (AP) — Authorities have released a 911 call by an Iowa woman who reported her husband had shot an escaped inmate inside the couple's home.

The Taylor County Sheriff's Department released the recording Wednesday. In it, 66-year-old Carolyn Mauderly, of Bedford, quietly tells a dispatcher that an intruder is in her house. She gives her address before the call is cut off.

A dispatcher calls back and Carolyn Mauderly says her husband, 71-year-old Jerome Mauderly, has shot Rodney Long. She adds that Long is lying in the middle of the kitchen floor.

Long broke into the couple's rural home Monday night and held them against their will for several hours.

Authorities say Long escaped from a Clarinda prison Friday before being suspected of shooting a sheriff's deputy on Sunday. The deputy survived.

Citibank Employee Accused Of Theft

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A former Citibank employee in Sioux Falls is accused of paying her own bills with customer credit card information.

KELO-TV reports that a federal indictment says Terri Jo Huber hid the scheme by changing the customer addresses and other notification information in the computer database.

The indictment says she charged at least \$2,000 on other credit card accounts between November 2011 and November 2012 and at least six people had their identities compromised as part of the embezzlement.

Citibank issued a statement Wednesday saying it immediately told authorities about the crime, fired Huber and took steps to protect the customers involved.

Thief Rides Away With Fair Wristbands

RAPID CITY (AP) — Rapid City police are looking for a thief who stole about \$4,000 in carnival ride wristbands from a ticket booth at the Central States Fairgrounds.

It happened around 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Capt. Jay Evenson said a young man reached through an open door at the booth and snatched a bag with about 100 wristbands then ran away.

The *Rapid City Journal* reports that the \$42 wristbands guarantee unlimited rides until they expire at 9 p.m. Friday.

OBITUARIES

Jean Breckenridge

Jean Breckenridge, age 93, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Monday, August 19, 2013 at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Memorial services are 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 23, 2013 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Ron Johnson officiating. Inurnment will take place in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 22 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Jean Elizabeth Schmidt was born on August 1, 1920 in Holland, Minnesota to John Albert Schmidt and Cora Adelia Pearson. Jean grew up in Garretson, South Dakota and graduated from Garretson High School. She attended South Dakota State University where she received a degree in Home



Breckenridge

gelo, Texas to elope with college sweetheart John Lintner "Jack" Breckenridge (Ethan, SD) while he was serving in the Army. They married on June 16, 1944. Jean and Jack returned to Mitchell, South Dakota to start a family of four children. In 1964, they moved to Yankton. Jean was a member of P.E.O. International and the First United Methodist Church. Jean's favorite activity was playing bridge with her friends. She enjoyed bargain shopping and loved visiting and spending time with her family.

Jean is survived by two daughters, Nancy (Jerome) Kills Small of Utica, SD and Susan (Arthur) Carter of

Dallas, TX; two sons, John (Rita) Breckenridge of Yankton and Jeffrey (Tamara) Breckenridge of Pierre, SD; five grandchildren: Jake, Anne, and John Carter, and Luke and John Breckenridge.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 66 years, Jack Breckenridge; brother, John A. Schmidt; and sister, Virginia L. Gulbranson.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of South Dakota at 1000 N. West Ave. No. 250, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

To send an online sympathy message, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Adrianna 'Ada' Bultman

HAWARDEN, Iowa — Adrianna "Ada" Bultman, 84, of Hawarden, died suddenly on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at the Autumn Wind Assisted Living in Yankton, South Dakota.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hawarden with Rev. Todd Bunge officiating. Burial will follow the luncheon in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Ireton.

Visitation will begin at noon Thursday, with the family present beginning at 6:00 p.m. and a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at the Porter Funeral Home in Hawarden.

Condolences may be sent to www.porterfuneralhomes.com.

Ada Bultman was born August 11, 1929 in Sioux Center, Iowa, the daughter of Peter and Christina (Weyers) Lockhorst. She attended school in Sioux Center. She married Leslie Webert August 6, 1954. Leslie died June 18, 1972.

Ada later married Darold Bultman on December 2, 1978 in Hawarden, Iowa. Ada was employed at Coilcraft in

Hawarden and Custom Coils in Alcester before retiring in 1991. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and enjoyed doing embroidery.

She is survived by her husband Darold; four children, Marcia DeWall and husband Randy of Craig, Colorado, Bonnie Webert of Hawarden, Peggy Winter of Henderson, Colorado, and Randy Webert and wife Gayle of Yankton, South Dakota; two brothers, Don Lockhorst and wife Deanna of Ireton, Iowa and Paul Lockhorst of Hawarden; four sisters, Jeanette Boogerd of Hull, Iowa, Dorothy Hulshof and husband Melvin of Ireton, Christina Cleveringa and husband Garold of Sioux Center, and Grace Oldenkamp and husband Herman of Orange City, Iowa; sister-in-law, Priscilla Lockhorst of Ireton; six grandchildren, Melissa DeWall, Jamie DeWall Winters and husband Ed, Andy DeWall and wife Crickett, Sarah Myhaver and husband Dustin, Cami Barents, and Ryan Barents and wife Joyce; eight great-grandchildren, Brady, Jayce, Zoey, Jared, Zachary, Jesse, Harlee, and Elle; and many nieces and nephews.

Ada was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Betty Jean Webert in 1955; husband, Leslie Webert in 1972; brother, Peter Lock-

horst; sister-in-law, Geri Lockhorst; and brother-in-law, Fred Boogerd.

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David Albers

David Dennis Albers, 64, of Yankton died suddenly on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Fordyce, Neb., with the Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial will be at St. John the Baptist Cemetery in Fordyce.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, at the church with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Saturday at church one hour prior to services.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington.

Charles Mulford

Funeral services for Charles S. Mulford, 82, of Niobrara, Neb., are pending at Brockhage Funeral Home, Niobrara.

Charles died Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013, at the Good Samaritan Society, Bloomfield, Neb.



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Labor Day Deadlines

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closed Monday, September 2, for the Labor Day holiday.

The following deadlines will apply:

Out On The Town..... Noon, Wednesday, August 28
Tuesday, September 3 newspaper..... 5 p.m., Wednesday, August 28
Wednesday, September 4 newspaper..... 5 p.m., Thursday, August 29
Thursday, September 5 newspaper..... 5 p.m., Friday, August 30

There will be no newspaper on Monday, September 2, 2013

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