

South Dakota Among Top Ag Producers

ABERDEEN (AP) — The U.S. Agriculture Department says South Dakota again ranks in the top 10 nationally for numerous commodities.

The *Aberdeen News* reports the state leads the nation in bison production and is second in honey, millet, sunflower and flaxseed. It's No. 6 in corn and wheat production and No. 9 for soybeans.

South Dakota also was No. 5 in cows and No. 6 in sheep and lambs.

Carter Anderson with the USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service in Sioux Falls says that combined, South Dakota and North Dakota produced 85 percent of all sunflower seeds in the nation — 32 percent in South Dakota and 52 percent in North Dakota.

Norfolk Police Capture Jail Escapee

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say they've captured an inmate who squeezed between cell bars and escaped the Thurston County Jail in the northeast Nebraska city of Pender.

Norfolk police took 39-year-old Mark Kuehn into custody around 5 p.m. Thursday. He'd been spotted at an apartment building on the southeast side of town.

"He was squatting down in the stairwell with his back against the wall, trying to stay hidden," Norfolk police Sgt. Chad Reiman told the *Norfolk Daily News*.

Jailers discovered that Kuehn was missing from his cell around 5:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Thurston County Sheriff Shelly Perez said Kuehn had pulled an air conditioning unit out of his cell window. At just 5 foot 3 and 130 pounds, Kuehn was small enough to make it out between two bars in the window, Perez said.

The county will narrow the space between the bars to prevent future escapes, the sheriff said.

The jail is just blocks from Pender schools, so they were locked down after officials raised the alarm. Schools in nearby Wayne were locked down, too.

Kuehn was being held in the Thurston County Jail for nearby Stanton County, where he's scheduled to be sentenced on Oct. 7 for theft. He's also a sex offender who was convicted in Stanton County.

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McCoy To Enter Governor's Race

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Republican state Sen. Beau McCoy is planning to enter the wide-open 2014 Nebraska governor's race, a campaign spokesman said Friday.

McCoy, of Omaha, was meeting with supporters and people who have worked in his previous legislative campaigns and will file candidate paperwork in the next few days, said his new campaign spokesman, Kent Grisham. McCoy's legislative office also released a statement confirming his candidacy.

McCoy, a home improvement contractor who runs his own business, has been active in the Republican Party since his teens. The 32-year-old was elected to the Nebraska Legislature in 2008 and re-elected last year.

Earlier this year, McCoy introduced two bills on behalf of Gov. Dave Heineman



McCoy

that sought to repeal or at least reduce Nebraska's income tax. The idea was scrapped in favor of a statewide, legislative study of Nebraska's tax climate.

McCoy also sponsored legislation this year that restricts chemicals used in synthetic drugs, which mimic the effects of illegal drugs.

McCoy will face state Sens. Charlie Janssen of Fremont and Tom Carlson of Holdrege in the GOP primary. Republican businessman Pete Ricketts of Omaha, the party's 2006 U.S. Senate nominee, has also been mentioned as a candidate.

The announcement came as Republican Falls City businessman Charles Herbst confirmed he would not enter the 2014 race. Herbst had formed a candidate commit-

tee, leased office space in Omaha and assembled a campaign staff, but had not formally announced that he was running.

He decided within the last week that he will not run because his wife is still recovering from heart surgery, and her recovery hasn't gone as well as they had hoped, said Grisham, who had been working with Herbst. Herbst may be interested in seeking office in future years, Grisham said.

McCoy's entry into the race and Herbst's departure come in the midst of an already turbulent 2014 campaign. Two Republican hopefuls, former Speaker of the Legislature Mike Flood and former Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy, declared they were running but have since pulled out of the race.

State Sen. Annette Dubas, a family farm-and-ranch owner from Fullerton, and Chuck Hassebrook, the executive director of the Center for Rural Affairs in Lyons, are running as Democrats.

Old SD Governor's Mansion Sells Below Asking Price

RAPID CITY (AP) — The mansion that served 16 South Dakota governors couldn't draw even the minimum asking price at auction.

Bidding started at \$600,000 Thursday near Rapid City, the *Rapid City Journal* reported. It fell to \$375,000 before a man flashed the winning bid for

\$410,000, not much more than the cost to move the building from Pierre to Rapid Valley.

While dozens of onlookers showed up, only a handful of bids were actually offered.

Sturgis auctioneer Dave Wilson said the winning bid was below what Home Federal Bank of Sioux Falls wanted to

sell it for, so the new owner had to negotiate the final price, which wasn't disclosed.

A man who identified himself to the newspaper only as Bill confirmed after the auction that he was the highest bidder. He lives in Arizona but said he's originally from South Dakota and has ranching inter-

ests in the region.

"I got a big family," he said. "We grew up here, and so we're thinking about moving back."

The home's former owners suffered business losses, and the house sat on the market for months before it went to auction.

OBITUARIES

Herschel Liebnow

Herschel Liebnow, age 86, of Wolsey, died Thursday, August 22, 2013, at the SunQuest Health Care Center.

His funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 27th at St. John's Lutheran Church at Wolsey with Rev. L. Scott Spiehs, officiating. Burial will be in the Restlawn Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, at the Kuhler Funeral Home with a prayer service at 7:30 Monday evening.

Visit www.kuhlerfuneral-home.com/.

Herschel Erwin Liebnow was born March 1, 1927, to Herman and Caroline (Wadtke) Liebnow at the farm west of Wolsey, South Dakota. He attended Updike Rural School for two years. In 1934, at the age of seven, the family moved to a farm at Rock Springs, Minnesota. They also lived at Mayer and Montrose while they were in Minnesota. The family attended a Lutheran Church in Buffalo, Minnesota where Herschel was confirmed. He also attended high school at Buffalo. The family moved back to Wessington Springs, South Dakota, in 1945. They rented a farm north of Wessington Springs at Pinard's Corner. This is when Herschel met Doris Borkowski.

In 1947, Herman and Caroline bought a farm called the Simental Farm 4 1/2 miles south of Wolsey. Herschel and Doris bought this farm from his folks in 1952.

Herschel married Doris Borkowski on July 31, 1948, at St. John's Lutheran Church at Wolsey. Doris was the daughter of Rudolph and Emma Borkowski of Wessington Springs.

Herschel and Doris started milking cows and selling Grade A milk in 1958 to Beadle County Milk Producers. Herschel was a Beadle County Milk Producers board member for 20 years and secretary for 15 years. In 1967, they built a new milk house, milking parlor, holding shed and silo. They milked 100 to 135 cows. Herschel was also a member of the NFO.

His favorite past-time was hunting and bowling. During the 70's, he sponsored the Cain Creek Farm bowling team at Huron, South Dakota.

Herschel and Doris built a new house on the Cain Creek Farm in 1969 and bought an acreage one mile east of the farm in 1991. Their son, Rodney took over the Cain Creek

Verletta Wittmeier

Funeral services for Verletta H. Wittmeier of Lincoln, Nebraska and formerly of Tripp will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 26 at Friedens Reformed Church in Tripp with Pastors Greg Way and Daniel Lee officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Casketbearers will be Verletta's eight grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 4 p.m. until a 7 p.m. prayer service at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tripp.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com/.

Verletta Hattie Wittmeier was born on Saturday, Octo-

ber 8, 1927 on a farm southwest of Tripp. She was the second of four children born to Emil and Amelia (Hauck) Dewald and was baptized and confirmed at the Emmanuel Reformed Church near Tripp. She attended a one-room school until she went to Tripp High School. She earned her teacher's certificate from Southern State Normal College and taught country school for six years prior to her marriage. She was married to John Delbert Wittmeier of Avon on September 8, 1950 at Friedens Reformed Church in Tripp by Rev. Walter Odenbach. After spending two years in Washington state while John served in the Army, they returned to the Tripp area and started the family farm south-

west of town. They raised four children: Michael Delbert, Janis Rae, Richard Dean and Jean Marie. As a devoted farm wife, Verletta was busy supporting her husband, farming, gardening, canning, cooking, quilting and crocheting. She was an active member of Friedens Reformed Church where she taught Sunday school and served on the flower committee. She was a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary and was also a member of the extension club, the quilter's guild, and the Red Hat Society. She enjoyed playing cards and going on outings with family and friends. On November 22, 2012, Verletta moved to Lincoln, Nebraska to be cared for by her daughter, Jean. She passed away

comfortably at home with her daughters at her side on Tuesday, August 20, 2013, having achieved the age of 85 years, 10 months and 12 days.

Verletta is survived by her four children: Michael (Greta) Wittmeier of Weiser, Idaho, Janis (Doug) Hoffman of Keizer, Oregon, Richard (Susan) Wittmeier of Ballston Lake, New York and Jean (Chuck) Holman of Lincoln Nebraska; eight grandchildren: Emily Hoffman, Paul Hoffman, Rachel Lee, Stuart Wittmeier, Ross Wittmeier, Sara Holman, Caitlin Holman, and Alex Holman; two great-grandchildren: Obadiah Lee and Phoebe Lee; two sisters: Luella Gaiser of Worthington, Minnesota and Violet Mulloy of Carroll, Iowa; and a

brother, Arlo (Maydean) Dewald of Tripp.

In addition to her parents, Emil and Amelia Dewald, she was preceded in death by her husband, John, a grandchild, Elizabeth, and a great-grandchild, Colin.

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Dairy Farm.

Herschel bought a semi-truck in 1991 and began long distance trucking for Parkhurst Trucking of Huron. He hauled to Texas, Florida, the Carolina's and all states in between. In 1998, Herschel started trucking for T-Bird Express which is owned by his son, Ronald.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Doris on May 11, 2012; one daughter, Jodi Ann Songer on September 26, 2010; one son, Roger in infancy; and one brother, Earl Liebnow.

Grateful for having shared in his life are one daughter, Joyce (Dan) Shudak of Yankton; two sons, Ronald (Carol) Liebnow of Huron and Rodney (Christy) Liebnow of Wolsey; his son-in-law, Don Songer of Huron; six grandchildren, Michelle (Joe) Shudak-Waldner, Nick Shudak, Blaine Liebnow, Brianna Songer, Nikkita Songer and Caleb Liebnow; one foster granddaughter, Cydnee Davis; four great-grandchildren, Amanda Waldner, Joshua Waldner, Cooper Shudak and Sophia Shudak.

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Virginia Jepsen

OKEENE, Okla. — Memorial service for Virginia Mae Jepsen, 85, will be Saturday, August 24, 2013 at 1:30 pm at Okeene United Methodist Church with arrangements by Lanman Funeral Home, Inc. of Okeene. www.lanmanmemorials.com/.

Virginia was born on December 29, 1927 at Yankton, South Dakota to Glenn T. Clark

and Dora M. Lane Clark and passed from this life on August 18, 2013 in Okeene. On March 25, 1945 she married Harvey E. Jepsen.

She loved to read and go to church. She was president of the local 4 Wheelers Club in Gunnison, Colorado. She loved to go 4 wheeling in Jeeps. Virginia enjoyed inviting college students over for holiday meals, when she lived in Gunnison. She loved being a part of after-school activities and being involved in her daughter's activities. Virginia especially loved all of her grandchildren. She was very active in the Comedy Club and The Kitchen Band in Apache Junction, Arizona.

Survivors include her daughter, Sharon Posey; two grandchildren, Glenn Posey and Lee Posey; great grandchildren, Hannah Posey, Levi Posey, Luke Posey and Beth Haag; one great-great grandchild, Kyler Haag.

Those who preceded Virginia in death include her husband, Harvey E. Jepsen; two brothers, Marvin Clark and Tom Clark; two sisters, Sally Burrus and Genavieve M.

Her remains will be brought back to Gayville, South Dakota and buried at the Danish Lutheran Cemetery sometime in the spring.

Memorials may be given to Faith Hospice of Weatherford through the funeral home.

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Marvin Noecker

Marvin George Noecker, 88 of Hartington, Neb., died Friday, Aug. 23, 2013, at the Golden Living Center, Hartington, after battling with cancer.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 26, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Hartington, with the Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Hartington, with military honors provided by the Hartington VFW Post 5283.

Visitation is 3-6 p.m. Sunday, with a vigil service at 4:30 p.m., at the church. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Monday at the church.

The Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington is in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons: Tony Noecker,



Noecker

Matthew Noecker, Joshua Maron, Jerod Hoesing, Eric Noecker, Luke Frohreich, Brett Noecker and Colton Frohreich.

Ted Gunnare

DELMONT — Theodore "Ted" W. Gunnare, 89, died Thursday, August 22 at Avera Bormann Manor in Parkston.

Funeral service will be Monday, August 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Koehn Bros. Funeral Chapel in Delmont.

Visitation will be Sunday,

August 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service at Koehn Bros. Funeral Chapel in Delmont.

He is survived by his wife, Faith of Yankton, SD; 4 siblings: Anna Mae Dyce of Billings, MT; John (Lianne) Gunnare of Wagner, SD; Ruth Sharpe of Kennewick, WA; and Alice Fuerniss of Delmont; a sister-in-law, Esther Kraemer of Scotland, SD; and many nieces and nephews.

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