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#### **Nebraska Feedlots Report Fewer Cattle**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The number of cattle in feedlots in Nebraska and nationwide shrank last month, so beef prices are likely to remain high.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says there were 2.08 million cattle in Nebraska feedlots on Aug. 1. That's 7 percent lower than last year.

Nationally, there were 10 million cattle in feedlots on Aug. 1. That figure was 6 percent lower than 2012.

The USDA figures are for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or

#### **Authorities: Sioux Empire Fair A Success**

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — The books for this year's Sioux Empire Fair won't be balanced for a few more weeks, but the manager of the nine-day event said it appears to have been a

When everything is analyzed, I figure we are going to have attendance that exceeds last year's attendance," fair manager Scott Wick told the Argus Leader.

The fair ended Aug. 11.

Attendance last year was 289,507. It was the first year of a three-year experiment with a fair that extends over two weekends instead of one. That translated into a profit of \$116,951.

### **Search On For Man Who Abducted Wife**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The search for a man who abducted his estranged wife at gunpoint from the Lincoln hair salon where she works focused on the western Nebraska

town of Imperial Sunday.
Dwayne Lawrence, 37, took Julie Hanes, 38, from the Audacious Hair Salon & Massage around noon Saturday, police said. They said he was wearing all black.

The gold 1998 Chrysler Concorde investigators believe the couple was driving was spotted by Imperial police and a nearby farmer Sunday morning.

Nebraska State Patrol spokeswoman Deb Collins said Lawrence and Hanes are believed to be on foot in a rural area covering about eight-square-miles west of Imperial. Officers have set up a perimeter and are searching that area.

Hanes' parents and several other family members live in Court records show that Hanes filed for divorce July 30

about two weeks after getting a protection order against Lawrence. She told a judge that Lawrence had threatened her several times, and he is facing several charges related to a July 8 incident.

Hanes told police that Lawrence fired a gunshot into their bedroom wall and threatened to kill himself in front of her in the hope that she would take her own life.

Hanes said she told her husband that night she would stay with him to get him to lower the gun. The couple has been married since 2001.

#### **OBITUARIES**

### **Marvin Noecker**

Marvin George Noecker, age 88 of Hartington, died on Friday, August 23, 2013 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington after battling with can-

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, August 26, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington with military honors provided by the Hartington VFW Post 5283.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 4:30 p.m. at the church. Visitation will begin one hour prior to serv-

ices on Monday at the church. The Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington is in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Tony Noecker, Matthew Noecker, Josh Marron, Jerod Hoesing, Eric Noecker, Luke Frohreich, Brett Noecker and Colton Frohreich.

Marvin was born on February 22, 1925 at Bow Valley, Nebraska to Anton John and Eleanor Elizabeth (Kathol) Noecker. He grew up in the Bow Valley area and attended Bunker Hill elementary school. Marvin graduated from Wynot High School in 1942. He entered the Army Air Corp in October of 1943 and served in India, Burma and China, Marvin was honorably discharged in Jan. of 1946. On Sept. 7, 1949 he married Teresa L. McFadden in Hartington. He was employed by Anderson Electric of Hartington until 1963. He then worked for Bauer Electric of Yankton SD until his retirement in 1988. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical workers.

Marvin was a faithful parishioner of Holy Trinity Catholic Church where he served on the parish council for two terms and volunteered many hours of service. Marvin used his trade expertise as an electrician in many parish



Noecker

He was a charter member of the Hartington VFW Post 5283. Marvin

and Teresa were the installers of the original Life Line equipment for users in the Hartington area. He enjoyed woodworking,

hunting and fishing with his sons, son-in-laws and grandsons. After his retirement he and Teresa enjoyed traveling and spent time in south Texas with friends each year. He enjoyed spending any time he could with his family and his grandchildren were very important to him. His grandchildren fondly remember the day trips and campouts spent with their grandparents.

Marvin is survived by his wife of 63 years, Teresa Noecker of Hartington; 7 children and their spouses. Karen and Don Hoesing of Hartington; Ken Noecker of Chelsea, MI; Don and Colleen Noecker Albion, NE; Roger and Nancy Noecker of Champlin, MN; Bob Noecker and Jonny Bauer of Scottsbluff, NE; Kathy and Dave Marron of Grand Island, NE; Connie and Bob Frohreich of Yankton; 14 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, 2 sisters Doris Folkers of Hartington and Delores Lammers of Randolph, NE.

He was preceded in death by his parents Anton and Eleanor Noecker, brothers Leon and Larry Noecker, sisters Leora Hedberg and Rosemary Feilmeier and a grandson, Kurt Hoesing.

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# **A Vision Transformed**

### Idea For 4-H Building Blossoms Into \$3.7M Outdoor Adventure Center

BY DIRK LAMMERS

Associated Press

BROOKINGS — The initial concept for what is now known as the Outdoor Adventure Center of South Dakota was to provide an indoor home for 4-H's growing shooting sports programs.

But once the city of Brookings provided 3.8 acres of land within Dakota Nature Park, the concept quickly blossomed into a \$3.7 million year-round activity center offering not only archery and pistol shooting but fishing, kayaking, cross-country skiing and snowshoe-

"It totally transformed the vision, because we now had access to 135 acres in which we could use some of our 4-H curriculum," said Nancy Swanson, executive director of the South Dakota 4-H

The 30,000-square-foot building on Brookings' south side, which is set to open in December, will feature an

Olympic-size 25-meter indoor archery range and a 75-foot indoor pistol shoot-

Between the two ranges will be 4-H Outdoor Adventure Alley, a collection of classrooms for environmental and recreational curriculum.

Students will have access to the nature park's rolling hills and chain of small lakes, so youth learning cross country skiiing, kayaking or canoeing will be able to head outside after classroom settings for hands-on learning.

"Our philosophy was: 'How do we get kids outside?' because kids are no longer outside," Swanson said. "That became our focus."

Jim Pickard, president of the Outdoor Adventure Center board, said a varied course curriculum could also cover such topics as how to cook wildlife, how to make pottery or how cocoons become butterflies.

The center, which is an independent community project but is geared to 4H's programs and needs, is being funded by private donations, grants and membership fees.

Board members are still hammering out a membership and fee structure, but they expect the center to draw both youth and adults from the state and re-

Pickard said there will likely be individual, family and veterans categories, and members will be able to choose whether they want access to all of the

center's amenities or just some. 'Hopefully it will be a fee-funded project," he said. "We're catering our structure of fees to try to accommodate everybody as reasonable as we can."

Swanson said the shooting and archery ranges will be "world-class," and the center plans to hold invitational tournaments for archery and other competitive precision sports. She said the center will complement Yankton's NFAA Easton Archery Complex, which hosts numerous national archery tournaments.

Because of our location, we think that we're going to be a great feeder site for the competitions that they have down there," Swanson said.

# Mitchell Christian **School Considers**

Christian School is considering taking advantage of a new South Dakota law that allows schools to arm teachers, other staff or volunteers with guns under the belief that it would improve school security.

Mitchell Christian Superintendent Joseph Fox said he and some members of the school board support the idea

of having guns in the school to protect students from in-

"As we talked about it from a board prospective, our board was very much in favor of it," Fox said. "If it's a known factor

that there's someone there that will protect, that may inhibit someone from trying to

do something."
The Mitchell Daily Republic reported that it contacted 40 schools, and Mitchell Christian was the only one considering placing so-called armed sentinels inside its school.

The Legislature passed a law this year that allows schools to arm school staff or volunteers. Local law enforcement officers would have to approve a school's plan, and armed faculty and volunteers would have to complete 80 hours of training in a state program devised by the same commission responsible for training law enforcement offi-

Scott Rechtenbaugh, of the state Division of Criminal Investigation, said there has been no interest yet in the course.

Associations representing school boards, school administrators and teachers opposed the measure during the legislative session, arguing that armed teachers or volunteers could increase the danger of accidental shootings or create problems if students



# **Armed Staff**

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### **JOSEPH FOX**

Some superintendents vehemently oppose the idea.

"It's one of the stupidest ideas I've ever heard and one of the most harebrained pieces of legislation I've ever seen," Burke Superintendent Erik Person said. "I'm not trying to make light of the school safety issue, but the idea that we're going to pick someone

on our staff quately train them to carry a weapon, it's a ridiculous notion."

Mitchell Christian is a private religious institution that creates its

own bylaws, but it is also subject to state gun laws. Local law enforcement officials would have to approve any plan approved by the school to use armed staff or volunteers.

Mitchell Chief of Public Safety Lyndon Overweg and Davison County Sheriff Steve Brink said they would be open

to discussing the topic. 'There's a lot of ifs," Brink said. "A guy carrying a gun in a school, it could be good, it could be bad. If a school is interested, we'll sit down with the board and decide yea or nay, but I can see positives and negatives.'

Fox, who said he grew up in a hunting family and knows how to handle guns, said he and other staff members would be Mitchell Christian's armed sentinels.



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## **Shippers Worry About Sale** Of Rail Line Through S.D.

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — The Canadian Pacific Railway may sell the South Dakota portion of the Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad by the end of the year.

Canadian Pacific chief financial officer Brian Grassby said the company is down to four to five interested parties for the western part of the DM&E and is closing in on a deal

But unless a major railroad is the buyer, the South Dakota track could end up in the hands of a short-line railroad, which would make a deal with Canadian Pacific to access its international network, the Argus Leader reported. Many South Dakota shippers are worried that could lead to higher

shipping rates.
"If there's a company that buys it that only has a short-line, one-way out, that's going to hurt the rail rates for these local elevators, and they're going to in turn have to pass those costs down to the farmer," said Reno Brueggeman, a farmer who grows corn, wheat and soybeans north of Miller.

Canadian Pacific bought 2,500 miles of track and equipment in 2007 from South Dakota-based DM&E and its subsidiaries. In Deit was looking into the possibility of selling 660 miles of track in South Dakota and three surrounding states. That news came a day after CP said it was mothballing plans to extend its DM&E

network into the Powder River Basin to ship Wyoming coal to power plants in other states because of weakening demand for coal.

The railroad did not directly link the two decisions. Jerry Cope, an executive with Dakota Mill and Grain, which operates grain elevators along the track in western South Dakota, said market access is a key factor. He said it's important the railroad not be sold and

parceled. 'We need that assurance that the whole system remain in place," Cope said.

South Dakota shippers said being part of the bigger network has advantages, including the fact they don't have to pay fees to switch to another railroad's track. Tim Luken, general manager at Oahe Grain Corp., a grain elevator in Onida, said switching fees can be very

expensive. When a railroad's route ends in a big city — as they do under Canadian Pacific and had under the DM&E before the merger — there's competition from many sources to carry goods farther. Former DM&E CEO Kevin Schieffer said a line that ends in Tracy, Minn., would be dependent on CP, which would control con-

nections to other railroads But some experts said those fears are unfounded. Spinoffs of railroads often lead to better rates for shippers because smaller railways have fewer costs than big railways, they said.

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### **Funeral Readings**

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John Keats

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### Dale Isaak

Dale H. Issak, 77, of rural Tripp passed away on Saturday, August 24, 2013 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in

Yankton. Visitation will be held on Friday, August 30, 2013 from 6-8 p.m., with family present to greet visitors from 7-8 p.m., at the Goglin Funeral

Home in Scotland. There will be a private family inurnment  $a\bar{t}$  a later date.
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