

Daycare Owner Charged In Baby Death

SIOUX FALLS (AP)— A woman faces a misdemeanor charge in connection with the death of a 3-month-old baby at her daycare in Sioux Falls.

KELO-TV reports that 41-year-old Cindy Jo Hanisch of Tea is charged with contributing to the abuse or neglect of a child. The charge is punishable by up to one year in prison.

Capt. Paul Niedringhaus of the Minnehaha County Sheriff's office says the May incident could be classified as an accident but Hanisch was ultimately responsible for the care of the child at her daycare.

Niedringhaus says Hanisch put the boy in a "sleeping position" and was unresponsive when she checked on him. The child was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Court documents say the cause death was asphyxia due to being in a face down sleep position.

SD Police Find Missing VA Patient

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Police say they located a man who walked away from the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Police say 61-year-old Loren Roy Eckmann was walked away from the hospital Thursday and was found unharmed on Friday.

Authorities say Eckmann has several medical conditions and did not have medication with him.

Eckmann is originally from Britton.

Credit Card Scam Operating In SD

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Sioux Falls police are searching for two women who are believed to have used stolen credit cards to buy \$66,000 in gift cards from numerous businesses.

Police say the women are working with at least six men, hitting stores around the region, including in Madison and Flandreau.

Police say they have received several fraud reports from people outside of South Dakota saying their credit cards have been used in Sioux Falls.

Man Pleads Not Guilty In Knife Attack

RAPID CITY (AP) — A man accused of using a knife to cut the throat of his partner in Rapid City has pleaded not guilty.

Thirty-seven-year-old Joseph Red Star is charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault in the alleged attack on Cody Two Lance on June 25. Police say Two Lance told officers that Red Star was jealous over another man.

Red Star could face up to 25 years in prison if convicted of attempted first-degree murder.

South Dakota Teen killed In SE Montana

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A 16-year-old South Dakota boy was killed and a Washington state man was injured in a three-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 212 in southeastern Montana, near the town of Alzada.

The Montana Highway Patrol says a Chevy Cruze driven by a 31-year-old man from Tacoma, Washington, struck farm equipment being pulled by a Chevy Silverado at about noon Thursday.

The Cruze swerved into the opposite lane, hitting another pickup head-on, killing the teen, who is from Belle Fourche, South Dakota. His name has not been released.

The driver of the Cruze was injured and taken to a hospital in South Dakota.

The driver of the Silverado, a 43-year-old man from Belle Fourche, South Dakota, was not injured.

HD Resumes Production Of Touring Bike

STURGIS (AP) — Harley-Davidson plans to resume sales of its most popular model. The company says it will start selling two Road Glide touring models on Aug. 26 when its full 2015 lineup is released.

It's previewing the Road Glide and Road Glide Special on Friday at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota and the National Bikers Roundup in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Berkshire Hathaway 2Q Profit Jumps 41 Percent

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OMAHA, Neb. — Warren Buffett's company on Friday reported a 41 percent jump in its second-quarter profit that was boosted by a paper gain from a stock-swap deal completed earlier this year.

But even without the big investment gains, Berkshire Hathaway Inc. reported solid performances at most of its 80-odd subsidiaries, which include BNSF railroad and Geico insurance.

Berkshire said its overall net income grew to \$6.4 billion, or \$3,889 per Class A share. That's up from \$4.54 billion, or \$2,763 per Class A share, in the same quarter a year ago.

Berkshire's revenue improved 11 percent to \$49.76 billion from last year's \$44.69 billion.

Berkshire agreed earlier this year to acquire a Miami-based TV station from Graham Holdings Co. in exchange for most of its shares in the company that once owned The Washington Post. As part of that deal, Berkshire and Graham Holdings exchanged assets worth roughly \$1.1 billion.

Berkshire recorded a \$1.1 billion gain in the second quarter because that's

when it took ownership of the WPLG television station and completed the exchange.

Buffett urges investors to pay more attention to the company's operating earnings because they exclude the swings in the value of investments and derivatives, which can vary greatly from quarter to quarter. Berkshire's operating earnings improved 11 percent to \$4.3 billion, or \$2,634 per Class A share.

Four analysts surveyed by FactSet expected Berkshire to report operating earnings per Class A share of \$2,485.21.

Berkshire officials do not typically comment on their quarterly earnings reports, and they did not immediately respond to an interview request on Friday.

Berkshire finished the second quarter with more than \$55 billion cash on hand, so Buffett has the resources for another big acquisition if he finds an attractive target.

"He's piling up cash, so he must not see any real bargains out there," said Andy Kilpatrick, author of "Of Permanent Value: The Story of Warren Buffett."

Edward Jones analyst Jim Shanahan, whose firm has a "Buy" rating on Berkshire's stock, said the company's solid quarter is a sign that the overall economy

continues growing.

"It sure does highlight the value of owning a diversified portfolio of businesses," Shanahan said.

BNSF railroad has been an important contributor to Berkshire's profits ever since it was acquired. Even though the railroad has been dealing with delays and service problems in the upper Great Plains, BNSF still contributed \$916 million to Berkshire's net income, up from \$884 million a year ago.

Berkshire utility division was helped by the \$5.6 billion acquisition of Nevada's main electric utility, NV Energy. Berkshire's utilities added \$375 million to its net income, up from \$279 million a year ago.

Berkshire's insurance companies added \$411 million from underwriting to its quarterly net income. That was down from last year's \$530 million net income from underwriting because Berkshire's reinsurance companies recorded large gains in 2013.

Besides insurance, utility and railroad companies, Berkshire owns clothing, furniture, brick, carpet, jewelry and pilot training firms. It also has major investments in such companies as Coca-Cola Co., IBM and Wells Fargo & Co.

SD Pine Beetle Initiative Removes 441,000 Trees

PIERRE, (AP) — More than 441,000 trees infested with mountain pine beetles have been cut down since South Dakota launched its Black Hills Forest Initiative three years ago this month.

"I am very pleased with the progress we've made in treating mountain pine beetle infestations since we began in 2011," Gov. Dennis Daugaard said in a statement Friday. "Though there is still more work to do, we've come a long way."

There has been major progress in Custer State Park, where the number of infested trees decreased from 100,000 in 2012 to 30,000 last year.

"The governor's goal was to remove all beetle-infested trees in Custer State

Park, and those efforts have paid off," State Forester Greg Josten said.

However, state officials remain concerned about high tree mortality rates at Sylvan Lake, where 23,000 trees were recently infested.

On private land, more than 186,000 acres have been surveyed and about 364,000 infested trees marked.

The state has spent about \$8 million since 2011 fighting the beetle epidemic on state, private, and county lands.

Infested trees are cut and then either used in sawmills, chipped for disposal, or put through a bark peeling process to kill beetle larvae.

Preparations Made For Sturgis Rally

STURGIS, AP— As officials wrap up preparations for this year's Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota's Black Hills, many also are looking forward to next year's 75th Diamond Jubilee.

"A lot of the comments we do see on our social media site are: 'Can't wait for the 75th.' That's the chat," Sturgis Rally Director Brenda Vasknetz told the *Rapid City Journal*.

This year's rally starts Monday, and motorcycle enthusiasts have been flocking to Sturgis this week. The state Highway Patrol issued a statement urging bikers and motorists to "share the road." Last year, six fatalities were recorded in the Rapid City district during the rally.

Office of Highway Safety statistics show that about one-third of motorcycle fatalities in the state each year occur in western counties during a two-week period around the annual rally.

"Summer always brings heavier traffic, and the rally means thousands more motorcycles traveling the highways in our state," Lee Axdahl, director of the office, said in statement. "If everyone pays attention and makes safe choices, bikers, tourists and everyone else on the highways can have a good and safe time."

Florida biker James Bakalich told KELO-TV that he arrived more than a week before the rally "so I can see the whole thing unfold. How it comes together is amazing."

"I always like to be the first one in and the last one out," Bakalich said.

Reservations and visitor inquiries indicate attendance at this year rally, which runs through Aug. 10, might match last year's event, which drew more than 467,000 people. Some officials estimate that next year's 75th annual rally might draw close to a million people.

OBITUARIES

Albert Stensaas

Albert Richard Stensaas was born August 19, 1923, on the family homestead near Red Elm, Ziebach County, South Dakota, the oldest of the nine children of Arne Julius Stensaas and Amy Evelyn Ross Stensaas. He passed at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, SD from pneumonia after surgery complications on July 30, 2014, at the age of 90 years and 11 months.



Stensaas

He began his early education at Lewis School, Red Elm, SD where his teachers were his relatives. In 1931, the family moved to Vermillion, SD area. He attended small country schools and the Oakdale one-room country school near Volin, SD where all eight of his siblings attended at one time or another. He also attended Volin High school and then started farming to help support his family. Albert was always reading books and learning his whole life. He always told many stories of the births and key events of his family members, and was always looked up to by his family.

In the fall of 1941, Albert and his uncle, Ed Stensaas, went to Portland, OR and he worked in a plywood mill. Albert enlisted into the US Navy in April 1944, and served until World War II was over. His training began at a large naval base in Faragut, Idaho, and he spent a major portion of his time aboard ammunition ships in the South Pacific. He left the

service as a Gunners Mate, Third Class and returned to the family farm near Volin. He faithfully supported the American Legion Post 62 in Humboldt and the VFW his whole life. After the war, he drove truck, worked at Morrell's and farmed. Albert farmed with Chester Stuen near Volin, SD, and later with his brother, Gerald by Montrose, SD. In 1949, he farmed west of his folks place near Humboldt, SD.

In 1950, Albert married Marlynn (Molly) Liesinger at West Wall Lake Zion Lutheran Church near Hartford, SD, where they have been devout members for over 64 years. Albert served on the church board, many committees, and participated in numerous parish activities. They farmed near Hurley for a year and then moved onto their farm residence southwest of Humboldt where they lived for 63 years. During their 64 years of marriage, they traveled to visit many relatives around the Midwest and Western US. They traveled to Hawaii on their 50th anniversary where Albert enjoyed seeing the USS Arizona Memorial. They hosted many events on the farm and loved to go to wedding dances. They moved to an apartment in Sioux Falls in August 2013.

Albert loved his family and the many family gatherings including eating many deserts and playing bean bags. He especially loved his grandkids, Chad Nicholas, Samantha Lee, Richard Allen and Angela Joyce. Albert always enjoyed people, gave them a big smile and loved to talk to them. He would engage in a conversation with

Robert 'Bob' Vellek

Funeral services for Robert "Bob" Vellek, 80, of Tyndall will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 8, 2014 at St. John Lutheran Church in Tyndall, SD with Rev. Dean Schroeder officiating. Burial will follow in the Czech National Cemetery in Tyndall with military graveside rites provided by Pike-Wagner American Legion Post #2, Simek-Ptak VFW Post #689 and the South Dakota Army National Guard Military Funeral Honor Guard. Visitation will be held at Goglin Funeral Home in

Tyndall on Thursday, August 7 from 3 p.m. until a 7:30 p.m. prayer service. Bob died on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at the Menno Olivet Care Center in Menno.

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

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anyone anywhere just to learn more about them. He always had a special ability to remember their names and many of their children's names as well. He truly appreciated the people of the community around his farm and frequently participated local events; such as, the Humboldt Threshing Bee which he helped with since the beginning over 24 years ago. Dad planted and picked corn with horses, shocked and bundled and ran threshing machines, and over his life time, he saw numerous changes in farming technology. He was still very good at picking corn by hand, and he won the hand corn picking contest at various events.

Albert loved to drive around looking at crops and the countryside. He loved to

attended farm sales and farm events and talked with all the other farmers. He enjoyed meeting the guys for coffee in Humboldt and Canistota almost every day after he retired from farming.

Survivors include wife, Molly; son, Greg and Tammy Stensaas of Sioux Falls; daughter, Marlene and Gari Gratzfeld of Vermillion, SD; and son, Jeff and Laela Stensaas of Canistota, SD; brother, Harlan and Vianne of Okmulgee, OK; sister, Marie Stuen of Sturgis, SD; sister-in-law, Malinee Stensaas from Seattle, WA; four grandchildren, Chad, Samantha, Richard Stensaas from Sioux Falls, SD and Angela Stensaas from Scottsdale, AZ; and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by many relatives from the Liesinger and Ross families that are very

close to him.

He is preceded in death by his parents and six siblings, Gerald, Howard, Wesley, Amy Liesinger, Helen McBride, and Elsie Blackwell. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Richard Arne Stensaas; sister-in-law Darlene Stensaas; brothers-in-law, Chester Stuen, Larry Blackwell, and Russell Liesinger; nephews Ronald Stuen, Robert Kenoyer; and Joe Jackson; and a niece Vicki McBride. There were also significant relatives from Liesinger and Ross families that have passed before him.

Funeral service for will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, August 4th at the West Wall Lake Zion Lutheran Church, 26313 462nd Ave., Hartford SD with a burial service to follow at the same location. There will be a prayer service at 2:00 p.m. followed by visitation with the family present from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Sunday, August 3rd at the Miller West Funeral Home, 6200 W. 41st St., Sioux Falls, SD. Cards, letters, or memorials can be sent to Molly Stensaas, 4001 S. Marion Road, Apt. 20, Sioux Falls, SD 57106.

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Willard Moeller

Funeral services for Willard Moeller, 86, of Bloomfield, Nebraska, are pending at Brockhaus Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Willard died Friday, Aug. 1, 2014, at Faith Regional

Health Services in Norfolk, Nebraska.

Meta Storgaard

Meta O. Storgaard, 98, of Yankton died Friday, Aug. 1, 2014, at Avera Yankton Care Center.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton with the Rev. David Wildermuth officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is one hour prior to the funeral service at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

Memorials may be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church Building Fund.

To send an online message to the family, visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com/.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

DRAFT FORT RANDALL DAM/LAKE FRANCIS CASE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host a series of public meetings to gather input on the Draft Fort Randall Dam/Lake Francis Case Master Plan Update. The updated master plan provides guidance for the management and development of natural and man-made resources at the Fort Randall Dam/Lake Francis Case project including public use, environmentally sensitive areas and cultural resources within the project's boundaries. The meetings will run from 6:00 to 8:00PM at the following locations: Aug. 4 (Oacoma Community Center, 100 E. Third St., Oacoma, SD); Aug. 5 (Platte Area Community Center, 310 S. Main St., Platte, SD); Aug. 6 (City of Bonesteel Community Room, 303 Mellette St., Bonesteel, SD); Aug. 7 (Natural Resources Building, 113 Randall Creek Rd., Pickstown, SD).



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