

S.F. Man Faces Kidnapping Charges

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A 19-year-old Sioux Falls man is accused of kidnapping and assaulting his 17-year-old girlfriend.

The incident occurred early Wednesday morning. Authorities say David Randle Jr. hit his girlfriend several times, dragged her about a block and attempted to strangle her. Randle allegedly dragged the victim further to Covell Lake, but she escaped when he attempted to push her in.

The girl's mother called police at 1:30 a.m. Randle is charged with kidnapping and aggravated assault, both felonies.

Police say the woman suffered bruising and cuts, but refused medical attention when an ambulance arrived on the scene.

Court documents do not list an attorney for Randle.

Sutton New CEP At Pierre Hospital

PIERRE (AP) — A Pierre hospital has a new leader. Bob Sutton has been named CEO and regional president of Avera St. Mary's Hospital. He replaces Paul Ebmeier, who has moved on to become vice president of strategy for Avera Medical Group.

KCCR reports that Sutton is a 23-year resident of Pierre who joined Avera last year. He previously was president of the South Dakota Community Foundation based in Pierre.

Sutton will manage Avera's clinics, hospitals and long-term care facilities within the Pierre region.

Neb. Brothers Remember Boat Business

WAUSA, Neb. (AP) — Two carpenter brothers from the northeast Nebraska village of Wausa fondly remember the days when the boats they built graced the waters of nearby Lewis & Clark Lake.

During the mid-1950s and early 1960s, Don and Harlan Hult produced and sold hundreds of HultCraft wooden boats. They used pre-assembled hulls as part of their boat kits or as foundations for fully assembled boats crafted by the brothers and their workers.

The business grew as their boats reigned supreme on the 16-mile-long lake, an impoundment of the Missouri River.

But Don Hult told the *Norfolk Daily News* that by 1965 he and his brother were leaving the boat business because people had started buying lower-maintenance metal or fiberglass boats.

Harlan Holt says, "It was fun, but things change."

Transportation Panel To Meet In Pierre

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota lawmakers will take input next week in Pierre on the state's roads and bridges.

The Highway Needs and Financing Interim Committee meets Tuesday and Wednesday in the Capitol.

It will include reports from the panel's subgroups that met with people around the state, information from two national organizations on how other states are funding transportation needs and ideas from groups about South Dakota's roads and bridge needs.

Public testimony is scheduled to be heard Tuesday afternoon.

Lincoln, Neb. Paper To Cease Publishing

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The Daily Reporter newspaper will cease publishing after nearly a century of operation in Lincoln.

The *Lincoln Journal-Star* reports that the weekday paper will stop publishing legal notices and state and local government's public records in mid-September.

Scott Stewart, president of Nebraska Printing Center, says the paper accounts for a small fraction of the overall business but a majority of its bill-collection efforts.

The Nebraska Legislature dictates rates for paid for most notices. Stewart says the difficulty of dealing with new government office policies has made the publication no longer worth the effort. Stewart says his staff can work more productively in different lines of growing the business.

The choices for legal publication will become the *Lincoln Journal-Star*, the *Waverly News* and the *Voice* in Hickman.

Program Gets Shot At Regaining Accreditation

ABERDEEN (AP) — The nursing program at Presentation College is getting a shot at regaining its national accreditation.

The school where nursing students make up 40 percent of the study body was denied a continuance of its accreditation last spring. The Atlanta-based Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing cited the fact that not every Presentation faculty member had at least a master's degree.

The school received word this week that it will keep its accreditation through the fall semester if it goes through the review process a second time, the *American News* reported. That means students graduating in December will still get a diploma from a nationally accredited institution.

The school will complete a self-study in about two weeks, and commission officials will visit by the end of

October.

Presentation has raised salaries, worked with consultants to recruit staff, and recruited from broader pools, President Margaret Huber said. It has also provided tuition reimbursement for faculty members seeking higher education. The school has hired two new faculty members with master's degrees, and the two faculty members still working toward their degrees will not be teaching but instead will handle other tasks.

"There's always a lot of work," Huber said. "There's advising, there's research on where nurses have gone ... there's a lot of things that we can get them to do, but what we really want them to do is finish their degrees."

Presentation also might consider seeking national accreditation from a different body, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, which

accredits many other programs throughout the state, Huber said.

The nursing program sought accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing because it accredits two-year programs in addition to four-year programs. However, Presentation has since dropped its two-year nursing degree.

The loss of accreditation did not affect the nursing program's standing with the South Dakota Board of Nursing or graduates' ability to become licensed nurses in the Dakotas or Minnesota. However, the school has lost some nursing students because of it and does not have as many new nursing students coming in, according to Huber.

"That accreditation is a very important thing for us," she said. "It always was. It's just that losing it makes you more focused on it."

Harvest

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catch up with degree days, it's difficult to do so before the first killing frost in the fall. If you have deficits this time of the year, you usually end up with deficits. The same goes for surpluses."

While the region has experienced warmer temperatures this week, with the heat index reaching 100 to 105 degrees, the change appears temporary, Andresen said.

"The outlook suggests a return of an upper air trough over the next one to two weeks with the potential of cooler-than-normal temperatures and above-normal precipitation totals," he said.

A RECORD YEAR?

Many farmers are comparing the current scenario to another historic year, Andresen said.

"One of the most commonly used models is 1992, which was a year without a summer. It was one of the coolest summers on record," he said. "But it's not quite as bad in many cases as it was during 1992."

When it comes to heat units, corn carries a greater concern than other crops, Andresen said.

"Primarily, an issue will be quality," he said. "It's going to cost more than normal to dry the crops this year, and some test weights may be low. When the grower goes to sell the grain, it will be reflected on the price as a lot lower than what they would typically get."

In terms of heat units, soybeans provide less of an issue, Andresen said.

"The soybeans are ahead of the last four years," he said. "There is some concern about soybeans (receiving enough heat), but soybeans being behind (normal) isn't as critical an issue. They are sensitive to shortening day lengths, and they 'hurry up' and hasten to maturity at the end of the year. They are good at it."

As for precipitation, the region sits in outstanding shape, Andresen said.

Both South Dakota and Nebraska are pulling out of historic drought conditions. Southeast South Dakota still reports abnormally dry conditions, while northeast Nebraska doesn't report any drought conditions.

This year has produced historic rainfall totals in some areas, bolstering the precipitation picture, Andresen said.

"Much of the growing season was wetter than normal, especially early on," the climatologist said. "The central and northern Corn Belt regions have received more than 20 inches of total precipitation, which is a large positive departure. Some parts of the region are more than 10 inches ahead of normal."

The rainfall reserve proved critical during July and early August, which saw warmer and drier conditions, he said.

"There was a lot of water stored in the soil," he said. "Parts of the region carried a very positive surplus of precipitation for the growing season."

THE HOME STRETCH

Andresen admitted the

outlook stands less than rosy in some circumstances.

Areas that experienced late planting could find problems with accumulating heat units, and the situation could worsen with a shortened growing season this fall.

Other areas were devastated by hail, tornados and other storms. In some instances, it became too late for replanting or for turning to an alternative crop.

But those who have made it this far into the growing season should stand in good shape, Andresen said.

"We have moved through sensitive reproduction stages such as silking and pollination for corn and pod fill for soybeans," he said. "We have gone through these stages with ample moisture, which is why there is such a large potential for many areas of the Midwest and why projections are so high."

History also stands on the farmers' side, at least when looking at the past half-century, he explained.

"We tend to see that cooler-than-normal and wetter-than-normal weather in the Corn Belt produces higher-than-normal yields," he said. "The statistics collectively since 1991 show, when it was cooler and wetter than normal, yields have been more than 10 bushels per acre higher than the average."

However, Andresen warned that dangers still lurk even at harvest time.

"There is the potential for (record) yields, but we don't know what lies ahead," he said. "If there's an early killing freeze this fall, it could considerably change things."

Even record yields can carry drawbacks, he said.

"We are looking at high moisture and low test weight at the elevator," he said. "It's made even worse by low prices, which is another area of concern."

The next week's forecast continues the trend of cooler, wetter weather.

The forecast calls for highs in the mid-80s today (Friday) with a 30 percent chance of precipitation during the day and 70 percent at night. The weekend forecast calls for temperatures in the 80s for Saturday and Sunday. Precipitation chances stand at 40 percent Saturday, 50 percent Saturday night and 30 percent Sunday.

Heading into next week, the region will see a cool-down trend with high temperatures in the 70s and precipitation chances up to 40 percent Monday, 50 percent Tuesday and 20 percent Wednesday.

As far as the long-term outlook, Andresen noted a moderate probability of a weak to moderate El Nino this fall and early winter. The three-month outlook for September through November calls for cooler-than-normal and wetter-than-normal weather for the Central Plains.

It all adds up to the prospects for a banner year, Andresen said.

"We have good to excellent conditions across the region," he said.

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OBITUARIES

James G. Olson

James G. Olson, 72, of Brookings, died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2014, at the Brookings Hospital. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2014, at the United Methodist Church in White, with interment in Fairview Cemetery. Visitations are from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at Eidsness Funeral Home in Brookings.

James "Jim" Glen Bertalot was born June 28, 1942, to William and Patricia (Kasube) Bertalot near Bison, South Dakota. At a young age Jim and his brother Leroy were adopted by M.G. "Buster" and Ruby Olson, from Volga. He attended a country elementary school close to the family farm and graduated from Volga High School. He loved the farm life and talked fondly of the prize-winning sheep that they showed.

Jim and his wife Joanne had two children, Mike and Carolyn. They later divorced.

Jim worked at the Coast to Coast store in downtown Brookings and later at the Coast to Coast warehouse. When the warehouse closed

he went to work at Rainbow Play Systems. He also worked for Experience Works and part-time at Falcon Plastics until his retirement.

On March 24, 1979, Jim married Diane (Simmons) Nelson. They had one son, Matthew. Jim was a great step-father to Sheri and Kristi Nelson.

One of Jim's favorite past-times was bowling. He bowled on several leagues and traveled to many tournaments. In retirement he could often be found at the Prairie Lanes having coffee with his friend, Randy Hofer.

Jim is survived by his wife, Diane; sons Mike (Wendy) Olson and Matthew Olson; daughter, Carolyn (Paul) Hester; step-daughters: Sherie Nelson (Kent Aulner), and Kristi (Ron) League; sister, Delores (Dallas) Roadifer of Rapid City; half-sisters: Rita Peterson, Phyllis (Hugh) Luark, and Cindy (Richard) Kennedy, all from Yankton; half-brothers: William (Sally) Bertalot Jr., Denny Bertalot, and Charles Bertalot, all from Rapid City, Donny Bertalot and Marvin Peterson of Belle Fourche, Kenny (Angie) Bertalot of Gillette, Wyoming, Terry (Marlena) Bertalot of Denver, Colorado, Gerald Peterson of Yankton and Richard (Linda) Peterson of Las Vegas,

Nevada; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Leroy and half-brothers Jerry Bertalot, Johnny Bertalot and Danny Bertalot. **Yankton Press & Dakotan August 22, 2014**

Vicki Foster

Vicki Ann Knutson Foster, 51, went home on August 18, 2014 at the banner Thunderbird Medical Hospital in Glendale, Arizona, from complications from Schleroderma.

Vicki was born in Misawa, Japan, on July 30, 1963 to Rose (Morris) Gallegos and Henry (Hank) Knutson.

Survivors include her husband Russell, daughter Shawna Karano, grandsons, Bradley, Ryan and Taytem, Rapid City, S.D., daughter Kelli and son Mikol Foster, Peoria, AZ, Aunts, Nancy J Cheever, Paulette Sines, Kokomo, Indiana, Judy A Evans, Michigantown, Indiana, Mary Ann Kressy,



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Morgan Hill, CA, Uncle Ray Knutson, Hartington, NE, Sister Sheryl Melton, Brother Bruce Sprinkle, Kokomo, Indiana, Mother In Law Norma Foster, Wynot, Nebraska, Sister In Laws Connie Otteman, Fremont, NE, Audrey (Dan) Pinkelman, St Helena, NE, Wanda (Duane) Kruse, Rockwell, IA, Laurie (Don) Schulte, Hartington, NE, Claudia (Greg) Hite, Yankton, SD, Brother In Law Larry (Marilyn) Foster, South Sioux City, NE, many nieces and nephews and friends.

Vicki has decided to donate her body to science so that she may help others with her disease.

She was preceded in

death by a son, Robert (Bobby), Father, Henry (Hank), Mother Rose, Father-in-Law Glenn Foster and her Grandparents.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Nebraska.

Cards may be sent to: Russell Foster, 11000 N. 91st Ave., #54, Peoria, AZ 85345. She will be greatly missed.

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Clayton Schroeder

Clayton Dale Schroeder, 88, of Laurel, Nebraska, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014, at Hillcrest Care Center in Laurel.

Funeral services are at

10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Laurel with Pastor William Engebretsen officiating. Burial will be in the Laurel Cemetery.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Laurel with a time of remembrance at 7 p.m. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the funeral at church.

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

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

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