

### S.D. Tribe Buys 40 Acres Of Land In Black Hills

RAPID CITY (AP) — The Rosebud Sioux Tribe has bought 40 acres of land in western South Dakota's Black Hills in an auction that was made necessary when a first attempt ended in confusion and a non-sale.

Pennington County auctioned off the remote land west of Deerfield Lake last month but the sale was nullified because the high bidder mistakenly thought he was paying \$2,550 for the entire parcel, not per acre. A second auction was held Tuesday, and the tribe was the high bidder, paying more than \$144,000 for the land.

The tribe will pay a total of \$158,410 with fees factored in. The purchase comes just days after a consortium of tribes raised \$9 million to buy land in the Black Hills that they consider sacred.

### State Allowing Company To Explore For Gold

PIERRE (AP) — State environmental officials are approving the exploration for gold and other minerals at two sites in the northern Black Hills.

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources is allowing VMC LLC to explore in an area about 6 miles west of Lead (LEED) near Savoy and another area about one mile northeast near Ragged Top Mountain.

The exploration includes the use of existing trails, construction of just over 2 miles of new trails, the drilling of up to 100 test holes to a maximum depth of 100 feet and trenching for surface samples. Blasting may be required in some areas to allow for trenching.

The company has posted a \$20,000 reclamation bond for the exploration project. That's the maximum allowed by state law.

### S.D. Man Sentenced In Baseball Bat Killing

PINE RIDGE (AP) — A Pine Ridge man accused of using a baseball bat to beat another man to death after the two had argued has been sentenced to more than five years in federal prison.

Thirty-one-year-old Antoine Bissonette Jr. was sentenced to 63 months behind bars to be followed by three years of supervised release. U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says restitution will be determined later.

Bissonette initially faced a second-degree murder charge in the Feb. 12 death of Daniel Bad Milk near Pine Ridge. He pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in May.

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establish a relationship with a veterinarian and have pets checked on a regular basis.

"Then the veterinarian is sort of familiar with the animal and is more likely to see them when it is an emergency," she said.

What is more troubling, Saunders said, is that many veterinarians and clinics will not take emergency cases after hours, even with regular clients.

"If the ones that say they see emergencies don't want to see you, then you're really stuck," she said.

Saunders said it is important for pet owners to speak with veterinarians about such scenarios.

"What you need is to work out a relationship with your vet and find out in advance if they are going to answer the phone and talk to you after hours," she said.

"And if they are not, you need to find out who you need to call."

If all else fails, Saunders said

the pet owner will likely need to find emergency veterinary care outside the area, but it is important to make sure the help they need will be available before making the trip.

"If it is that much of an emergency that they are going out of town, they need to contact a veterinarian or veterinary hospital that has X-ray equipment and can get blood work done," she said. "Otherwise, all you are doing is paying to have your animal sit there, and you're either going to have to take them somewhere else, or you're going to have to wait a day or two."

While these tips are always important to follow, Saunders said they become even more important during this time of year, as many veterinarians will be on vacation.

"With the holidays coming up, people need to check with their vets to see if they are going to be around, and if not, they need to know who they should contact if they need somebody," she said.

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## Johnson

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caused by arteriovenous malformation, a condition that causes arteries and veins in the brain to grow abnormally large, become tangled and sometimes burst.

South Dakota Democratic Party Chairman Ben Nesselhuf said he never thought Johnson's remarks last week meant he was certain to seek re-election, but De-

mocrats for now are looking at Johnson as their 2014 Senate candidate.

"Until he tells me otherwise, he's my guy. I have every reason to believe he would run just one heck of a campaign," Nesselhuf said.

But if Johnson decides to retire, Democrats will find other strong candidates for the Senate seat, Nesselhuf said. Former Democratic Rep. Stephanie Herseht Sandlin and the senator's own son, U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson, have been mentioned as possible candidates.

# Mother Of Missing Nebraska College Student Sues

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OMAHA, Neb. — The mother of a missing Peru State College student is suing the college, local and state governments and the man suspected in the woman's disappearance.

Tyler "Ty" Thomas was 19 when she disappeared two years ago, having last been seen after midnight on Dec. 3, 2010, walking alone on campus after leaving a party.

In a lawsuit filed in Nebraska's federal court on Monday, Thomas' family members say they believe she is dead and plan to prove in court that she died at the hands of a suspect in her disappearance, 31-year-old Joshua Keadle.

"Tyler Thomas was the victim of an assault, abduction and killed as a student while attending Peru State College campus..." an attorney for LaTanya Thomas, Timothy Ashford, wrote in the lawsuit.

Keadle, originally from Swansea, S.C., has not been charged in Thomas' disappearance, but authorities questioned him extensively when she went missing. Investigators have

said Keadle told them he and Thomas had sex in Keadle's vehicle and then got into an argument in which Thomas threatened to report that Keadle had raped her. Keadle said he returned to his dorm room and took a shower to wash off any physical evidence of their encounter, according to court documents filed by Nemaha County Sheriff's officials.

Authorities have said they believe Keadle is the last person to see Thomas alive.

Keadle, who is currently serving a 15- to 20-year prison sentence for the 2008 rape of 15-year-old Fremont girl, was also accused of sexually assaulting another Peru State College student in 2010, but prosecutors dropped the charges saying they would have had a hard time getting a conviction.

The lawsuit blames the college and local and state officials for neglecting to protect Thomas from what family members believe was an attack that killed her.

Although the rape charges hadn't been filed at the time of Thomas' disappearance, Keadle had several lesser brushes with the law on his record.

"Defendant Peru State College assigned

Keadle, who was an older male student, to the same floor and a few doors away from freshman Tyler Thomas in the housing unit," the lawsuit says. The college "admitted Keadle as a student when they knew that Keadle had criminal propensities, a criminal background and had trouble prior to their admission of Keadle to the college and his assignment to the housing unit."

Nebraska prison officials said Wednesday that Keadle declined a request by The Associated Press for comment. An attorney for Keadle in his Nebraska criminal cases declined to comment and said he would not be representing Keadle in the lawsuit.

The lawsuit seeks more than \$1,600 in student loans Thomas had incurred that her parents are being compelled to repay, as well as unspecified damages for Thomas' and her family's pain and suffering.

Spokeswomen for Peru State College, the city of Auburn and the Nebraska Attorney General's office declined to comment Wednesday on the lawsuit. Ashford, LaTanya Thomas' lawyer, did not immediately return messages left Wednesday seeking comment.

## South Dakota 4-H To Require Animal DNA Tests

MITCHELL (AP) — South Dakota 4-H is implementing an animal DNA testing requirement for South Dakota State Fair livestock competitions in the wake of an alleged cheating scandal last year.

DNA samples will be taken from 4-H members' animals during county livestock weigh-ins in the coming months, ahead of the 2013 State Fair next summer, according to The Daily Republic newspaper. All grand and reserve champions at the fair, along with division champions and reserves, will be tested to ensure their DNA matches the samples taken at county events.

The rule aims to prevent cheating and protect the in-

tegrity of 4-H competitions, said Rod Geppert, South Dakota 4-H Livestock Show Management Coordinator. 4-H organizations in several other states already require DNA testing, along with some national competitions affiliated with 4-H and also FFA, he said.

South Dakota 4-H has considered implementing DNA testing for years and a court battle stemming from a scandal last year "put us over the edge to do it," Geppert said.

Bayley Kroupa, 16, of White Lake, was banned from 4-H competition in October 2011 for allegedly showing a pig at the 2011 South Dakota State Fair that she

did not take care of during the project season and that had been previously entered in a competition at the Missouri State Fair — a violation of the 4-H code of ethics.

The Kroupa family denies the accusation. Bayley's father, Greg Kroupa, sued the state 4-H office and several 4-H officials, including Geppert, alleging Bayley was denied due process and seeking hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Judge Karen Schreier in July issued a preliminary injunction barring 4-H officials from interfering with Bayley's participation in its competitions. 4-H appealed to the U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of

Appeals in August, arguing that allowing Bayley to compete would tarnish 4-H's reputation and integrity. Schreier denied a 4-H request to suspend her injunction until the appeal is decided. Both parties submitted briefs to the appellate court last month.

"If we had this (DNA testing) in place, we could have had some checks and put the story to rest right from the get-go," Geppert said of the lawsuit.

A lot of money can ride on 4-H competitions. Bayley Kroupa showed a steer that was named grand champion of the North American International Livestock Expo in November. The steer sold for \$21,000.

## OBITUARIES

### Dorothy Brandt

The funeral service for Dorothy D. Brandt, 85 of Avon will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 8, 2012 at Zion Lutheran Church in Avon, with burial in the church cemetery, rural Avon.

Visitation will be at the church Friday from 5 to 7 with the family present, and followed by a 7 p.m. prayer service.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home of Avon is in charge of the arrangements.

Dorothy Darlene Brandt, daughter of Gotthold and Marie (Steinhauer) Schulz, was born December 4, 1927 on a farm near Hurley, SD in Turner County. She died Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. Dorothy attained the age of 85 years.

Dorothy was baptized on December 11, 1927 and confirmed on August 10, 1941. Dorothy graduated from Parker High School in 1945. She attended Concordia Teachers' College in Seward, NE for two years and earned her teaching certificate. Dorothy taught at the Zion Lutheran Parochial School in Avon and later taught kindergarten at Avon Public School. She also sold Avon products



Brandt

for many years and worked at the Community Action Program in Lake Andes for several years.

Dorothy married Alvin E. Brandt at the Zion Lutheran Church in Hurley on October 17, 1948. Together they farmed in the Avon area and raised three children. They moved into Avon in November of 2005. Alvin died November 27, 2011.

Dorothy was a faithful member of the Zion Lutheran Church and LWML in Avon. She taught Sunday School and served as the church organist for over 60 years. Dorothy also was a board member of Meadow View Manor in Avon.

Dorothy will be remembered for her love of spending time with her family, baking, cooking, doing crafts and making and sending cards.

Thankful for having shared her life are her daughter, Diane Boheman and husband John of Sioux Falls; son, Arlen and wife Sharon of Emery; four grandchildren; two step grandchildren; two great grandchildren; eight step great grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Betty Scherer of Sioux Falls; and many relatives and friends.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband; her son Ronald on December 20, 1979; parents; and her in-laws: Rosella and Lester Powers and Bertha and Homer Timmens.

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### Deanne Maruska

A memorial service for Deanne C. Maruska, 68, of Mission, Texas and formerly of Scotland will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 7 at the United Methodist Church in Scotland with Rev. Tom Petersen officiating. Organist will be Glee Deutscher. Inurnment will follow in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland.

She died Nov. 14, 2012, in McAllen, Texas.

Online condolences may be sent at [www.goglinfh.com](http://www.goglinfh.com).

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