

## Marion

# Monday Standoff Ends With Arrest

From P&D and AP Reports

SIoux FALLS — A man who led multiple law enforcement agencies on a high-speed, three-county chase before holing up in his grandmother's southeastern South Dakota home was taken into custody Monday night, a sheriff said.

Turner County Sheriff Byron Nogelmeier said the 32-year-old suspect, identified as Jonathan Mandler, 32, was arrested at the Marion home and transported to the state penitentiary in Sioux Falls, according to the *Argus Leader*. SWAT officers shot pepper spray into the house before capturing him, the newspaper reported.

"It was a long day of negotiations and sooner or later, you have to do something," Nogelmeier said. "Obviously, things changed once he released the hostages and he was in the house alone."

Mandler had allowed his grandmother to leave the home Monday morning, but he kept a 15-year-old female relative with him for more than seven hours — until about 4:30 p.m. The teen was released unharmed.

The suspect had told officers he was armed, but it wasn't immediately clear if a weapon was found at the scene or what charges he could face.

The drama began around 8 p.m. Sunday in

Sioux Falls when members of the Division of Criminal Investigations tried to pull over the man on suspicion he absconded parole. Instead of stopping, the suspect flooded it, police said. City officers backed off quickly, officials say, because the man was driving erratically and putting other motorists at risk.

But soon after, Lincoln County deputies took over the pursuit, which ended in Marion, a small town of fewer than 1,000 residents about an hour from Sioux Falls.

The deputies lost track of the man and had called off the search. Police received a phone call at 9 a.m. from the suspect's mother, saying he was hiding out in his grandmother's home.

# Groups Help Family Of 3 Children Killed In Fire

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Two groups are seeking donations to help the parents of three children killed in a weekend fire in Sioux Falls, while officials continue to investigate the cause of the blaze.

A preliminary report could be released later this week, Sioux Falls Fire Marshal Dean Lanier told the *Argus Leader*.

The fire early Saturday killed Michael Hensley, 16; Savannah Coon, 12; and Alivia Coon, 6.

The children were in the house

with their mother and stepfather when the fire was reported shortly before 8 a.m. The parents, Rhiannon and David White, escaped by leaping to the ground from a second-floor window.

Fire Chief Jim Sideras said the three children were found in an upstairs bedroom. He said he did not know whether they were sleeping in the same room or gathered there when the fire started.

"We don't know exactly yet the

cause of death," Sideras said. "We assume it is smoke inhalation."

Lanier said investigators would have to go back to the site to check the structure, conduct more interviews with survivors and any witnesses and review video taken by cameras on police cruisers before a preliminary report is done.

Celebrate Community Church and Dakota Spirit, a cheerleading club, are taking donations to help with funeral costs for the children. Dakota Spirit set up an account at

First Bank and Trust in Sioux Falls in memory of Alivia, who was a member of the Fire Crackers cheer squad.

Cheerleaders plan to honor Alivia and her family in late January by wearing specially made hair bows during a cheer competition at the Sioux Falls Convention Center, director Robin Fritsch said. The bows will be available to the public for a freewill donation, Fritsch said.

## OBITUARIES

### Aneta Hicks

Aneta Hicks, age 77, of Yankton, South Dakota died Friday, December 14, 2012 at her residence.

Memorial services are 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 28, 2012 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton with Reverend David Lund officiating. Inurnment will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 27, 2012 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton.

Pallbearers are Jerad Hicks, Jeremy Hicks and Gene Pluth.

Aneta was born June 21, 1935 in rural Volin, South Dakota to



Hicks

Clarence and Edna (Nielsen) Nelson. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Aneta grew up in the Irene area, attending country schools, and graduating from Irene High School in 1953. On January 15, 1956, Aneta married Jerry Hicks at the Turkey Valley Lutheran Church in rural Irene. They first lived in Sioux Falls where Aneta worked for a photographer. Then after moving to Yankton, she worked for a State Farm Insurance Agent. Jerry and Aneta became owners of Kaiser Appliance and Refrigeration. She

was also employed by Yankton County as a secretary for the County Extension Agents for 24 years. Aneta was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton. She enjoyed painting, crafts and doing genealogy. She also loved spending time at their vacation home in the Black Hills with her family.

Aneta is survived by her two sons, Dale (Wendy) Hicks of Louisiana and David (Diana) Hicks of Gayville; four grandchildren: Carrie (Paul) Spalding, Teri (Chris) Fall, Jeremy Hicks (Jenna Schroeder) and Jerad Hicks; three great grandchildren: MaKenna and Ethan Fall and Allyana Hicks; mother, Edna Nelson of Irene; two sisters, Carolee (Len) Faanes of California

and Doris Mickelson of Sioux Falls; and several nieces and nephews.

Aneta was preceded in death by her father, Clarence Nelson and husband, Jerry Hicks on March 10, 1997.

To send an online sympathy message, please visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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### Agnes Litz

Agnes Loraine Litz, age 84 of Hartington, Nebraska died on Sunday, December 23, 2012 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington with her husband Jerome holding her hand.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, December 27, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with the Rev. Jeffrey Loseke officiating. A private inurnment will be at St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington at a later date.

Friends may view Agnes on Wednesday from 4-8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home. The family will be present from 6-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Visitation will continue on Thursday at church one hour prior to services.

Agnes Loraine Litz was born on February 6, 1928 northeast of Crofton, Nebraska to Peter Edward and Rose Theresa (Haas) Feldhacker. She graduated from Holy Trinity High School in Hartington in 1946 and then spent two years working in Omaha at Mutual of Omaha. Upon her re-



Litz

turn to Hartington, Agnes worked for several employers: The Bank of Hartington, the ACS Office, Dr. Paul Lammers, Holy Trinity School, and the Hartington Nursing Home, first as an aide and then as an exemplary bookkeeper. Her last employer before retirement was the Cedar County News.

Agnes married Jerome B. Litz on May 14, 1952, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Fordyce, NE. They lived their entire married life in Hartington and had six daughters in eleven years. Her faith was vital to Agnes and she passed that faith on to her daughters. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Christian Mothers, the CD of A, the Guild, and the Ministry of Praise. In addition to her church activities, Agnes belonged to Extension and card club. She loved to play cards with friends and with her grandchildren. She was an accomplished seamstress, baker,

gardener, and bowler. Agnes was a Hospice volunteer and also volunteered at Head Start. Agnes and Jerry served on the volunteer ambulance crew for four years. After retirement, Agnes and Jerry spent many winters in Mesa, AZ, enjoying the warmth and avoiding the Nebraska cold and snow.

Agnes loved to dance and took dance lessons while living in Omaha. She and Jerry could dance to any music and spent several years square dancing with a club. She was a joy to watch on the dance floor.

Along with music, education was very important to Agnes. She insisted that her girls take music lessons and go to college, which all did. Agnes taught by example and had a rigorous work ethic, which she instilled in her daughters.

Agnes is survived by her husband Jerome of 60 years, six daughters and their spouses, Susan and Dr. Marc Kurzbard of Anaheim, CA, Vicky and Tom Wieseler of Mt. Vernon, IA, Peggy and Dr. Jim Concannon of Pleasant Prairie, WI, Heidi and Britt Rosane of Nebraska City, NE,

Judy and Dave Altmaier of Apple Valley, MN, Jennifer and Jay Haberer of Crofton, NE; 17 grandchildren; six great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her eleven half-siblings, and her full siblings Clarence Feldhacker, Leona Vavrick, Leonard Feldhacker, Christine Meyer, LaVern Feldhacker, and Elizabeth (Elsie) Haberer.

A special thank you to the devoted staff of the memory unit at the Golden Living Center in Hartington who took such loving care of Agnes, and to the Hospice staff.

Agnes was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

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### Dolores Foxhoven

Dolores M. Foxhoven, 87, of Yankton died Dec. 23, 2012, at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

A Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in St. Rose of Lima Cemetery in Crofton, Neb.

Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Friday at

Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with a rosary and vigil service at 7 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the Mass at Church on Saturday.

To post an online sympathy message, visit [wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

### Nancy Robinson

VERMILLION — Nancy Leigh Robinson, 55, of Vermillion died Sunday evening, Dec. 23, 2012, in

her home with her husband and children at her bedside.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at Grace Baptist Church, Vermillion, with Pastor Steve Ford officiating. Burial will follow in

Bluffview Cemetery Vermillion. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Thursday with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m. at the church.

For obituary and online condolences, visit [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com).

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### Repeat Speeding Could Cost Drivers Licenses

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A Sioux Falls lawmaker says he will likely ask the South Dakota Legislature to pass a measure that would mean drivers who repeatedly speed could lose their licenses.

South Dakota drivers now can lose their licenses if they accumulate too many points for moving violations that include drunken driving, reckless driving, eluding police or running a stop sign or red light. But no points are assessed for speeding.

Rep. Steve Hickey of Sioux Falls tells the *Argus Leader* he is likely to introduce a bill that would give drivers between one and three points for each speeding offense. It takes 15 points in 12 months or 22 points in 24 months before a license is suspended.

A similar bill was rejected by the South Dakota House last year.

### Name Of Omaha Stabbing Victim Released

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Authorities have released the name of a man who was fatally stabbed at a residence in northeast Omaha. Omaha police identified him as 42-year-old Milton Thomas, of Omaha. Officers who were sent to the residence just after 5:45 p.m. Monday found the bleeding Milton. Police say Milton died later at an Omaha hospital.

Other details about the stabbing haven't been released. No arrests have been reported.

### 8 Remain Jailed In Norfolk After Incident

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — Eight Norfolk residents suspected of breaking into an apartment and assaulting a man and woman remain in custody.

Norfolk Police Capt. Michael Bauer told radio station WJAG that the break-in occurred on the west side of Norfolk about 6 p.m. Friday. He said several people entered the apartment, and the male victim stabbed one of the assailants in self-defense.

Bauer said several children were present when the assault occurred and were less than five feet away from a window that was broken to gain access.

The eight people arrested range in age from 18 to 24. All are accused of strangulation, burglary and child abuse.

All remained at the Madison County Jail on Tuesday. A jailer said none of the suspects have an attorney listed in jail records.

### Man Indicted On 36 Sex-Related Offenses

HURON (AP) — A Huron man has been indicted on three dozen counts of sex-related offenses, including charges of rape and incest.

Sixty-five-year-old John Rose is charged with eight counts of first-degree rape, eight counts of sexual contact with a child under age 16, eight counts of aggravated incest and 12 counts of possession or manufacture of child pornography.

The *Plainsman* newspaper reports that Rose is free from custody after posting bond. He was indicted by a Beadle County grand jury as the result of an ongoing investigation conducted by the Huron Police Department and the state Division of Criminal Investigation.

Rose's next court appearance is set for Jan. 15.

### Longtime S.D. Sheriff And Wife Retiring

HAYTI (AP) — Hamlin County Sheriff Dan Mack is retiring after 33 years as sheriff of the eastern South Dakota county.

Also retiring is Mack's wife, Louise, who has been office manager for the sheriff's department for 32 years.

The couple will both work part-time as bus drivers. But they tell KERO-TV they will try their best to enjoy their free time after working so long for the county.

The county's chief deputy is lining up interviews to keep the sheriff's office fully staffed.

Voters first elected Mack sheriff when he was 33 years old. He only faced a challenger in an election three times since then.

### Lincoln Arena's Lot To Be Used For Festivals

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A 1,400-space parking lot being built for the new Pinnacle Bank Arena on the west side of Lincoln will serve double duty as space for city festivals and other large outdoor events.

Arena coordinator Dan Marvin told the *Lincoln Journal Star* that the space will cost about \$5.1 million. It is designed to accommodate a stage on the southern edge of the lot. The stage would face north to a natural amphitheater that could hold 20,000 to 30,000 people.

Marvin said there has been a shortage of space for big festivals in Lincoln. The city has been closing off downtown streets for major events, but converting the parking lot into festival space will allow it to keep the roads open.

Among events that could use the space are Ribfest, Celebrate Lincoln and some car shows. Tailgaters also are expected to use the area before University of Nebraska football games.

The parking lot will have permanent transformers to provide electricity for small events. Bands will be required to bring in generators for large concerts.

### Allen Band Will Perform At Bowl In Atlanta

ALLEN, Neb. (AP) — A high school band from northeast Nebraska is scheduled to leave Thursday on a trip to the Chick-fil-A Bowl in Atlanta.

The 52 band members from Allen Consolidated Schools and 11 adult sponsors will travel on a bus and three vans to competitions and performances connected to Sunday's game.

Band director Richard Lacy told the *Norfolk Daily News* that band members and community raised the \$42,000 needed for the trip.

The band will march in the Chick-fil-A Bowl Parade, be involved in the pregame and halftime performances and visit a number of Atlanta tourist attractions.

The Allen school has 52 of its 66 students participating in band.

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