

### Woman Shot, Killed In Omaha Home

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Police say a 41-year-old woman was shot and killed inside a home in northeast Omaha this weekend, and a suspect has been arrested. The shooting happened Saturday around 4:45 p.m. Police say Dawn Truman was shot and killed inside the house, but it wasn't immediately clear if the woman lived there. Truman was deceased when officers arrived. Her death was Omaha's 43rd homicide in 2013. Officer Michael Pecha says investigators obtained an arrest warrant Sunday for Latoya Ross. The 30-year-old woman was arrested Sunday afternoon on suspicion of first-degree murder and weapons charges.

### Neb. Deer Program Feeding The Hungry

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A state program that pays Nebraska meat processors to prepare donated deer meat is making progress in feeding the hungry. The Hunters Helping the Hungry program has received 236 deer so far this year, in the midst of hunting seasons. Last year, hunters donated 213 deer. Processors prepare the meat and distribute it in two-pound bags through a network of regional community groups. The meat ends up in local food pantries to help feed needy families. The program is funded by donations. Teresa Lombard, who oversees the program for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, says the effort still has money this year to pay for deer processing. The program got off to a slow start in 2012 because of a disease outbreak that cut into eastern Nebraska's deer population.

### RC Store Closed Since Blizzard Reopens

RAPID CITY (AP) — A Rapid City store that closed due to damage from the October blizzard has reopened. KOTA television reports that Knecht Home Center opened Friday in time for the holiday shopping season. The store lost more than \$400,000 in inventory when the roof collapsed during the storm, causing major water damage. General Manager Bryan Rice says he is thankful for the community's support and glad the location is up and running again. Rice says there is still some construction going on and everything will be done in two weeks.

# DC Talks Are Key For SD

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Thune

WASHINGTON — South Dakota has a lot on the line in Congress as the year comes to a close. House and Senate negotiators are trying to wrap up a farm bill that could provide much-needed relief to ranchers and protections to farmers. And another House-Senate committee is trying to hammer out a compromise on a water bill that would have wide-reaching effects in the state. The Senate is also considering a defense authorization bill that would fund the type of long-range bombers that are based at Ellsworth Air Force Base. "Everything we're dealing with has pretty significant consequence right now," said Sen. John Thune, R-S.D. At the top of the list is the farm bill, where negotiators have struggled to blend a House version that sharply cuts food stamp funding and a Senate version that doesn't. The bill contains dozens of elements that could affect South Dakota. But the delegation is perhaps most concerned about restoring federal support to livestock operations as ranchers try to recover from the October blizzard that

killed thousands of livestock. Because there is no farm bill in place, ranchers have received no federal funds. Thune said he is more optimistic than he was that negotiators can thrash out an agreement before Christmas.

"If we don't get something done by the end of the year, it puts a lot at risk," Thune said. "My sense is that, with the differences, it's fixable." Thune's House colleague, GOP Rep. Kristi Noem, shares his belief that an agreement can be reached before the end of the year. Noem is on the team negotiating an agreement. Over the next month, South Dakota lawmakers will be closely tracking two other large bills — the defense authorization bill, which the Senate is considering, and the water bill negotiations between the House and the Senate. Thune said he viewed a vote for the defense authorization bill as a vote of support for Ellsworth. "That is something we've been working on for a very long time," he said. Noem said she is also proud of provi-

sions in the bill she has worked on that would address sex offenses committed by service members. That includes language that would provide better, more timely information to military commanders and another provision for more training on the issue. The water bill could also have a big impact on South Dakota. Lawmakers are pushing for a provision that would require earlier notification from the Army Corps of Engineers if they plan to release water in the event of a flood, and another provision that would stop the Corps from charging some South Dakota residents for access to water. Both are the subject of negotiations. The congressional delegation expects to be busy the rest of the year beyond just the legislation in negotiation. Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson, as chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, is playing an important role as Congress considers passing new sanctions against Iran. Thune said he is deeply engaged in budget negotiations and studying the issue of tax reform for next year. Noem said she will continue to push legislation she has introduced that deals with child trafficking.

## Fall Blizzard Still Hurting Neb., SD Ranchers

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The October blizzard that killed thousands of cattle in northwest Nebraska and southwest South Dakota will have a lasting impact in the region, agriculture officials said. Dawes County extension educator Scott Cotton told the Lincoln Journal Star the blizzard had a bigger impact because it followed a summer of

drought and last year's wildfires. "It could be a real landscape changer," Cotton said. About 3,000 animals in Nebraska and 15,500 in South Dakota are estimated to have died because of the blizzard. The early October winter storm dumped almost 4 feet of snow on parts of the western Plains. Many animals died be-

cause they hadn't yet developed winter coats, and some herds squeezed down into ravines or against fences, where they froze or suffocated in massive snow drifts. Cotton said ranchers must wait for Congress to approve a new farm bill before they can receive any significant aid. Under the previous farm bill, ranchers were eligible for pay-

ments of up to 70 percent of their losses in similar circumstances. Cotton said about 80 ranching families suffered major losses in the blizzard, and about 200 families were affected in some way. He says that represents a significant portion of the ranchers in Sioux and Dawes counties.

### OBITUARIES

#### Marilyn Voudry

Marilyn Jean Voudry, 74, of Vermillion, South Dakota, passed away at Sanford Heart Hospital of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on November 29, 2013. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at the Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion with Rev. Elmer Aakre officiating. Visitation will take place prior to the service beginning at 8:00 a.m. Burial will take place immediately following the service at the Elk Point Cemetery in Elk Point, South Dakota. A luncheon will be held at the Eagles Club in Vermillion following the burial. Marilyn was born on January 23, 1939, in Elk Point to Harold and Dorothy (Ferdig) Bryan. Marilyn grew up in Elk Point and attended Elk Point High School. On April 11, 1959, she married the love of her life Clarence Voudry. She worked frequently as a child care provider from her home and raising and caring for children seemed to be a calling for her. She was considered the caretaker and central hub for her family. She loved her grandchildren and she enjoyed yearly trips to worlds of fun with all of her family, a tradition she began in 1975. In her free time she enjoyed gardening, both inside and outside, as she loved the game Farmville. She also loved the music of Elvis. She is survived by her husband, Clarence Voudry; her children, Danny Voudry of Vermillion, Shery (Bob) Budihias of Mission Hill, South Dakota, Kathy Voudry of Merritt Island, Florida, Mark Voudry of Vermillion, and Marsha Voudry of Burbank, South Dakota; her brothers, Truman (Linda) Bryan of Buna, Texas, and Merlin Bryan of Elk Point; fourteen grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Dorothy Bryan; and her brother, Arlin Bryan. Services have been entrusted to the Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion. Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan December 2, 2013



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Opsahl officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery, Yankton. Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

#### Lyle Flint

Lyle Flint, 87, died November 29, 2013 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Viborg. Services will be held on Wednesday at 1:30 pm at the First Baptist Church in Viborg. Visitation is Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. with a Masonic Service and a Prayer Service starting at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Lyle Calvin Flint was born January 17, 1926 to Ole and Martina (Henningson) Flint. He attended country school and helped on the family farm. He served in the US Army during WWII in Germany from 1945 to 1947. He was trained to fire all small arms weapons and served as rifle guard. Lyle married Doris Hokenstad of Parker in the United Methodist Church on May 27, 1956. Lyle and Doris farmed in the Hurley-Viborg area. Lyle loved horseback riding, milking cows and raising sheep and border collies. He liked sketching horses as a young boy and later painted many pictures of horses, buffalo and wildlife. He admired many sunsets and painted them in his mind to put in his paintings. He was a 60 year member of the Masonic Lodge. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers Orville and Merle, 1 sister Evelyn Sorensen and a granddaughter Chyenne. Lyle is survived by his wife Doris of 57 years of Viborg; 2 sons Rex (Connie) of



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#### Lorraine Sternhagen

Lorraine C. Sternhagen, age 95 of Scotland, SD passed away Saturday, November 30, 2013 at the Good Samaritan Society of Scotland, SD. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, with Rev. Joe Forcelle officiating and Msgr. Carlton Herman concelebrating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Monday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, with a Wake service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the memorial chapel. Pallbearers will be her Grandchildren and their spouses: Ashley (Dustin) Taylor of Vermillion, SD



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(also dog Bella), Kelley Sternhagen of Portland OR, Timothy Sternhagen of Scotland, SD, Alicia (Brandon) Clocksene of Groton, SD Jeremiah (Ann) Varilek of Sioux Falls, SD. Honorary Pallbearers will be her God Children: Marilyn (Goeden) Dolezal of Bertha, MN, William "Bill" Goeden of Verdale, MN, Jeff Sedlacek of Tripp, SD, Jared Sedlacek of Tripp, SD, Alvin Sternhagen of Tabor, SD, Fern Marie (Sternhagen) Meyers of Council Bluffs, IA, James Sternhagen of Yankton, SD, Agnes (Sternhagen) Kerr of Brighton, CO, Robert Vacek of Sioux Falls, SD, Patricia (Vacek) Arenson of Arlington, TX, Linda Vacek of Memphis, TN, Rita Vacek of Lake Andes, SD.

Lorraine Cecelia (Reynolds) Sternhagen was born to Harry & Frances (Murtha) Reynolds September 25, 1918 in Miles City, Montana. When she was 3 years old the family moved to a farm in the Tyndall area. She attended eight years of elementary school at Beadle country school and graduated from High School at Elk Point, SD in 1936 while living with maternal grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Charles Murtha. She was united in marriage to Fred Sternhagen of rural Scotland on October 1, 1940 at St. Leo's Catholic Church, Tyndall, SD. They farmed south of Scotland until Fred's death in 1994. Two sons were born to Fred and Lorraine Sternhagen; Edward, who died in infancy and Steven. Lorraine enjoyed family, friends, baking, sewing, crocheting, playing cards, and crossword puzzles. She was

also a masterful checker player. She was preceded her in death by her husband, parents, a sister (Faye), a brother (Dale) and infant son (Edward). Surviving are one son; Steven and wife Nancy Sternhagen, Scotland, grandchildren; Ashley (Dustin) Taylor Vermillion, SD, Kelley Sternhagen, Portland, OR and Timothy Sternhagen, Scotland, and Jeremiah "Jake" Varilek (Ann), Sioux Falls, SD and Alicia (Brandon) Clocksene, Kira and Logan, Groton, SD, one brother Don (Mary Jo) Reynolds, Springfield, OH, many nieces and nephews. Yankton Press & Dakotan December 2, 2013



Hurley and Tim (Kim) of Viborg; 2 grandchildren Jamie and Dakota; 1 sister Alice Checki of Seattle, WA; 1 sister-in-law Helen Miller of Sioux Falls; and many other relatives and friends. Register online at www.viborgfuneralhome.com/. Yankton Press & Dakotan December 2, 2013

bury Memorial Manor for many years. Morris passed away on March 8, 1992. In 1998, Elaine moved to Webster with her special friend Isadore "Sonny" Czmowski. He passed away on August 27, 2012 and Elaine moved to Viborg in October of 2012. She enjoyed dancing, sewing, traveling and spending time

with family and friends. She was preceded in death by parents, her husband, 1 infant son and 2 brothers Dale Andersen and Forrest Nordman. Elaine is survived by 3 sons Eugene (Cindy) of Laramie, WY, Randy (Leslee) of Sturgis, and Harley (Missy) of New Ritchland, MN; 1

daughter Wanda (Wayne) Kost of Viborg; 19 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters Ethel Jacobson of Hurley and Eva (Fred) Brink of Mt. Vernon; and many other relatives and friends. Register online at www.viborgfuneralhome.com/. Yankton Press & Dakotan December 2, 2013

#### Elaine Olson

Elaine Olson, 76 died November 30, 2013 at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg. Services will be held on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at Spring Valley Lutheran Church, rural Viborg. Elaine Olson was born February 25, 1937 to William and Anna (Buus) Nordman. She graduated from Lennox High School. She married Morris Olson on September 29, 1953 and they worked for the Art Thomas Carnival. They settled in Lennox and then moved to Lake Preston where she worked at Kings-

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#### Destiny Suing

Destiny Suing, 18, of Yankton died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013, at Mercy Medical Center, Sioux City, Iowa, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident earlier in the week. Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton, with the Rev. Rick Jensen and the Rev. Paul M.

Holiday Remembrance Program  
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