

Authorities ID Woman Killed In Car Crash

VOLGA (AP) — The Highway Patrol has identified an Arlington woman killed in a two-vehicle crash near Volga. Thirty-four-year-old Krista O’Riley was a passenger in a car that went out of control on U.S. Highway 14 shortly after 6 a.m. Tuesday, crossed the centerline and collided with an oncoming pickup truck. She died at the scene. The patrol says the car’s driver was taken to a Sioux Falls hospital with serious injuries that are not life-threatening. The two men in the pickup were not hurt.

Suspect Fired 3 Shots During Fatal Melee

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Police Chief Jim Peschong (peh-SHAHNG) says his officers fired eight shots and a man they were trying to arrest fired three shots during a fatal melee outside a northeast Lincoln home. *The Lincoln Journal Star* reports that Peschong expressed amazement Wednesday that the two injured officers weren’t killed. Police say Officer Matthew Gilleland was shot in an arm and Officer Angela Morehouse was punched in the Sunday evening incident. Twenty-nine-year-old Zachary Grigsby was fatally shot. Police have said Grigsby declared he wouldn’t go to jail after the officers learned he had a felony arrest warrant. He struggled with the officers and then produced a handgun.

Authorities Seek Help In Investigation

PIERRE (AP) — Authorities are asking for help in solving a 6-month old homicide case in Clay County. South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley says officers continue to search for information to assist in the investigation into the death of 29-year-old Alicia Hummel of Sioux City, Iowa. Hummel was found in the late afternoon of June 1 near the boat dock at Myron Grove, also known as the Highline Area of Clay County. An autopsy found the cause of death to be drowning, with contributing circumstances of an incised wound to the neck and blunt force injuries to the head. An anonymous reward of up to \$5,000 has been offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction of a suspect. Those with information should contact the Clay County Sheriff’s Office at 605-677-7100.

Endangered Birds Leave, NE Park Opens

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The Father Hupp Wildlife Management Area in Thayer County has been reopened now that six endangered whooping cranes have left it. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission closed the area to the public after the birds were spotted Nov. 13. They left on Tuesday. Commission spokesman Jerry Kane said the closure is standard procedure for the commission when whooping cranes are confirmed on property the agency owns or manages. The birds’ total wild population of about 300 individuals migrates through Nebraska each fall and spring between wintering sites along the Texas Gulf of Mexico coast and breeding areas in northern Alberta. They are protected by the federal Endangered Species Act and the Nebraska Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act.

Hearing On Mccahren Appeal Delayed

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota Supreme Court won’t hear the appeal of a Pierre teenager convicted of killing a classmate until next month. Justices were to hear the appeal of 18-year-old Braiden McCahren Tuesday. The hearing was postponed until Jan. 13 due to a snowstorm. McCahren’s attorney alleges judge errors in the appeal. McCahren was convicted in September 2014 of second-degree murder in the December 2012 death of 16-year-old Dalton Williams. McCahren was 16 at the time of the shooting but was tried as an adult. He was later sentenced to 15 years in prison. Authorities said the shooting happened in McCahren’s home after an argument about a paintball incident. McCahren also was convicted of aggravated assault for pointing a shotgun at another classmate and pulling the trigger. The gun didn’t fire.

4 Suspects In Assault Plead Not Guilty

RAPID CITY (AP) — Four Washington state residents charged with assaulting a South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper have pleaded not guilty to charges. Authorities say 10-year veteran Zachary Bader was assaulted Oct. 24 while making a traffic stop on Interstate 90 east of Rapid City. KEVN-TV reports that 33-year-old suspect Donald Willingham pleaded not guilty Tuesday to attempted murder, aggravated assault, and drug and weapons charges. Twenty-two-year-old Jonathan Melendez, 26-year-old Desiree Sukert and 23-year-old Chase Sukert pleaded not guilty to being accessories, along with drug and weapons counts. Authorities say they recovered more than 50 pounds of marijuana, \$33,000 in cash and a handgun after the October incident. The Rapid City Journal reports that Bader was released from a Rapid City hospital on Nov. 7 and is recovering at home.

Man Faces Murder Charge In NE Death

GERING, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say the suspect in the beating death of a 36-year-old Scottsbluff man has been charged with murder. Court documents show that the original felony assault charge against 33-year-old Christopher Murrillo has been amended to murder in the slaying of Abraham Crane. Scottsbluff police say Crane was severely beaten and kicked and found in an alley on Nov. 16. Police say Crane died on Sunday at Regional West Medical Center. Online court records don’t list the name of an attorney for Murrillo who could be contacted to comment on his behalf. Murrillo has been in custody since his arrest Nov. 24 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

\$1.7M Grant To Help Study Disorders

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A \$1.7 million grant from the Children’s Tumor Foundation is helping a Sanford Research scientist better understand a rare genetic disorder that causes tumors in the nervous system. Dr. Jill Weimer is leading a team that’s developing a new pig model for Neurofibromatosis type 1. The disease causes pigmented birth marks, growth deformities and benign tumors, a portion that can become cancerous. The grant is as part of the not-for-profit organization’s Synodos program, an integrated, multidisciplinary consortium of scientists working to develop treatments. Weimer is a scientist and director of the Children’s Health Research Center at Sanford Research. She studies nervous system development, neural development disorders and neurodegenerative diseases. Sanford Research is a non-profit research organization that’s part of Sanford Health, an integrated health system headquartered in the Dakotas.

Wreath Event To Honor Fallen Veterans

PIERRE (AP) — State officials, members of veterans associations and others are participating in a wreath-laying ceremony to honor fallen veterans during the holiday season. The Wreaths Across America ceremony will take place on Monday in Pierre. This is the South Dakota Funeral Directors Association’s 9th year of participating in the wreath-laying ceremony. Featured speakers include Gov. Dennis Daugaard and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, who is adjutant general of the South Dakota National Guard. The association is encouraging the public to join the event and pay tribute to the fallen soldiers.

Investors Sue State Over Failed Beef Plant Investment

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SIoux FALLS — Thirty-five foreign investors who sunk a collective \$18.5 million into a failed South Dakota beef processing plant sued the state on Wednesday, alleging that officials misrepresented that the project was financially sound. The investors’ lawsuit claims that Northern Beef Packers in Aberdeen did not have adequate financing to generate revenue or support additional financing and was already plagued by years of delays. It seeks to recover the \$18.5 million invested into the plant. “The project did not have any favorable or competitive position and did not have sufficient capital to commence operations and generate revenue,” the lawsuit said. Sioux Falls attorney Steven Sandven filed the suit in Hughes County circuit court against the state’s economic development arm and SD Investment Fund LLC 6, the fund created for the investment. Also named are SDRC Inc., the private company that helped solicit foreign investors and its director Joop Bollen.

Bollen declined to speak to *The Associated Press* on Wednesday. Tony Venhuizen, spokesman for Gov. Dennis Daugaard, said the state had not yet been served with the lawsuit but does not comment on pending litigation. The failed Northern Beef Packers plant had homegrown roots. In 2006, Aberdeen livestock businessman Dennis Hellwig became its largest investor in response to a state initiative that hoped to get ranchers premium prices by allowing consumers to track animals from birth to slaughter. But when local financing tightened up, the plant opted to look for investors through the federal EB-5 immigration program, which exchanges green cards for investments. Hellwig was bought out, and Northern Beef became 41 percent owned by businessman Oshik Song and dozens of Korean investors. The new owners recruited another round of 70 EB-5 investors from China, but this investment fund provided loan money instead of equity shares in the company. The plant opened on a limited basis in 2012 but struggled to ramp up production and had to lay off its

employees. Northern Beef had \$138.8 million in liabilities and just \$79.3 million in assets when it filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Wednesday’s filing is similar to an October 2011 federal lawsuit filed by four Chinese investors who said the offering memo provided by SDRC was incomplete, inaccurate and failed to disclose risks and financing difficulties. That suit was dismissed in March 2012. The new lawsuit representing 35 of the 70 Chinese investors claims that because the representations to potential investors were materially false, each was unlawfully solicited to invest \$530,000. The suit attached the confidential offering sent to investors. It said the plant would be locally owned and led by a board comprised of recognized beef industry experts and that the abundance of cattle within a 150-mile radius of Aberdeen along with corn production outpacing usage would assure competitive production cost. It also stated that the new round of financing would be mainly used to complete project construction and other operating expenses.

Cabela’s May Be Hunting For A Buyer

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OMAHA, Neb. — Cabela’s, the outdoor sporting goods chain known for its elaborate in-store wildlife displays, may be seeking a buyer. The retailer has been under pressure since late October when the investment firm Elliott Management started pushing for money-generating maneuvers from Cabela’s, possibly the sale of its credit card unit or the entire company. Elliott owns 6 percent of Cabela’s shares and holds options to buy another 5 percent. The company has been attempting to cut spending

due to weak sales and in September it laid off 70 people, eliminating about 4 percent of its corporate workforce. Cabela’s has its headquarters in Sidney, Nebraska, a town with a population of less than 7,000. Cabela’s accounts for almost a third of that number in jobs. CEO Tommy Millner said in a written statement that Cabela’s continues to honor its commitments and that it remains focused on its business. Millner, who has led Cabela’s since 2009, said the company’s board maintains faith in its current strategy, but will consider other options.

“The Board is committed to taking actions to enhance value for shareholders and believes it is an appropriate time to explore potential strategic options that may drive further value,” Millner said. Stifel analyst Jim Duffy said he thinks Cabela’s stock continues to be undervalued because the credit card unit alone is worth between \$38 and \$40 a share. Duffy said both private equity firms and competitors might be interested in buying Cabela’s. The entire retail sporting goods sector has been under pressure for some time. Shares of Dick’s Sporting Goods Inc., Hibbett Sports

Inc. and Big 5 Sporting Goods Corp. are all down between 20 percent and 35 percent over the past year. In that regard, Cabela’s has fared better. Shares of Cabela’s Inc., of which the founding family still holds a nearly 24 percent stake, are down 11 percent this year. But they’ve risen more than 18 percent in the last month on speculation of a buyout. The company was founded in 1961 when Dick Cabela started selling fishing flies through the mail from his kitchen table with his wife, Mary, and brother, Jim.

Officer Helps Save Family From Carbon Monoxide

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A Sioux Falls police officer is being credited with helping save members of a family overcome by carbon monoxide gas in their home. Michael and Marchelle Holloway and their four children ranging in age from 10 to 15 were poisoned by the potentially deadly gas Saturday morning. “I really didn’t know what was going on,” Marchelle Holloway said. “I jumped up

because I was in bed and I fell straight to the ground.” Michael Holloway was able to get one child outside, and his wife was able to call 911. Officer Ryan Chase, a 17-year veteran of the police force, responded. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that can be deadly. Chase had never encountered it before but knew immediately after arriving at the home that it was a bad situation.

“In I went and just started getting everybody out,” Chase said, adding that the gas made him “light-headed, and my skin felt tingly.” Police Chief Matt Burns said Chase went “above and beyond the call of duty” by entering the house numerous times at the risk of his own safety to help rescue the family. The Holloway family spent two hours recovering at a hospital. Michael

Holloway’s company has put the family up in a hotel for a week while repairs are made to their furnace — the source of the gas. The family also plans to buy a carbon monoxide detector. “I’ve been taught about smoke detectors, but I never, ever thought about (carbon monoxide detectors),” Marchelle Holloway said. “I would spend anything in the world for one now.”

Former Kearney Investor Indicted On Mail Fraud Charges

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A former Kearney investor has been indicted in federal court on 19 counts of wire and mail fraud. *The Kearney Hub* reports Jeffery Sikes appeared in federal court Wednesday. Court records say Sikes contacted real estate developers between Feb. 1, 2012, and Sept. 30, 2013, and falsely claimed to have tenants to rent various retail commercial properties in Kearney and Grand Island. Prosecu-

tors say he asked for fees to be paid to him by the real estate developers for finding the tenants. Sikes is also accused of requesting an investment of \$150,000 from one investor for a new company called Vanguard R and D. Court records say Sikes claimed if the investor paid the money, then Sikes would invest another \$150,000 for the potential investor. Prosecutors also say Sikes and other people

associated with Vanguard contacted representatives of a Lincoln partnership about obtaining a lease for commercial space. Court records say Sikes claimed the company planned to establish a lab space in Lincoln for research and development use, and the partnership would provide \$750,000 in financing. According to prosecutors, Sikes made false claims to investors, misused funds and used false documentation as part of his scheme.

Court records say he contacted the investors between March 1, 2012, and Aug. 27, 2013, and April 1, 2013, and July 1, 2014. *The Associated Press* left a message seeking a comment with the Federal Public Defender’s Office, which has been appointed to represent Sikes. A status hearing has been scheduled for January.

Fewer Deer To Be Killed In Rapid City Limits This Year

RAPID CITY (AP) — The combination of better habitat outside of Rapid City and ongoing efforts to control deer inside city limits likely will result in a significant reduction in the number of deer to be killed by city sharpshooters. The Rapid City Council Public Works Committee has approved the killing of 100 deer, down from 150 in each of the past two years. The City Council could give final approval on Monday. The state Game, Fish and Parks Department and Rapid City’s Parks Division recommended the reduction after doing a deer survey that indicated the number of white-tailed deer and mule deer are down. Wetter weather in recent springs has increased forage away from town. “That and the removal (program) helps to keep deer out of the city limits,” Game, Fish and Parks resource biologist Kris Cudmore told the *Rapid City Journal*. Deer in city limits can damage private property and be a hazard for motorists. Rapid City’s urban deer

harvest began in 1996-97, when 192 deer were killed. A reduction of 100 deer would be the fewest in a decade. Meat from the deer goes to food banks.

UNL Faculty Backs Gun-Free Zones

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A faculty leadership group has voted against a legislative proposal that would eliminate gun-free zones on college campuses. The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports that the Faculty Senate vote Tuesday is aimed at showing the teachers’ opposition to a proposal by state Sen. Tommy Garrett. He says he intends to introduce legislation that would remove gun-free zones in schools, churches, hospitals, sports venues and college campuses. Nebraska is one of 19 states that prohibit carrying concealed weapons on college campuses.

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