

MIDWEST DIGEST

KELO's 'Captain 11' Dies At Age 81

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Longtime KELO Television personality Dave Dedrick, also known as "Captain 11," has died.

The Sioux Falls station reports Dedrick died Friday at age 81. Dedrick was the first announcer on a television station in South Dakota. He was the station's weatherman for years and his Captain 11 program was billed as the longest-running, continuously aired children's show in the world.

Dedrick retired at the end of 1996. He was inducted into the South Dakota Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 1997.

Rare Dinosaur Turned Over To Researchers

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — A rare and nearly complete dinosaur skeleton stolen from private property in Montana and stored in an evidence locker for more than two years has been turned over to researchers.

Scientists at the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research in South Dakota say the 70-million-year-old turkey-sized predator could be a new species of raptor.

Man Sentenced For Ramming Into Cop Car

PIERRE (AP) — A Mission man has been sentenced to 14 months in prison and \$6,112 in restitution for ramming his vehicle into a tribal police car on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

The U.S. Attorney's office says 18-year-old Mark Antoine pleaded guilty in November to assaulting a federal officer.

Prosecutors say he drove his car into the police car during a high-speed pursuit.

Grants To Boost Litter Cleanup, Recycling

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska officials have awarded nearly \$1.9 million statewide for litter cleanup, recycling and public education programs and activities.

All total, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality awarded 67 grants.

The money comes from fees collected from certain manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of products that commonly create waste.

Among other things, the grant money will go toward equipment to collect and move recyclables and to organize community events to collect household hazardous waste. Several Nebraska affiliates of Keep America Beautiful also have received grant money.

Department Director Mike Linder says local program and communities are essential to the state's efforts to promote litter reduction and recycling.

S.D. Man Indicted On 9 Charges In Crash

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A grand jury has indicted a Sioux Falls man suspected of leading police on a high-speed chase that ended in a fatal crash.

Jason Larsen-Smith faces nine charges, including second-degree murder, first-degree manslaughter, vehicular homicide and driving while intoxicated in the Dec. 18 chase.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol was pursuing an SUV allegedly driven by Larsen-Smith, with speeds up to 75 mph.

Authorities say the SUV crashed into a pickup, killing 62-year-old Curtis Neuhaarth of Sioux Falls.

Larsen-Smith was held in the Minnehaha County jail.

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Landfill Gas A Win-Win For City, Producer

BY DIRK LAMMERS

Associated Press Writer

CHANCELLOR — The tall flame bursting from the flare at the Sioux Falls landfill used to prompt concerned 911 calls from passing drivers.

The flare now sits cold and dark, relegated to a backup role for a system that pipes the landfill gas 11 miles south to help power a biorefinery owned by Poet LLC, the nation's top ethanol producer.

"Poet's a good customer because they're open 24-7," said landfill superintendent Dave McElroy. "They can take all the gas we have. As a matter of fact, if we could produce more, they could take more."

The project, one of more than 500 landfill gas ventures across the country that collectively produce enough energy to power 920,000 homes, won an innovation award this month from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Poet's partnership with the city of Sioux

Falls, which owns the pipeline, reduces carbon dioxide emissions by about 26,445 tons per year, the equivalent of taking 4,394 cars off the road for a year, according to the Sioux Falls-based ethanol producer.

The trail begins at the Sioux Falls landfill, South Dakota's largest, where trash haulers truck in about 525 tons of municipal solid waste each day.

As bacteria breaks down the food scraps, paper, lawn trimmings and other organic waste, the material ferments and releases a gas that is about 50 to 60 percent methane, a greenhouse gas with more than 20 times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide, according to the EPA.

More than 90 wells at the landfill capture the gas and send it to a building that houses a conditioning compressor system and dryer. It's then piped to Poet's Chancellor bio-refinery, where it helps offset around 15 percent of the ethanol plant's natural gas use, said Rick Serie, the plant's general manager.

"It was really a good marriage," Serie said.

When Poet in March 2008 expanded its Chancellor plant to an annual capacity of 100 million gallons, it built a \$25.5 million waste-field boiler system that can burn both landfill gas and shredded waste wood hauled in from a local pallet company. The mini power plant produces steam, which is transferred to the nearby ethanol plant to provide energy.

"It's like a boiler system in your house," Serie said. "What you're doing is heating up water to create steam and energy."

Poet fired up the boiler system in August 2008 and brought it up to full capacity a year later. When burning both landfill gas and wood waste, the system can meet about 60 percent of the ethanol plant's power needs, Serie said.

McElroy said the city earns an extra \$1 million a year by selling its landfill gas to Poet and selling carbon credits.

Sioux Falls spent \$4.5 million to build the pipeline, flare bypass and conditioning and dryer building, so the investment should pay off within a few years, he said.

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with more than 50,000 jobs coming from construction alone.

The pipeline project would provide approximately 1,100 permanent jobs after construction is complete.

As for South Dakota, the project is estimated to produce 100 permanent jobs to go along with 4,296 temporary jobs — mainly construction.

"In South Dakota, we would see an influx of construction and associated jobs to build the pipeline," Merritt said. "Longer term, we'd see the jobs associated with operating the pipeline. Also, area ethanol producers would have an easier time getting their product to market."

Merritt added that the project would also provide state and local tax revenue.

"Pipelines are the most cost-efficient, safest and most reliable mode of transportation for liquid energy," said Magellan chief officer of operations Mike Mears.

"Construction of a large-scale renewable fuel pipeline complements the national objective of creating quality jobs while increasing transportation efficiencies for the growing renewable fuels industry."

A loan guarantee with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is necessary for this project to become a reality. Congress is considering amendments to DOE's loan guarantee program to include large-scale renewable fuel pipeline projects.

"Our current method of transporting ethanol — rail and truck — is already pretty efficient," Merritt said. "But a pipeline would make the process even more efficient, particularly for transportation over long distances." Merritt added that a dedicated ethanol pipeline would provide both economic and environmental benefits.

Besides job creation, the LECG report outlines other economic benefits of the project including:

- \$6.6 billion in U.S. economic growth
- \$3.7 billion in household income
- \$0.7 billion in federal tax revenues
- \$0.6 billion in state and local

tax revenues

"This is just another example of how the ethanol industry is constantly looking for ways to become even more efficient and environmentally friendly in each step of the process," Merritt said.

He added that on the front end, farmers are producing more bushels of corn per acre each year. In production, more ethanol is produced with less corn, using less water per gallon of ethanol produced. And on the transportation side of the equation, the pipeline would provide another avenue for enhanced efficiency.

"Compare that record of improvement with our main competitor: oil," Merritt said. "As we seek out new sources of oil, we are more and more often turning toward the dirtier and less efficient sources, such as tar sands and oil shale. As ethanol gets even cleaner, oil gets even dirtier."

Currently, the pipeline project is still under assessment. Once the feasibility study is complete, the pipeline would be operational as early as 2014.

The LECG report and proposed pipeline route map is available on Poet's Web site at www.poet.com.

Officials Want Court To Enforce Ban

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — State officials have asked a court to step in and force a three-cited Broken Bow bar owner to comply with a statewide smoking ban.

Although the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has received dozens of complaints of smoking-ban violations since the law took effect June 1, officials say this is the first time they've resorted to such enforcement measures.

Sylvester's Bar & Lounge owner Henry "Fred" Schumacher is accused of violating the Nebraska Clean Indoor Act, which bans smoking inside all public buildings and private businesses, including bars and restaurants.

Schumacher declined to comment on the case and refused to identify his attorney to speak on his behalf. Custer County District Court officials say Schumacher doesn't have an attorney on file.

OBITUARIES

Arlene Larson

Arlene Larson, age 83, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Friday, January 22, 2010 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Monday, January 25, 2010 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton with Reverend David Lund officiating. Burial will be in the Meckling Cemetery in Meckling, South Dakota.

Visitation is 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the funeral service at the church.

Pallbearers are Ryan Larson, Pat Lowe, Jamil Aluffi, Bob Stengle, Tom Stengle and Ben Van Osdel.

Norma Arlene Larson was born January 25, 1926 in Vermillion, South Dakota to Roy and Mary (Nelson) Piersol. She graduated from University High School in Vermillion in 1944. On February 2, 1957, Arlene married Kenneth "Gene" Larson in South Sioux City, Nebraska. They made their home at rural Gayville and farmed on the place where Gene grew up. They retired in the late 1980's and few years later moved to Yankton. Arlene loved being with her grandchildren and they were an extremely important part of her life.

Arlene is survived by 2 chil-



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dren, Steve (Kathi) Larson of Yankton and Charlie (Vicki) Larson of Mitchell, South Dakota; 3 grandchildren: Leslie (Pat) Lowe, Lucinda (Jamil) Aluffi and Ryan (Crystal) Larson; 3 step grandchildren: Paul, Mabelle and Chris Grohs; 18 great grandchildren; 3 sisters: Margie Stengle of Yankton, Corinne Callahan of Phoenix, Arizona and Ruth Neer of Fresno, California; and a brother-in-law, Bob (Margaret) Larson of Sioux City, Iowa.

Arlene was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gene on April 4, 2006; a brother, Ralph Piersol, and 3 sisters: Florence and Elsie Piersol and Dorothy Christensen

To post an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Online condolences at:
www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Erin Geary

Erin M. Geary, age 42, of Yankton, SD, died of cancer on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 29, 2010 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with Rev. Paul Josten officiating. Burial of cremated remains will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitation will be 2-9 p.m. Thursday, January 28, 2010 at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a 7:00 p.m. rosary followed by a 7:30 p.m. Scripture service. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Erin Marie Geary was born April 6th, 1967 in Vermillion, SD to John & Juanita (Sese) O'Gorman of Centerville, SD. She attended Centerville public school and graduated from high school in 1985. She attended Mount Marty College in Yankton



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Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health Services and for the SD Department of Social Services.

She gave birth to her first son, Joshua O'Gorman and worked hard to attain her college education. She married Brian Geary in 1993 in Yankton, SD. Brian brought a son, Brookes into the marriage and later they had two more sons, Tanner & Cody. Brookes and his wife Becky would eventually have her two grandsons, continuing the streak of all boys in her life.

Erin had compassion and caring for all people especially the mentally ill. She worked for many years in the mental health field and was well loved by her

coworkers and clients.

Erin is survived by: her husband, Brian Geary, Yankton, SD; sons: Joshua O'Gorman, Volin, SD; Brookes Geary, his wife Becky of Aberdeen, SD; Tanner Geary, and Cody Geary, both of Yankton, SD; Grandsons: Tommy & Jacob Geary, Aberdeen, SD; Parents: John & Juanita O'Gorman of Viborg, SD; Sisters: Kelly Jorgensen of Humboldt, SD and Leslie Brown and her husband Jim of Englewood, FL, and her aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a brother in infancy and her maternal and paternal grandparents.

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www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Thane Smith

Thane Smith, 69, of Yankton died from Alzheimer's on Saturday (Jan. 23, 2010) at the Sanford Vermillion Care Center, Vermillion.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

Mary Tritschler

Mary Tritschler, 80, died Sunday (Jan. 24, 2010) at her home.

Arrangements are pending under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

B.L. 'Buck' Singer

B.L. "Buck" Singer, 77, of Yankton died Saturday (Jan. 23, 2010) at his residence.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with the Rev. Bob Lacey officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery with military honors provided by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791.

Visitation is from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with a rosary at 7 p.m. followed by a vigil service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the funeral.

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