

**1 Dead In Crash In Southeast South Dakota**

JUNCTION CITY (AP) — One person died and another was seriously injured in a two-vehicle crash in far southeast South Dakota. The Highway Patrol says the accident happened late Wednesday afternoon at a state Highway 50 intersection near Junction City. Authorities say 92-year-old Lawrence Brewer of Elk Point, S.D., was driving a pickup truck that failed to stop at a stop sign before crossing the highway and collided with another pickup. Brewer was thrown from his vehicle and died at the scene. The other driver was identified as 36-year-old Jerod Welch of Westfield, Iowa. The patrol says he suffered serious but not life-threatening injuries.

**Regulators To Hold Meeting On Nuclear Plant**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Federal regulators will hold a public meeting about their plan to oversee a Nebraska nuclear power plant that remains shut down because of flood damage. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission plans to meet with Omaha Public Power District officials on Jan. 19 to discuss the Fort Calhoun nuclear power plant, which is 20 miles north of Omaha. The public can ask questions at the 6 p.m. meeting at Omaha's Doubletree Hotel downtown. Regulators said last month they were imposing tougher oversight on Fort Calhoun because several problems had been found at the plant unrelated to last summer's flooding along the Missouri River. This meeting will outline what that oversight will look like. Fort Calhoun has been shut down since last spring's refueling. Flooding along the Missouri forced it to remain closed.

**Chairman Of South Dakota PUC Elected**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Chris Nelson has been named chairman of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. The *Argus Leader* reports that the three Republican commissioners elected Chris Nelson as chairman. Commissioner Gary Hanson says Nelson's background as the secretary of state and his life experiences qualify him to lead the commission. Nelson is beginning his second year on the PUC. Gov. Dennis Daugaard appointed him to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Dusty Johnson in January. Nelson moved into the chairman's position after serving as vice chairman since June.

**UNL Plans To Save Shell Of State Fair Building**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The University of Nebraska-Lincoln announced plans Thursday to preserve at least the exterior of a 99-year-old state fair building while constructing two floors of high-tech research space inside. Officials hope the plan for renovating the Industrial Arts Building will satisfy people who wanted to protect the structure. An earlier plan to demolish the trapezoidal, steel and brick building was criticized. "It isn't preserving everything, but it is preserving quite a bit of it," UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman told the *Lincoln Journal Star*. The primary developer, Nebraska Nova Development, said the Industrial Arts Building would house research space and mechanical equipment on the first floor and greenhouse space on the second floor. No price tag was announced for the project, which is expected to begin in March. "It would definitely be cheaper to build a new building from scratch. There is going to be significant costs incurred of doing this project," said Zach Wiegert, manager of Nebraska Nova. "It's being done for the historic aspect to give respect to a historical building."

**Survey:**

**S.D. Lawmakers Ready To Boost School Aid**

BY CHET BROKAW  
Associated Press Writer

PIERRE — A year after deep cuts were made in education funding, South Dakota lawmakers are ready to increase state financial aid school districts, according to a survey by The Associated Press. About 86 percent of the lawmakers responding to the survey said they plan to support Gov. Dennis Daugaard's proposed increase in school funding, which would give schools a blend of ongoing money and one-time bonuses in the budget year beginning July 1. While three-quarters of the Republicans said the GOP governor has proposed the right boost in aid to schools, about 88 percent of the Democrats said they believe the state should give schools more than Daugaard has suggested. Seventy-three of the 105 members of the Legislature responded to the AP mail survey between Dec. 12 and Dec. 31, for a response rate of 70 percent. While 57 of the Legislature's 80 Republicans responded, 16 of the 24 Democrats returned the survey. One lawmaker is an independent and did not return

the survey, which asked lawmakers for their opinions on issues facing them in the 35-day legislative session that opens Tuesday. School officials and education lobbying groups have long argued that the Legislature does not provide enough money to support school districts. But to balance this year's budget, the governor and the Legislature a year ago cut spending in most state agencies by 10 percent. However, the Legislature found some one-time money to reduce the size of the cut in school aid to 6.6 percent. Because state tax collections have once again started to grow, Daugaard is now proposing a boost in aid to school districts. The governor's plan would give school districts a 2.3 percent boost in ongoing state aid, amounting to \$9.8 million next year, to account for inflation. Schools would get an additional 0.7 percent increase in the form of a one-time bonus of nearly \$4 million to help them pay operating expenses. Daugaard also recommended that the state spend more than \$8.4 million, the equivalent of an additional 1.5 percent boost in state school aid, to train teachers and admin-

istrators in handling a new curriculum. The Legislature will have the final say on education spending when it passes a new state budget in the session that ends in March. House Republican Leader David Lust of Rapid City said lawmakers were bothered when they cut education spending last year, so they want to provide more money now that state finances have improved. "We're now in a time when we can give back, and I think the overwhelming majority of people want to do that and recognize the need to do that," Lust said. Sen. Democratic Leader Jason Frerichs of Wilmot said Democrats believe the state should give schools more money than the governor has proposed. Republicans handle education spending on a year-by-year basis, but the Legislature should instead develop a long-term education funding plan, he said. "It's kind of unfortunate because our school districts need to plan for the future. It would be nice if we could give them more confidence on where the state will be to do our part to educate young people," Frerichs said.

**Electric Power Generation At Mo. River Dams Rebounds**

BY JAMES MACPHERSON  
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — High water levels that caused record flooding along the Missouri River in 2011 did bring a small consolation: Electric power generation from the river's six upstream dams was above average for the first time in a dozen years. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which manages dams and reservoirs along the 2,341-mile river, said energy production from the dams in the Dakotas, Montana and Nebraska totaled 11.1 billion kilowatts of electricity last year and was the highest since 1999. And for the first time in more than a decade, the U.S. Energy Department's Western Area Power Administration got ample electricity from the dams and did not have to buy power on the open market to fulfill contracts. Mike Swenson, a corps engineer in Omaha, Neb., said the increased hydropower is of little salve to the

scores of people affected by the 2011 flood along the river, which flows from Montana through North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri. "It's hard to put to a silver lining on a year like we had last year, but it is good to have generation back up," Swenson said. The water storage level of the six upstream reservoirs in the Missouri River system is nearly 57 million acre-feet at present, equal to last year and at the ideal level, Swenson said. An acre-foot is the amount of water covering one acre, a foot deep. The corps said the plants have generated an average of 9.3 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity since 1967, including a high of 14.6 billion kilowatts in 1997. The plants generated 8.7 billion kilowatt-hours in 2010, up from 6.6 billion kilowatt-hours in 2009. During the driest years in the past decade, power plant output fell below 5 billion kilowatt-hours in 2007 and 2008, the corps said.

**Nebraska Attorney General Unveils Legislative Goals**

BY GRANT SCHULTE  
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning unveiled top legislative proposals Thursday that would stiffen penalties for negligent child abuse, concealing a death and possession of a designer drug known as bath salts. Bruning said the four bills in his legislative package were chosen from several dozen possible measures and drawn from conversations with law enforcement, prosecutors and state lawmakers. Three of the proposals would increase punishments for crimes, and a fourth would limit the number of lawsuits prison inmates can file if they develop a history of frivolous claims. "Criminals are evolving and seeking ways to circumvent the law," Bruning said. "... The bills we're talking about help make Nebraska safer."

The first bill targets a synthetic drug commonly known as bath salts, which are made from chemical compounds similar to amphetamine. The drug causes a euphoric high when snorted, eaten, smoked or injected. It may also trigger hallucinations, paranoia and chills. Under the bill, penalties for possessing bath salts would match those in place for possession of methamphetamine. Bath salts are already banned in 38 states, including Missouri, Kansas and Wyoming. "We are seeing these drugs in the rural areas as well as larger cities," said Ogallala Sen. Ken Schiltz, who is sponsoring the measure. "Now is the time for us to protect kids in all Nebraska communities from these dangerous drugs. These drugs are being designed to skirt the law. Laws like this are needed in order to combat the ever changing landscape of designer drugs."

**OBITUARIES**

**Georgiana Steinbach**

Georgiana Marie (Johnson) Steinbach, age 88, of Yankton, South Dakota, passed away peacefully Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at Avera Yankton Care Center, her home for the last 9 years. A private family service will be on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, South Dakota. Georgiana was born April 27, 1923, in Turlock, California, to Arthur O. and M. Edna (Lange) Johnson. She had one brother, Robert, and a special "sister cousin", Evelyn (Swanson) Ohlen. In 1928, Georgiana's parents returned from California to their native South Dakota and owned a farm on the Box Elder divide, east of Rapid City. Georgiana, her brother, and cousins (who lived on a neighboring farm) shared many good times together, including riding to their one-room school house in a horse drawn wagon. Georgiana attended Rapid City High School from 1937 to 1941, rooming at various residences in Rapid City with Evelyn, since they could not drive to town daily from the farms. After high school, she attended Business College in Rapid City and worked at a newsstand in the lobby of the Alex Johnson Hotel. She met her future husband, Nathan Robert "Bob" Steinbach, while he was attending the South Dakota School of Mines in Rapid City. They were married on May 14, 1943, in Flint, Michigan, where Bob was working. Bob later joined the United States Navy and they traveled extensively from New York to San Francisco as he went from officer's indoctrination to deployment in the South Pacific. After the war, they returned to Flint, Michigan where their first child, Susan Marie, was born in 1946. In 1947, they returned to Bob's native Yankton, South Dakota, where they owned and operated Steinbach's Produce from 1949 to 1975. They



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had two more children, Thomas Robert in 1950 and Sally Ann in 1954. Georgiana kept the books for the business as well as working as the financial secretary for Trinity Lutheran Church, which she continued for 25 years. They were both very active with the church, serving on several committees. After her retirement, they loved to travel, visiting their children. They made several visits to Oregon, New Mexico, Texas, and Louisiana. In 1984, their only grandchild was born, Matthew Glenn Chalk. Her family was truly blessed by her being in their lives and her beautiful smile will be missed by all. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Bob Steinbach of Yankton; three children: Susan (Ted) Brown of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Tom Steinbach of Yankton, and Sally (Gary) Chalk of Rapid City; grandson, Matt Chalk of Rapid City; brother, Bob (Bette) Johnson of Porcupine, South Dakota; brother-in-law, Lloyd Walla of Las Vegas, Nevada; cousin Evelyn Ohlen of Rapid City; two nieces, one nephew and numerous other cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister-in-law, Dale Walla. To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Online condolences at:  
www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

**Jerome Kuehler**

BOW VALLEY, Neb. — Jerome C. Kuehler, age 87 of Bow Valley, Nebraska, died on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington, Nebraska. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the Holy Family (Sts Peter & Paul) Catholic Church in Bow Valley with Rev. Eric Olsen officiating. Burial will be in the Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Bow Valley with military honors provided by the Wynot American Legion Post 31. Visitation will be on Friday from 4:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Visitation will continue one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church. The Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington is in charge of arrangements. Honorary Pallbearers will be the grandchildren and great grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Ken Carda, Mark Kuehler, Scott Kuehler, Jordan Kuehler Ryan Rauch, Robert Lyon, Patrick Kuehler, Craig Kuehler, Darin Kuehler and Jason Hamilton. Jerome was born on August 18,



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1924 at Crofton, Nebraska to George and Elizabeth (Foxhoven) Kuehler. He grew up in the Crofton area and served in the U.S. Army during WWII from February 23, 1945 to August 21, 1946. He married Mary Stella Becker on November 19, 1947 at Bow Valley and they farmed in the St. James area until they moved to a farm southeast of Bow Valley in 1956. They moved into Bow Valley in 1981. Jerome farmed for most of his life and then worked for 20 years as a custodian for Wynot Public School and Hartington Public School retiring in 1988. He was a member of the Holy Family (Sts. Peter & Paul) Catholic Church in Bow Valley, Catholic Order of Foresters, Hartington VFW Post 5283 and the Wynot American Legion Post 31. Jerome enjoyed playing cards, traveling, wood working and spending time with his large family. Jerome is survived by his wife, Mary Stella Kuehler of Bow Valley; 11 children and their spouses, Mar-

garet and Don Carda of Tabor, SD; Richard and Linda Kuehler of Yankton, SD; Joseph and Mary Kuehler of Columbus, NE; Martin and Joy Kuehler of Wichita, KS; Dolorita and Steve Rauch of Pierce, NE; Mary Joan and Richard Lyon of Norfolk, NE; Francis and Mary Pat Kuehler of Columbus, NE; Roger Kuehler of Pierce, NE; Donovan and Marcia Kuehler of Columbus, NE; Carol and Robert Hamilton of Hartington; Arlan Kuehler of Columbus, NE; a sister in law, Helen Dreisemeier of Crofton, NE; 41 grandchildren and 52 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Clem Kuehler, 2 sisters, Marcella Stratman and Ella Tunink. Yankton Press & Dakotan January 6, 2012

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**Marvin Meyer**

TYNDALL — Funeral arrangements for Marvin Meyer, 91, of Tyndall and formerly of Brookings are pending with Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall. Marvin passed away on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Society of Tyndall. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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**IN REMEMBRANCE**

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**Jerome C. Kuehler**  
10:30 AM, Saturday  
Holy Family (Sts Peter & Paul)  
Catholic Church  
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**Georgiana M. (Johnson) Steinbach**  
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