MIDWEST DIGEST

Lincoln Police Awaiting Autopsy Results

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Lincoln authorities are awaiting results of an autopsy on the body of a 28-year-old gunshot victim.

Officer Katie Flood said Monday that the autopsy was being conducted in Omaha. Flood says investigators have not yet said publicly whether the man's death was a suicide, an accident or whether he was the victim of a crime.

She says his name has not been released yet.

Authorities say the man died of a single gunshot wound. The shooting was reported about 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Another person was in the home at the time of the shooting, but police haven't released any details about him or her.

Aberdeen Wind Blade Makes Trek To D.C.

ABERDEEN, (AP) — A 13-ton wind turbine blade built in Aberdeen has made it to the nation's capital after traveling more than 4,000 miles through 10 states.

More than 6,000 supporters along the way signed the blade, which acted as a petition of support for clean energy.

The 131-foot blade left Aberdeen in late April and arrived in Washington, D.C., Monday night. It was parked Tuesday in front of the main gate at Nationals Park for the 2010 Congressional Baseball Game.

The blade was manufactured by Molder Fiber Glass, which produces wind turbine blades for GE Energy.

It was a part of GE's Capture the Wind tour, a multistate trek through Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky and Texas.

Two S.D. Residents Arrested After Chase

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Police say two South Dakota residents were captured after they jumped from a vehicle in Fargo at the end of a two-state chase.

Fargo police say the chase began in South Dakota early Monday morning and was picked up on Interstate 29 in North Dakota by a Richland County deputy and a state trooper.

The two people bolted from their vehicle after it stopped in Fargo. They were found about 30 minutes later, hiding in bushes outside a church around 10:30 a.m.

The vehicle they were in was believed to be stolen.

The driver was identified as 19-year-old Glenn Palacio of Agency Village. His passenger was identified as 18-year-old Serena Brent, also of Agency Village.

They remain in custody. Case records don't list their attorneys' names.

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IOWA PARADE TRAGEDY

Crash Halted Horses' Parade Rampage

BY TODD RICHMOND
Associated Press Writer

BELLEVUE, Iowa — A pair of runaway horses in harness crashed into a Fourth of July parade float and collapsed, ending a rampage that injured nearly two dozen people and killed one, people at the parade said Monday.

Tammy Muller, 43, a bartender who works downtown, said she was watching the parade at an intersection when she heard screaming. She said she looked up, saw the horses and yelled, "back up!"

The frenzied animals sped past her and were heading for a large crowd including children who had gathered to pick up candy, when they crashed into the Maquoketa State Bank's float as it turned at the intersection.

The horses went down, and her boyfriend Dennis "Cowboy" Dunne jumped on one to hold it down, Muller said. She said he described the animals as quarter horses.

Mayor Virgil Murray said officials were working Monday to reconstruct exactly what happened at the parade, which he described as "bigger than Christmas" in the small Mississippi River town on the Iowa-Illinois border. The parade, which draws 3,000 to 4,000 people to the town of about 2,300, began about 10 a.m. Sunday. The rampage began sometime between 10:30 and 11:15 a.m., he said, and was over in minutes.

The horses got spooked after they rubbed heads and one's bridle fell off, police said. They ran about six blocks, moving up onto sidewalks and back into the road, plowing through children lined up along the street to watch the parade, Murray said.

People at the parade said the buggy hit a sign and overturned, dumping its four passengers. One, Janet Steines of Sprague ville, died Sunday evening at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, according to the Hachmann Funeral Home in Bellevue. Her husband had been driving the carriage.

The horses continued to run after it came unhitched, Muller said. They were still harnessed together when they hit the float. She said they eventually got up and people led them down to the river to calm them down.

Sandie Crilly was helping her 8-year-old son, 12-year-old niece and 2-year-old granddaughter pick up Tootsie Rolls when someone yelled to get out of the way.

Looking up, she saw the panicked horses dragging a carriage charging toward them.

"I could see it was two horses," said Crilly, 46, of Willow Springs, Ill., who was visiting her parents in Bellevue. "I could see they were running at full speed and they were harnessed together and I knew we were going to most certainly get hit, and as soon as it happened, everybody was crying and screaming."

Someone pulled her granddaughter to safety, but Crilly said her niece broke her wrist and lost her two front teeth. At least 22 other people were injured, some critically, police and hospital officials said.

Many of them were children like Crilly's niece who were picking up candy from the street that had been tossed to them. Their injuries ranged from cuts and bruises to broken bones, concussions, collapsed lungs and other serious injuries, the Dubuque Telegraph Herald reported.

The injured were sent by ambulance and medical helicopter to hospitals in Dubuque, Maquoketa and Iowa City. Most were treated and released, but at least four people remained in critical condition early Monday, hospital officials said.

Paramedics treated victims at an art gallery in town and a triage area was set up near the Mississippi River, where volunteers held up tarps to shield the injured and paramedics from the sun and heat, Crilly said. Others brought the injured ice and water, she said.

Officials Seek Early Court Win

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Former Gage County officials who were sued by five people wrongfully convicted in a 1985 murder are seeking an early court victory, saying in part that there's no proof any of them faked evidence.

The motion for summary judgment before a federal trial was filed last week for former Gage County Attorney Richard Smith, former Sheriff Jerry Dewitt, investigator Burdette Searcey, psychologist Wayne Price, and former deputies Kent Harlan, Mark Meints and Gerald Lamkin.

The five people who sued and another woman were convicted in the rape and murder of 68-year-old Helen Wilson in Beatrice. They were exonerated in 2008. The so-called Beatrice 6 spent a combined 87 years in prison.

The federal lawsuits alleging civil rights violations were filed by Joseph White, Thomas Winslow, Ada Joann Taylor, James Dean and Kathy Gonzalez. The sixth person, Deb Shelden, hasn't joined the legal effort.

Ailing Chicago Flight Diverts To S.F.

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A mechanical problem forced a United flight bound for Chicago to land at Sioux Falls Regional Airport.

United Flight 158 from San Francisco landed without incident around 4 a.m. Monday. No injuries were reported.

Passenger Claire Carmichael told station KDLT that fire was coming out of the left engine of the jet, a Boeing 757.

United spaokesman Mike Trevino says the pilot decided to divert to Sioux Falls because of a mechanical problem. Trevino says he had no information about any flames from an engine.

Trevino says 182 passengers were aboard, but he didn't know how many were in the flight crew.

He says a replacement aircraft was sent to Sioux Falls to take the passengers on to Chicago.

OBITUARIES

Donald Nickles

ELK POINT — Donald E. Nickles, 75 of Elk Point, SD died Saturday, July 3, 2010 at his residence following a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

Nickles

Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Elk Point. Father David Roehrich will officiate. Burial is in Elk Point City Cemetery with military rites performed by the Elk Point American Legion.

Pallbearers are Ryan Kayl, Aaron Staum, Paddy Rigg, Larry Nickles, Larry Wilcon and Gary Nickles. Honorary Pallbearers will be the other grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Visitation with the family present will be from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday at the church in Elk Point. There will be a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Meyer Brothers Colonial Chapel in Sioux City. Condolences may be sent online to www.meyerbroschapels.com.

He was born Nov. 6, 1934 in Yankton, SD to Jack and Lorena (Eidenshink) Nickles. He was raised in Yankton and Elk Point and graduated from Elk Point High School in 1952. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict from 1954 to 1956. Don married Sharron Freeman Aug. 2, 1958 in Elk Point. She died in Dec. of 1995.

Don owned and operated Nickles Garage in Elk Point for many years with his father and brothers. After selling the garage, he worked for Marquadt Transportation of Yankton. After he retired, Don drove the school bus in Elk Point.

He was a longtime member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. He was a volunteer firefighter for the Elk Point Fire Department for many years. He helped start the ambulance service in Elk Point and was the ambulance director and an EMT. Don was a member of the American Legion in Elk Point. He enjoyed yard work and gardening and did volunteer work at the nursing home for many years. He started sky diving at the age of 70. Most of all, Don enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include 1 daughter: Kelly Staum and her husband Scott of Elk Point; 1 son: Keith Nickles and Cammie of Elk Point, 8 grandchildren: Katie Rigg and her husband Paddy, Ryan Kayl, Laura Staum, Aaron Staum, Cachelle, Bailie, McKenzie and Ramzie, 2 great grandchildren: Owen and Jack Rigg, his special friend: Candy Ross of Elk Point, SD., his mother in law: Malvina Guinther of Sioux City, three sisters in law: Joan Berger of Sioux City, Kay Nickles of Yankton, SD. and Wilma Strand of Elk Point, SD; a brother in law: Tom Freeman and his wife Vicki of Sioux City, several nieces and nephews

Preceded in death by his parents; his wife: Sharron, 2 brothers: Ernie and Gaylon Nickles, 2 brothers in law: Robert Berger and Jack Freeman.

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Landon Miller

VERMILLION — Landon James Miller, infant son of Sarah Kozak and Cody Miller of Vermillion, SD passed away Monday July 5, 2010 at the Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

Landon was born January 6, 2010 in Vermillion to Sarah and Cody.

He is survived by his parents, a sister Harmony, grandparents Jerry and Kim Miller of Burbank, SD, and Lori Johnson of LeMars, IA, great grandparents Glenn and Sally Miller, and Harvey and Liane Cunningham all of Brookings, SD. He is also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion, with a private family burial.

Online condolences and obituary: hansenfuneralhome.com.

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Paul Hanson

SIOUX FALLS — Paul W. Hanson, 78, of Sioux Falls died Monday (July 5, 2010) at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

James Card

ELK POINT — James "Jim" Edward Card, 72, of Elk Point, died of cancer Monday (July 5, 2010).

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Elk Point. Burial is in the St. Joseph cemetery.

There is a rosary at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church Wednesday night followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m.

Anderson-Siecke-Kober Funeral Home, Elk Point, is directing the arrangements.

Bonnie Sudbeck

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Bonnie L. Sudbeck, age 80 of Hartington, Nebraska died on Saturday, July 3, 2010 at her residence due to cancer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with the Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 1-8:00 p.m. with a rosary at 2:00 p.m and a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. Visitation will continue on Wednesday morning at church one hour prior to services. To send an online sympathy card, go to www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Sudbeck

Pallbearers will be Danny Sudbeck, John Jaeger, Bill McTaggert, Blair Kalin, Jim Augustine, and Dan Wheeler. Honorary pallbearers will be the Christian Mothers and the Help Your Neighbors Club.

Bonnie Louise Sudbeck was born on June 19, 1930 in Randolph, NE to William and Virgie (Linger) Jaeger. She attended Hartington Public School and married Vernon H. Sudbeck on August 17, 1948 in Bow Valley, NE.

Bonnie was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Christian Mothers, Catholic Daughters of America and the Help Your Neighbor Club. She also belonged to the Yankton Regional Aviation Association. Bonnie loved to cook and was noted for her hospitality.

She is survived by her husband Vernon of Hartington; 3 children, Karen and husband Ed Scdoris of Hartington; Diane Sudbeck of Hartington; son David Sudbeck of Charleston, West Virginia; one granddaughter Julie Vander Mark of Hookset, New Hampshire; brother Ralph and his wife Darlene Jaeger of Sioux City, IA; sister-in-law Alice Klug Jaeger of Hartington; and brother-in-law Lajoy and his wife Elly Sudbeck of Hartington, and one nephew and three nieces.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter Brenda Bottolfson, two grandsons Joshua Bottolfson and Jeffrey Vander Mark, and a brother Wm. Jaeger Jr.

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