

I-80 Reopens After Man Commits Suicide

GRETNA, Neb. (AP) — Interstate 80 has reopened in eastern Nebraska after a standoff ended with a man taking his own life. Nebraska State Patrol spokeswoman Deb Collins says that around 12:30 p.m. Sunday a trooper tried to stop a vehicle near the rest area at mile marker 429. An earlier report out of Lancaster County suggested the man might be suicidal. Collins says the man pulled over but refused to exit the vehicle and laid down inside. Officers approached the vehicle after 2 p.m. and found the man dead. Westbound I-80 was closed for about 3 hours before one lane reopened around 3 p.m. Eastbound I-80 was closed for about 90 minutes between exit 432 near Gretna and exit 426 near Mahoney State Park. The death will be investigated by a grand jury.

Neb. Nuclear Plant Sets Up New Flood Barrier

BLAIR, Neb. (AP) — The Omaha Public Power District has installed a new barrier around its Fort Calhoun nuclear power plant and is now pumping out Missouri River floodwaters. OPPD installed the new 8-foot-tall, water-filled barrier around the plant to replace a similar one that failed two weeks ago after a worker inadvertently punctured it with a bobcat. OPPD pumped out about half the water behind the new barrier Sunday. It will continue pumping to create a dry area around the plant to make it easier for workers to get around. Both OPPD and federal regulators have said Fort Calhoun is safe even without this barrier. Officials say all the key areas of the plant have stayed dry inside. The plant will remain shut down until after floodwaters subside in the fall.

Neb. Boosts Deer Hunting To Rein In Numbers

COLUMBUS, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska plans to offer a record number of deer hunting permits this year to help control the growing whitetail deer population. More than 250,000 antlerless deer hunting permits will go on sale Monday afternoon along with several types of unlimited buck permits. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission expects deer hunters to exceed last year's all-time highs of 141,000 permits sold and about 88,000 deer harvested. Officials hope to reduce the deer population by 25 percent in some places to reduce crop damage and deer-vehicle collisions in the heavily populated areas along the Missouri and Platte rivers.

NEBRASKA

State Workers Deal With Shutdown

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ST. PAUL, Minn. — Kent Mechels spent the last three Christmases away from his family plowing snow off Minnesota roads so people could drive safely. It was a hardship he accepted as part of the job, he said. But Mechels' latest sacrifice — getting laid off during a state government shutdown now entering its second week — has him thinking about quitting. "I'm looking at other state agencies in different states right now. I've lived in Minnesota my entire life. I may be leaving," said Mechels, a single father from Rochester. "When the state government treats their employees like this, I don't need to be part of it." Many of the 22,000 public employees out of work in Minnesota's budget impasse say they will get through the extended layoff by tapping into personal savings, relying on a spouse's income or unemployment checks, and making household spending cuts. But others are looking for new jobs, creating the potential for a brain drain that would be one more negative from the nation's longest state government shutdown in a decade. Erik Pakieser, an emergency planner for the

state transportation department, took to Twitter soon after the shutdown to shop his services for what he hopes could be a better-paying job in the private sector. The state stands to lose an employee it spent a lot of money training, the St. Anthony Village man said. "If I get a better job, great. If I don't, I'm going to get my state job back eventually," he said. "Who knows? Maybe there's a silver lining in all this." Isaias Petros, of Minneapolis, works in land management with the Department of Transportation and said he doesn't have much money saved to get through the shutdown. Though he is single with no children, Petros said he needs at least a temporary job to pay back some student loans. "I was not ready for this," he said, adding that he was actively looking for "anything" that could help him support himself. Not everyone is job hunting. Brent Anderson, who manages Whitewater State Park in southeastern Minnesota, has a wife who works and said he simply plans to cut back on expenses. Anderson is spending more time volunteering at the Goodview Fire Department, catching up on paperwork and thinking about painting his house trim.

One of the biggest shutdown casualties in Anderson's family is his teenage daughter. She was scheduled to take her driver's license test last Tuesday and was excited about getting behind the wheel. Now she'll have to wait because the state is not offering driving tests during the shutdown. "It's a little disappointment for a 16-year-old," Anderson said. Jim Ullmer, of Crystal, a commercial vehicle inspector for the Department of Public Safety, has been babysitting his 18-month-old granddaughter, who he took to an anti-shutdown union rally at the Capitol last week. "We've cut back and skipped a lot of things just in preparation," Ullmer said. "Right now I'm just babysitting little Anna. ... She's a full-time job and I love doing it, but I'd much rather be out doing my job." Ullmer also has been spending time on the phone. He's the chief steward statewide for members in his agency who belong to the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. He tells members curious about how long the shutdown will last to call their legislators. "Ask them. They're the ones who are keeping us out here," Ullmer said.

Sioux Falls Meatpacking Plant Under Investigation

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A South Dakota meatpacking plant is accused of violating pollution limits on a nearby river and mismanaging an accident prevent program. Environmental Protection Agency records show that the John Morrell plant in Sioux Falls has not complied with conditions of its surface water discharge permit for two years.

The plant dumps slaughter waste into the Big Sioux River. The Sioux Falls Argus Leader says the U.S. Justice Department is looking into separate allegations that the company violated the Clean Air Act in how it managed an accident prevention plan for chemicals in its refrigeration units.

John Morrell officials said in a statement that the company is committed to environmental protection and has been operating under an expired discharge permit while the state develops a broader plan for managing the river.

OBITUARIES

Duane Heene

Duane Joseph Heene was reunited in Heaven with the love of his life, Diane (Gebbers) Heene, on Friday, July 8, 2011. He passed away surrounded in the loving light of his children and grandchildren.



Duane Heene

Our father lived life with dignity and honor and touched the lives of all who knew him. The world was a better place and many were better people for having known him. He was a beautiful, big-hearted man who loved his family both personal and professional and always "had your back." He was a provider and a protector all the days of his life. Duane fought a good fight through many recent adversities including the loss of our mother to cancer, a debilitating tractor accident shortly after his retirement, a cancer diagnosis of his youngest daughter, and most recently, complications of open heart surgery. He was tired and he wanted to go home ... Born in rural Nebraska in 1947, raised in Holstein, Iowa where his father was a longtime farm implement dealer he met and married his high school sweetheart. To this union was

born Dawn Rae in 1970. In 1977, the couple was blessed to adopt their daughter Dena Mae on their 10th wedding anniversary, making the circle of love complete. Duane was a 1965 graduate of Holstein High School and a 1969 graduate of Fort Polk, Louisiana Drill Instructor Academy. He was also a 1970 graduate of Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. Duane held certification in Firearms Instructor, Hunter Safety Instruction, First Aid Emergency Care, Civil Process Service, Death Investigation, Intoxilizer, Radar, Civil Disaster, Forensics Pathol-

ogy, Fingerprinting, Photography, Narcotics, Sexual Abuse and Iowa Law, Street Survival, Jail Management, Forgery, Fiscal Management, and South Dakota Law. Duane was a Vietnam era veteran; he spent six years in Iowa National Guard with two years active duty in regular army, attaining rank of Staff Sergeant E-6 in those two years. He trained troops in explosives, weapons, self defense, physical education, and general subjects for Vietnam. Duane spent 43 years of his life as a law enforcement officer. He served 7 months with Ida Grove, Iowa Police Dept. 4 years Storm Lake, Iowa Police Dept. 15 years with the Buena Vista County Sheriff's Dept. serving 4 years as Sheriff, and served on Yankton Police Dept. 20 years, 14 years of which he was Yankton Police Chief. He received many awards including Outstanding Drill Sergeant of the Year, Platoon Soldier of the Month, McCartney Award, Iowa Academy, Outstanding Young Officer of the Year, and Officer of the Year. Duane also guarded George W.

Bush when he was speaking at the Buena Vista University, as well as Hilary Clinton during her visit to Yankton. Duane will be missed dearly by his daughters: Dena Heene, Dawn and Lonnie Kabella, Alexa and Levi Davis, Dominic and Antani Kabella and his family and friends. He is happy to be dancing once again with his beloved wife Diane. Preceded in death by his wife Diane Heene, his parents Eugene and Ella Heene and in-laws Donald and Della Gebbers. Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at the Yankton High School Theater, Yankton, SD with Rev. Ron Johnson and Bob Cappel officiating and lunch to follow at the First United Methodist Church, Yankton. Visitations will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, SD. Yankton Press & Dakotan July 11, 2011

Online condolences at: www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Josephine Ausdemore

SIoux FALLS — Josephine J. Ausdemore age 90 of Sioux Falls, SD and formerly of Crofton, NE died on Saturday, July 09, 2011 at the Covington Heights Nursing Home in Sioux Falls, SD. Funeral Services will be on Monday, July 11, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton with the Rev. Timothy Lange officiating. Burial will be at St. Rose of Lima Cemetery in Crofton. Visitation will be on Monday one hour prior to services at the Wintz Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Harold Goeden, LeRoy Goeden, Merle Schieffer, Vernon Schieffer, Don Guenther, and Daryl Lammers. Honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren, Britni Ausdemore, Erica Townsley, Michael Ausdemore, and Katelin Ausdemore. Josephine J. Ausdemore was born on March 6, 1921 in Menominee, Nebraska to William and Anna (Kuchta) Goeden. She attended school at Menominee. On June 13, 1951 she married Emil W. Ausdemore in Menominee. To this union four sons were born, Kenneth, Daniel, Dennis and Martin. They lived on a farm eight miles northwest of Crofton. Josephine enjoyed raising a family, farm life, working part-time at M-Tron and Freeman's in Yankton. She also did volunteer work at Sacred Heart Hospital. Josephine loved taking trips to the Minnesota Twins baseball games, Corpus Christi, Texas, and Florida on a Caribbean cruise. In 1982 Josephine moved



Ausdemore

to New Richmond, Wisconsin after living in Yankton and Crofton. At 89 years of age, she still drove her car and worked part-time at Arby's in Sioux Falls. She enjoyed working at fast food restaurants both in Sioux Falls and in St. Paul, Minnesota. Survivors include her children, Kenneth and wife Pam Ausdemore of Sioux Falls, SD; Dan Ausdemore of Crofton, NE; Marlin and wife Leisa Ausdemore of Lincoln, NE; Grandchildren Britni Ausdemore, Erica Townsley, Michael Ausdemore, and Katelin Ausdemore; many nieces and nephews; and sister-in-law Anna M. Ausdemore of Bloomfield, NE. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Emil in 2003; son Dennis in 1978; grandson Brandon in 2003, sister Helen Schieffer; brother John Goeden; brothers-in-law Leo and Melvin Ausdemore, Lawrence Schieffer; sisters-in-law Clara Haberer, Flavia Ausdemore, and Agatha Goeden. Yankton Press & Dakotan July 11, 2011

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Irene Likness

BRITTON — The funeral for Irene Likness will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 11, 2011, at the First Lutheran Church of Britton. Rev. Terrill Sorensen will officiate. Burial will be in the Britton Cemetery. Irene passed away Thursday evening, July 7, 2011, at her home in Britton at the age of 79.



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New York, Niagara Falls, Texas and all of the western states. Card parties were another favorite of theirs. Perhaps nothing thrilled them more than dancing, especially the waltz. Their last dance together was July 2, 2010, at Ft. Sisseton celebrating 60 years of marriage. Bob and Irene were an extraordinary example of love and marriage. Their last years together were truly a blessing to them and all who knew them. Grateful for having shared her life are her five children: Deb (Larry) Carson, Aberdeen; Charlette (Lee) Mundt, Britton; Arlin (Kris) Likness, Yankton; Marcy (Brian) Schumacher, Aberdeen; Darren Likness, Watertown; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister: Ella Lou (Richard) Nelson of Rutland, ND.

Preceding her in death were her parents, and her beloved husband, Bob. An online guestbook and obituary are available at www.pricenaturalchapel.net. Yankton Press & Dakotan July 11, 2011

Judson Rowland

WYNOT, Neb. — Judson J. Rowland, 24, of Wynot, Neb., and formerly of Thurston, Neb., died Friday, July 8, 2011, at his residence. Parents are Devin and Robin Rowland of Thurston. Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Family (Sa-

cred Heart) Catholic Church, Wynot, with the Rev. Eric Olsen officiating. Burial of his ashes will be at a later date. Visitation is 5-8 p.m. today (Monday), with a vigil service at 7 p.m., at Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington, Neb. Visitation will continue on Tuesday at church one hour prior to services.

John Waltner

FREEMAN — John R. Waltner, 72, of Sioux Falls and formerly of Freeman, died in Sioux Falls. Further arrangements are pending with Walter Funeral Home, Freeman.

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