

Crews Battling 8-Square-Mile Wildfire In Wyo.

NEWCASTLE, Wyo. (AP) — Cooler weather and higher humidity are helping firefighters battle a wildfire that has burned more than 8 square miles near the South Dakota line in northeast Wyoming. The Whoop Up fire is burning on federal land and has prompted the evacuation of a 14-home subdivision and two homes in South Dakota. The fire is now about 40 percent contained, up from 10 percent Tuesday. No homes have burned, but a small shed, horse trailer and a utility trailer have been destroyed. Crews in the area also are battling eight smaller lightning-sparked fires ranging in size from less than an acre to 40 acres.

Doctor: Murderer Spoke Of History Of Violence

RAPID CITY (AP) — An Alaska man facing the death penalty for his role in murdering a South Dakota man 11 years ago talked about his history of violence to a psychiatrist while in prison. Psychiatrist Ulises Pesci treated Briley Piper while he was incarcerated from 2001 to 2004. Piper is being resentenced for his admitted role in killing 19-year-old Chester Piper (pooh) near Spearfish in 2000. A judge sentenced Piper to death but the South Dakota Supreme Court later ruled that the Anchorage native should have been sentenced by a jury. TV station KOTA says Pesci testified Wednesday that Piper told him during their first meeting he was outraged he initially received the death penalty. Piper also told the doctor he had aspirations to practice law and discussed his drug abuse.

Neb. Woman To Be Honored For Saving Kids

FREMONT, Neb. (AP) — State and local fire officials will recognize a Fremont woman who pulled three small children from a fire. State Fire Marshal John Falgione says the siblings wouldn't have survived Monday's blaze at a mobile home in Fremont without the heroic efforts of Kathy Griess. She'll be honored Wednesday night at the Fremont fire department. Griess was traveling Monday evening on U.S. Highway 77, noticed the smoke coming from the nearby home and went to investigate. Ray Nance says that when Griess arrived at the home, she saw the oldest sibling, about 8 years old, trying to escape through a window and helped get the child out. Then, he says, she rescued the others from the burning home. Fire officials have said the younger children are 3 and 1.

S.D. Woman Claims \$83,000 Lottery Prize

PIERRE (AP) — A Watertown woman has claimed the \$82,988 prize in the Dakota Cash jackpot two weeks after buying the single winning ticket. South Dakota lottery officials say Cheri Ludwig bought the winning ticket at a Watertown store. The store will receive a \$4,150 bonus for selling the ticket. Ludwig, a school bus driver during the school year and truck driver during the summer, bought the ticket when she was home for the July 4 holiday. Dakota Cash is played only in South Dakota.

Iowa Agency Grants Same-Sex Leave Benefits

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — The Iowa Department of Corrections has granted leave to a prison guard to care for her same-sex spouse in what gay rights advocates are calling a positive policy change. Oakdale correctional officer Teresa Heck said Wednesday her request for Family Medical Leave Act benefits has been granted. She first applied in April after her spouse was diagnosed with cancer but was rejected because the department relied on state regulations that defined one's spouse as being of the opposite sex. Eric Tabor, an aide to Attorney General Tom Miller, says a review determined same-sex couples qualify for leave benefits following a 2009 Iowa Supreme Court decision.

Bus Driver Crashes In Eden Prairie, Later Dies

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — A bus driver has died after crashing a school bus with children aboard into a guard rail in Eden Prairie. No children were hurt in the crash. It happened about 10 a.m. Wednesday as the bus driver was driving on a highway ramp. State Patrol Capt. Matthew Langer tells the *Star Tribune* the driver — 48-year-old Marc Yadeau of Maplewood — suffered a "medical episode" while driving. Emergency responders took Yadeau to Fairview Southdale Hospital, where he died. Langer says the children were part of a church group.

End Of Shutdown Brings Relief

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ST. PAUL, Minn. — Minnesota's state government shutdown ended Wednesday after 20 days, millions in lost revenue and frustration on the part of residents and politicians. The stoppage made the state a national example of political dysfunction, a small-scale mirror of the dispute in Washington over whether to raise the debt ceiling. But while federal lawmakers appeared close to a deal to slash spending, no such progress was made in Minnesota, where the budget was widely planned for just putting the problems off until later.

Democratic Gov. Mark Dayton pushed for months to raise taxes on the state's richest residents to provide more money for social services, while Republicans adopted a "live within our means" motto. In the end, the state will spend more by delaying aid to schools and borrowing against future payments from a legal settlement with tobacco companies.

In contrast, the proposal being floated Wednesday in Washington would cut entitlement programs while raising some taxes. In both cases, members of both parties have bitter pills to swallow, but in Minnesota, there's not even the satisfaction of having finally solved the problem.

Dayton said the budget was the best deal he could get given what he called Republican stubbornness.

"I signed it because otherwise Minnesota wouldn't go back to work," he said at a Capitol bill signing ceremony.

Republicans were equally unhappy, having voted to spend more than they wanted. They also gave up on proposals to ban funding for stem cell research and curb public employees' bargaining rights, while agreeing to a \$500 million construction financing package Dayton wanted for university buildings and flood projects.

"We did compromise with the governor in giving him more money, more money than a lot of Republicans wanted to spend, more money than I wanted to spend," House Majority Leader Matt Dean said on Minnesota Public Radio.

The gears of government have started to turn again, with 22,000 laid-off state employees told to report to work Thursday to restart everything from lottery ticket sales to



JIM GEHRZ/MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE/MCT
Minnesota House Speaker Kurt Zellers called the House to order to begin a special session at the State Capitol in St. Paul, Minnesota, Tuesday where the state government passed a budget nearly three weeks after a government shutdown forced thousands of state employees out of work.

state historic sites.

The shutdown closed state parks and two state-regulated racetracks, suspended driver's license exams and some services to the vulnerable and even threatened to prevent some bars from purchasing alcohol. Court rulings kept payments to schools, local governments and subsidized health care programs going, and as the shutdown ground on, a judge gave relief to some programs — including child care assistance — by ruling they were essential.

The state lost millions of dollars in the shutdown, including lost revenue from lottery sales, tax audits and state fees and concessions, plus money spent preparing to shut down and the cost of unemployment and health benefits for laid-off workers. The full cost wasn't expected to be known for some time.

Republicans and Democrats have been at odds for years over how to address persistent state budget deficits, with GOP leaders pushing for deeper spending cuts and Democrats arguing for new taxes. This year, Dayton became the state's first Democratic governor in 20 years, while Republicans took over both legislative chambers for the first time in 38 years. The two sides argued bitterly over taxes and spending for months before their failure to pass a budget by the start of the fiscal year sent the state into a shutdown.

Its end was welcome, no more so than by those who felt its effects directly.

Alice Smith, 52, of St. Paul, who processes GEDs and transcripts at the Department of Education, said this was the hardest layoff of the three she's experienced and it's going to be hard catching up — both financially and with her workload.

"We're not going to get any back pay," she said. "It's all going to be a struggle for a full month until we get a full paycheck."

She helps support an adult daughter with disabilities and other relatives. During the shutdown, Smith said she went to a food bank when she needed help with groceries, but the shelves there were bare.

At the Canterbury Park track horse track in Shakopee, President and CEO Randy Sampson was glad to call back about 1,000 employees.

"Obviously their lives were turned upside down," he said, adding that the shutdown cost horse owners and jockeys more than \$1 million in purses. And Sampson said he found it "beyond frustrating" that the courts did not let Canterbury reopen even though it had already paid regulators enough in fees to keep them working.

"I can't say I'm jumping for joy because the whole thing has been such a painful and unnecessary situation," Sampson said.

"I'm relieved that it's over but I don't really see what it was all about," said Susan Lommen, 60, of Deerwood, whose husband, Guy, was laid off from his state job as a state lottery sales representative. "It seems like we're right back where we started from, because there's no resolution."

Associated Press writer Steve Kamowski contributed to this report from Minneapolis.

Rescue

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pound in one to two weeks. The dogs have been through enough. They don't need any more trauma."

Humpal said she appreciates the assistance of the City of Yankton in housing the animals initially.

"Animal control is doing a wonderful job helping us out," she stated.

Until permanent homes are found, Humpal said foster homes are badly needed.

"The foster homes I do have are full," she stated. "Because of the economy and the flooding, we're having a really hard time finding homes for (the dogs we already have)."

"Paws will pay for all the vetting and food (at a foster home)," Humpal continued. "All they invest is their time and love until a home is found."

The health of the dogs is not known for certain, Humpal said, though she does anticipate get-

ting a blind Yorkie and a pregnant dog with mastitis. Once the animals are in Yankton, their needs will be assessed.

"They're going to require shots, and they're probably going to need to be groomed," Brasel said. "Before they are adopted out, all the dogs will be spayed and neutered."

Because of the cost of caring for the animals, Humpal is asking for donations to the Paws To Love account at the Animal Health Clinic along Whiting Drive in Yankton. The non-profit could also use gift cards for TSC in

Yankton where it purchases dog food or for 4 Paws Spa in Tyndall, which is where it obtains grooming services. Any other donations of veterinary or grooming services is also welcome.

Humpal said the rescued dogs will need a range of support.

"They're going to be scared,"

she stated. "Some of them are so terrified of people. But you carry them around and love on them and tell them how good they are. They come out of it, and they learn to trust. It's going to take some work. Then there are those that are really friendly. You just never know what you're going to get."

Some of the dogs currently in Paws To Love's care are an emaciated Great Dane, as well as a French Bulldog with an elongated soft palette that will require surgery costing between \$950-\$1,500.

"We could really use help, because we only run on donations," Humpal said.

To learn more about the application process for becoming a foster or permanent home for one of these dogs, e-mail paws_2_love@yahoo.com.

OBITUARIES

Marilyn Siecke

VERMILLION — Marilyn J. Siecke, 72, of Vermillion, passed away Monday, July 18, 2011 at Touchstone Living Center Hospice Unit in Sioux City, Iowa. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 23, 2011 at First Baptist Church in Vermillion with Reverend Elmer "Sandy" Aakre officiating. Grave-side services will be in Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Norfolk, Nebraska at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, July 23, 2011. Visitation will be held at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at Rohde Funeral in Kingsley, Iowa. Visitation will continue, July 22, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Iverson-Siecke –Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion, South Dakota with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. followed by an Eastern Star Service.

Marilyn JoAnn was born December 23, 1938 in rural Stanton County, Nebraska, the daughter of Adolph and Laura (Keenan) Heinold. She attended Canfield country school through 8th grade and graduated from Stanton High School in 1956. After high school she attended Wayne State Teacher's college in Wayne, Nebraska, receiving a Teaching Certificate. Marilyn taught country school in Wayne County, Nebraska before getting married. Marilyn and Alton L. Siecke were married December 28, 1956, in Stanton, Nebraska. After being



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married 53 years he passed away August 9, 2010. Throughout their married life, Al and Marilyn lived in multiple places, moving back to Nebraska after Al graduated from Mortuary Science College in California. Together in 1981 they purchased the Wagner-Iverson Funeral Home of Vermillion, South Dakota and the Anderson Funeral Home of Elk Point, South Dakota in 2002. For 27 years she worked alongside Al in the business until they sold it to Lori and Tom Kober in 2008. In May of 2008 she and Al established the Rohde Funeral Home in Kingsley, Iowa along with their daughter, Tami.

Marilyn was very involved in the community of Vermillion. She was a long time member of First

Baptist Church in Vermillion, and served on the Civic Council Board, Eastern Star and Rebeccah's. She was a Worthy Matron of Eastern Star and served as South Dakota's representative several times. Marilyn enjoyed playing cards especially bridge, collecting anything with butterflies, watching sports especially with her family. Also, she enjoyed writing poetry and painting, talents she discovered later in life.

Marilyn is survived by her daughter, Tamera (Mark) Rohde of Kingsley, Iowa; son, Mark (Bev) Siecke of Decatur, Nebraska; grandsons, Tyler (Becky) Siecke of Omaha, Nebraska, and Seth (Annie) Rohde of Sioux City, Iowa and Tate Rohde of Kingsley, Iowa; granddaughters, Tanna (Nick) White of Omaha, Nebraska and Megan Rohde of Sioux City, Iowa; great-grandson, Nolan White of Omaha, Nebraska; sis-

ters-in-law, VonDelle Heinold of Pilger, Nebraska and Judy Collins of Sioux City, Iowa; brothers-in-law, Leon Siecke of Ceres, California, and Doug (Phyllis) Siecke of Madison, Nebraska; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Alton, daughters, Jacquelyn Kay and Sharilyn Sue, her brother, LaVerne Heinold and brother-in-law, Keith Collins.

Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneral-home.com.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

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Dr. Nielsen is a graduate of the University of South Dakota School of Medicine. He completed his Internal Medicine residency training and his nephrology training at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.

Dr. Nielsen will provide the diagnosis and treatment of adult kidney diseases including but not limited to those associated with underlying medical ailments, genetic disorders, autoimmune diseases and vasculitis. He also specializes in the treatment of hypertension, electrolyte disturbances, the medical management of kidney stones, and provides both inpatient and outpatient dialysis.

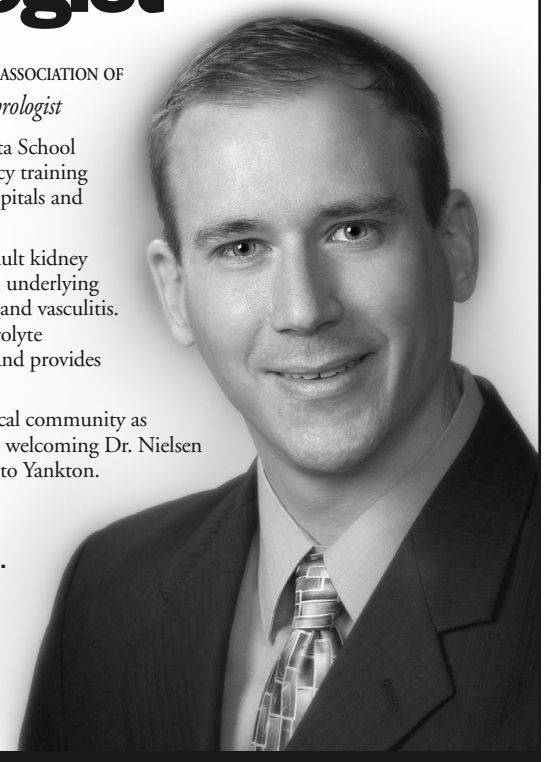
The Clinic is pleased to bring a Nephrologist to our medical community as well as to the many patients he will serve. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Nielsen and his wife, Stacey, and their two sons, Bailey and Cade, to Yankton.

Dr. Nielsen will begin seeing patients at the Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. on August 1, 2011. Appointments can be made by calling 605-665-1082.



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