

## Kerrey, Fischer Offer Ideas In Wake Of Fires

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The wild-fires in north-central Nebraska have prompted the state's candidates for U.S. Senate to weigh in on proposals that could help Nebraska's farmers and ranchers suffering not only from the fires, but record drought.

Both Democrat Bob Kerrey and Republican candidate Deb Fischer have toured the wildfire areas and called on Congress to pass the federal farm bill, which includes disaster assistance for wildfires and drought.

But they have different ideas about other ways to help. Kerrey wants to speed up the process of offering low-interest loans to producers affected by drought and to expand the crop insurance program to include grazing land.

Fischer wants to waive conservation program obligations during severe drought and temporarily suspend weight and length requirements on vehicles transporting feed and livestock to disaster areas.



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## Iowa Town Turns To Internet To Save Levee

HAMBURG, Iowa — When floodwaters from the Missouri River threatened to wash away the small southwestern Iowa town of Hamburg last summer, residents helped the Army Corps of Engineers to hastily build a makeshift levee to save it.

Now, the town of nearly 1,200 is asking for help from across the country to keep the levee.

Town leaders have turned to the Internet to make their plea for help, building a site — www.hamburglevee.com — to try to raise the nearly \$5 million needed to ensure the levee meets federal certification standards. Short that, the city would have to spend more than \$1 million to tear the levee down.

The website notes that if 1.5 million give just \$3 each to the effort, the levee can be saved “for less than a latte.”

## Gering Man Killed, 5 Hurt In Rollover Crash

MINATARE, Neb. (AP) — One man is dead and another is behind bars in a rollover crash near Minatare in western Nebraska.

Scottsbluff radio station KNEB-AM reports that 21-year-old Taylor Magdaleno, of Gering, died in the late Friday night crash. Investigators say Magdaleno had been one of six men in a pickup that went off the road and rolled several times. Magdaleno died after being thrown from the truck.

The five others were taken to a Scottsbluff hospital for various injuries. Only one remained hospitalized Saturday, but his injuries were not believed to be life-threatening.

# FCC, S.D. Split On Broadband Fund

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 Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — Broadband Internet access should start reaching more rural parts of the country after the Federal Communication Commission retroed a fund that has traditionally subsidized rural phone service, the agency's chairman says.

But a South Dakota official says the new \$4.5 billion Connect America Fund is actually hindering expansion, as companies in the state are backing off from future fiber optic projects because the companies aren't sure how much money they'll get from the government.

The FCC in November adopted a set of reforms aimed at bringing the \$8 billion Universal Service Fund into the digital age. Its goal is to get broadband to all of rural America by 2020, helping states such as South Dakota, where 44 percent of the rural population is without high speed Internet, said FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski.

Genachowski said the Universal Service Fund, created in 1997, had become inefficient and wasteful, and it was leaving very large parts of rural America behind. Its replacement, Connect America Fund, is an attempt to bring things up to speed.

“It was a reform that was many years in the making,” he said. “It was widely recognized for quite some time that the old USF program and only focusing on telephone service was out of date.”

But Chris Nelson, chairman of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, said rural telephone companies in the state that had been expanding their Internet service through new

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fiber optic lines are scrapping future projects because they don't know how much the feds will help pay for the service.

“Rural phone companies are completing their broadband infrastructure expenditures this year but are making very, very few plans for next year and literally nothing the year beyond that because of the uncertainty the order has caused,” Nelson said.

Why the uncertainty? Companies are subsidized based on a complicated formula that considers how many customers are served in how large an area. Critics say that the changed formula means companies can't predict up front how much money they'll get back, and are therefore hesitant to invest.

The Obama administration has identified universal broadband as critical to driving economic development, producing jobs and expanding the reach of cutting-edge medicine and educational opportunities.

The new fund, which continues to come from a surcharge on consumers' and businesses' monthly phone bills, will underwrite the cost of building and operating high-speed Internet networks in places that are too sparsely populated to justify costly corporate investments. It includes a \$500 million “mobility fund” earmarked to help build mobile broadband networks in areas where businesses won't invest so travelers can have continuous data coverage.

The FCC announced this past week that CenturyLink Inc. has accepted \$140,000 in Connect America Fund money to provide broadband in 180 locations in South Dakota. The company must complete two-thirds of its new broadband commitments within two years, and the remainder by the third year.

West River Cooperative Telephone Company in Bison serves about 6,300 square miles of northwest South Dakota from Lemmon to the Newell-Nisland area. The remote countryside has about one subscriber every two square miles, said general manager Jerry Reisenauer.

Since 2003, West River has been rolling out fiber optic coverage to bring DSL Internet service to its customers, but uncertainty over the FCC's funding formula is halting expansion that would allow it to provide higher speeds in some areas.

“We've put our construction on hold,” Reisenauer said. “We're trying to understand more fully how the act will impact us.”

FCC officials say the Universal Service Fund had some flaws, allowing some companies to spend much more per customer than other providers and allowing some companies to undercharge customers for service.

# Families Of Missing Iowa Girls Struggle With Worry

EVANSDALE, Iowa (AP) — Family members of two missing Iowa girls are struggling with the unknowns while law enforcement continues searching for the young cousins.

The *Des Moines Register* reports that life is far from normal for the families of 8-year-old Elizabeth Collins and 10-year-old Lyric

Cook. The girls were last seen taking a bike ride in Evansdale on July 13.

Marsha Gilmer-Tullis with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children says the uncertainty about what happened to a missing child can be unbearable for families. Most of the 800,000 U.S. children re-

ported missing each year are found quickly.

Elizabeth Collins' mother, Heather Collins, says she sits up at night hoping a police car will drive up with her daughter.

Dan Morrissey, father of Lyric Cook, says he struggles with the unknowns.

## OBITUARIES

### Diane Peterson

Diane Peterson, age 71, of Wakonda, SD passed away surrounded by her family at Sacred Heart Hospital early Friday, July 27, 2012.

Funeral Services will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church, Vermillion, SD with Rev. Anna M. Peck officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Vermillion, SD.

Visitations will begin at 5 p.m., Monday, July 30, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Diane (Mary Diane) Deniger was born October 28th 1940 in Yankton to Al and Louise (Keller) Deniger. Diane grew up in Yankton spending much of her childhood at her Grandma Keller's and with Grandma Deniger in Watertown. Diane attended Sacred Heart School and Mount Marty College. She graduated with a teaching degree.



Peterson

Diane taught in Springfield and Gayville. She married John Peterson May 6th 1967, 3 children were born to this union, Theresa, Meredith and Chad.

Diane worked at Wakonda Heritage Manor, Sun-set Manor and Ability Building Services, she retired in 2010. She was a member of Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church and served on the Wakonda American Legion Auxiliary.

Diane enjoyed reading “trashy” romance novels, playing cards and board games with her kids and grandchildren. She would never turn down an invitation for a trip to a casino. After Diane retired, she liked to coordinate lunch dates with her girlfriends from her farming community.

Diane is preceded in death by her mother and father, her brother Robert Deniger, her brother-in-law, Joe Johnson and her granddaughter, Jordan Peterson.

Diane is survived by her husband John of 45 years of Wakonda; three children: Theresa and David Gustafson of Greenbrier, AR, Meredith and Jeff Hunhoff of Yankton and Chad Peterson of Quitman AR; Grandchildren include Clay and Amanda Gustafson and Reid, Kendra and Walker Hunhoff; one brother, Dennis Deniger of Lakeville IN; two brothers-in-law, Sterling (Virginia) Peterson of Wakonda and Stanley Peterson of Vermillion; three sisters-in-law, Laura Johnson of Platte, Martha Peterson of Vermillion and Arlene (Tom) Termes of Vermillion and many nieces and nephews.

Diane would like everyone to know that she loved her grandchildren and is very proud of them.

Memorials may be sent to the Avera Health Foundation.

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### Adolf Krcil

Adolf Krcil, age 80, of Yankton, and formerly of Avon, passed away Friday, July 27, 2012 at his daughter's home in Kearney, NE.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton with the Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in St. Leo's Catholic Cemetery, Tyndall, SD, at approximately 12:15 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

Visitations will be 3 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be Collin Petri, Luke Krcil, Don Krcil, Terry Krcil, Tim Krcil and Lawrence Furney.

Adolf Rudolf Krcil was born August 5, 1931 near Dante, SD to Adolph and Pauline (Cahoy) Krcil. Adolf attended school through the 8th grade and then worked on the family farm. On



Krcil

November 14, 1950 he married the love of his life, Phyllis Raabe. They lived by Dante, SD for 2 years until purchasing a farm near Avon, SD. Adolf and Phyllis farmed from 1950

to 1984. In addition Adolf worked part time doing construction work in Wagner, SD and the night shift at C.R. Industries, Springfield, SD running a forklift. In 1984 they moved to Yankton, SD where they managed the Village Green Apartments. In addition he worked delivering donuts for Jim Putz (1985); cleaned at Alumax (1985) and in 1987 starting working at the State Hospital in Yankton as a painter. He retired from there in 2004. Also, in 1990 Adolf and Phyllis began managing the Carriage House Apartments where he remained until his death.

Adolf greatly valued his family friends and faith in God. His love and concern for his family

and his tenants was evident in everything he did. He loved being a “Grandpa” and spent time with his grandchildren attending their events, playing games (especially cards), fishing and giving them that special “Grandpa love” that only he could give. Adolf and Phyllis attended many Polka dances and festivals and loved traveling throughout the country. He was also a skilled handyman who enjoyed fixing things.

Those grateful for having shared his life include his son, Al of Yankton; daughter Kathy (Rick) Petri of Kearney, NE and Grandchildren Kaitlin and Collin Petri; Dani, Mikayla and Alex Krcil.

Adolf was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; brothers, Henry and Joe; and daughter-in-law Dorothy (Slama) Krcil.  
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## Steven McGovern, Son Of Former S.D. Senator, Dies

SIoux FALLS (AP) — The son of former South Dakota senator George McGovern has died.

Miller Funeral Home of Sioux Falls released a statement Saturday afternoon saying 60-year-old Steven McGovern died Friday after a lengthy illness. He was 60.

The funeral home says Steven McGovern died on his birthday under the care of hospice.

Says sister Ann McGovern, “Steve had a long struggle with alcoholism. We will miss him deeply, but are grateful that he is now at peace.”

Funeral arrangements are pending.

## Philip Sorensen

SIoux FALLS — Philip Sorensen, 33 of Sioux Falls, passed away on Thursday, July 26, 2012, from injuries sustained as the result of a tragic accident.

Philip Lowell Sorensen, son of Terry and Cleo (Engen) Sorensen, was born on January 2, 1979, in Yankton. He was raised in Sioux Falls, attending Bancroft Elementary, Whittier, and graduating from Washington High School in 1998. Philip was baptized at Spring Valley Lutheran Church and confirmed at Hope Lutheran Church. He attended Southeast Technical Institute and graduated with an Associate's Degree in business and marketing in 2001. He worked in sales at Ultimate Electronics and then moved to Montana for a position with Orion Foods



Sorensen

before returning to Sioux Falls. He was employed with Crimson Fire Equipment and Sears, and was currently employed with Syverson Tile and Stone.

Philip loved the outdoors and time with friends and family. He enjoyed numerous activities including kayaking, camping, rock climbing, fishing, bicycling, motorcycling, Frisbee golf, golfing, and wakeboarding. On the rare occasion he wasn't outdoors, Philip would spend time tinkering in his shed. He was the “go-to guy” when it came to helping others, always generous and giving of himself. In keeping with his giving spirit and desire to continually help others, Philip was an organ donor.

Grateful for having shared his life are his parents Terry and Cleo Sorensen; sister Megan Sorensen; niece Jayden, all of Sioux Falls, SD; grandmothers Lorraine Engen, Irene, SD, Rosezella Olson, Yankton, SD; and many other relatives and friends. Philip was preceded in death by his grandfathers Sanford Engen and Lowell Sorensen.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to the family for the establishment of a scholarship fund in Philip's honor.

Visitation with the family present will be from 5 to 7 p.m. with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at Hope Lutheran Church, 1700 South Cliff

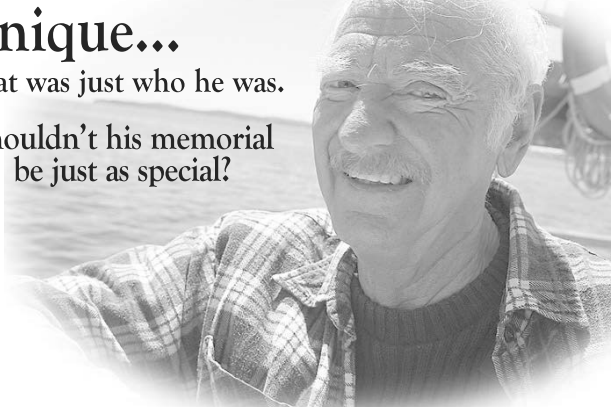
Ave. A funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, at Hope Lutheran Church with burial at the Elm Cemetery, Irene, SD.

For obituary and online registry, please visit [www.millerfh.com](http://www.millerfh.com)  
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