

Problems With Pedestrian Bridge Costly

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Repairing the faulty pedestrian bridge near Lincoln's new arena is becoming costly.

The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports investigating the failure of two of the bridge's girders will now cost at least \$84,000. The group overseeing construction of the Pinnacle Bank Arena approved a new contract with an engineering firm on Friday.

Whoever is responsible for the bridge problems will be expected to pay the repair bills.

The faulty girders in the \$7.9 million bridge are expected to be replaced soon. Officials expect that roughly 5,000 people will use the bridge to cross from the arena to parking.

Lincoln Police say an intoxicated 22-year-old man fell off the bridge Sunday morning. His injuries were not life threatening, and he was ticketed for trespassing.

Teen In Critical Condition After Shooting

RAPID CITY (AP) — Police say a Rapid City teen is hospitalized in critical condition after she was shot in the head.

Authorities say police were called to an apartment building in Rapid City about 3:30 a.m. and found a 17-year-old girl with one gunshot wound to the head.

Police say two 17-year-old girls and a 22-year-old man had been drinking and handling a .22-caliber rifle. One of the girls was holding the rifle when it fired at the other girl.

The shooter was taken into custody on two warrants for failure to appear in court. Additional charges are possible.

Police Chief Dies After Motorcycle Crash

AURORA, Neb. (AP) — An eastern Nebraska town's police chief died two days after a motorcycle crash on Interstate 80.

Aurora Police Chief Godfrey Brokenrope died Saturday evening at a Lincoln hospital.

Brokenrope had been hospitalized ever since he crashed his motorcycle Thursday on I-80 near Seward.

The Nebraska State Patrol says Brokenrope was unable to stop his motorcycle quick enough when traffic slowed, and he crashed in the median.

Aurora Mayor Marlin Seeman says Brokenrope had been chief since 2006. Previously, he had been a police officer in Grand Island, Aurora and the military.

Seeman says Brokenrope was committed to the community and the department.

Sentencing Delayed In Toddler's Death

RAPID CITY (AP) — Sentencing has been postponed for a Colorado man who pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter for the death of a 2-year-old girl.

Twenty-four-year-old Edward Berges was scheduled to be sentenced on Friday in Rapid City. KÖTA-TV reports that the proceedings have been delayed because a presentence investigation is not complete.

The incident happened last August. Berges allegedly told authorities he became frustrated with the child and punched her in the head.

Investigators have said Berges was the boyfriend of the girl's mother.

Prosecutors are recommending a sentence of 37 years in prison.

OBITUARIES

Lori Ann Salvatori

(Jul 7, 1970 – Jul 28, 2013)

Lori Ann Salvatori, age 43, of Lincoln, NE, passed away on July 28, 2013, after a long battle with brain cancer. Lori was born in Norfolk, NE to Paul and Kathy Moser on July 7, 1970. As a 1988 graduate of Norfolk Catholic High School, she went on to earn a Special Education degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University and a Master's degree in Special Education from Wayne State College. She worked as a Special Education teacher for 16-plus years.

Lori is survived by husband Kevin; three children: Tony (21), Samantha (18), and Ryan (14); parents, Paul and Kathy Moser of Norfolk; brother, Joe (Suzan Lund) Moser of Lincoln; brother, Rob (Linda) Moser of Round Rock, TX; and numerous other loving relatives and friends. Lori was preceded in death by her grandparents, Joe and Angela Moser, and



Salvatori

Sylvester and Viola Heimann. The family will receive friends Tuesday, July 30 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 1920 N. 102 St., Omaha, with VIGIL SERVICE to follow at 7:30 p.m. at the church. MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL is Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Leo the Great Church with Rev. Harry Buse of St. Bernadette officiating. Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery, Omaha.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for the support of the children at P.O. Box 67280, Lincoln, NE 68506-7280.

Arrangements are by Heafey-Hoffmann-Dworak-Cutler of Omaha.

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David Van Goor

David Jon Van Goor, age 56 passed away Saturday, July 27, 2013, surrounded by his family in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yankton with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial of David's cremated remains will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 4 p.m., Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory in Yankton with a 7 p.m. rosary followed by a video tribute and 7:30 p.m. scripture service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Christopher Bauer

Christopher James Bauer, 53, passed peacefully away July 28, 2013, surrounded by family at his home after 18 months of dauntless battle with cancer.

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be 2 p.m., Thursday, August 1, 2013, at St. Benedict Catholic Church with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will be at a later date in the Browns Valley Cemetery in Browns Valley, MN.

Visitations will begin at 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory,

in Yankton with a 7 p.m. rosary, followed by a video tribute and 7:30 p.m. Scripture service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Darcie Beene

Darcie Beene, age 22, of Vermillion, S.D., died Saturday, July 27, 2013, in Vermillion.

Arrangements are pending with the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton, South Dakota.

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Gold Mining Proposal For S.D. River Opens Old Wounds

RAPID CITY (AP) — Some South Dakota residents are nervous about a Canadian-based company's plan to to mine gold along a stretch of a Black Hills river once so polluted it was listed as a federal Superfund site.

Goldstake Explorations of Oakville, Ontario, and a Black Hills-based affiliate have received a state permit to begin exploration work next month along Whitewood Creek. Some environmentalists worry that the plan for the 18-mile-long Superfund site will pollute the river.

"It's just somebody else coming in, wanting to make a quick buck on gold mining and assuring us that everything will be OK," said Randy Heckenlaible, a longtime mining adversary and community organizer for ACTion for the Environment. "When somebody says a gold-mining operation like this will be just fine, that should immediately raise a red flag."

Company officials told the *Rapid City Journal* that the permit calls for workers to take care of the land and reclaim the property when the work is done.

"We will need a large-scale mining permit," said Kathryn Johnson, a consultant serving as project manager.

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"And the requirements of that permit are that there's no degradation of the environment or health of the environment and that after-mining reclamation is required to ensure there's no long-term issue."

The Superfund site was removed from a federal priority list in 1996 after extensive cleanup of the creek and removal of tons of arsenic-contaminated material near homes and other points of human activity. It is still monitored by the Environmental Protection Agency.

There has been interest in mining Whitewood Creek mine tailings and the residual gold they contain for decades, but it has never come to fruition.

Guy M. Balo, a rancher with land in the Superfund site, said the Goldstake

plan offers not only direct payments, but a chance to clean up ore residue that makes his operation less productive.

"It'll be more productive ground, and we'll be able to use it better. Some of it now is just bare sand," he said.

The creek now supports fish life, including wild brown trout in its colder portions. A five-year review conducted by the EPA last year concluded that the Superfund site is "protective of human health and the environment," though additional long-term protections are still planned.

Mike Cepak, a mining regulation specialist with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Pierre, said a plan to mine for gold in residue left at a Superfund site is like no other he can remember in the state. He said South Dakota will be active in assuring that if the mining proceeds, it will not release pollutants into Whitewood Creek, a watershed that leads to the Missouri River.

"This captures our interest on a couple of different levels. One is that it's just an interesting plan," Cepak said. "The other is that, if it moves forward, what are the environmental consequences?"

Old West Town Will Greet Youth At Summer Camp

BY ALGIS J. LAUKATIS

Lincoln Journal Star

ASHLAND, Neb. (AP) — An Old West town is taking shape in the wooded hills above the Platte River for the hundreds of kids who go to Carol Joy Holling Camp each summer.

The Lippincott Stagecoach Inn is almost finished, and the camp owned and operated by the Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries will next break ground on Hotel Theodore.

The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports the buildings are part of a \$1.8 million project to replace 10 aging bunkhouses built more than 20 years ago. The new buildings will have room for 108 campers, can accommodate those with special needs and can be used for adult retreats and conferences year-round.

"It is so exciting to imagine the hundreds of middle school campers and thousands of retreat guests each year that will have a unique, faith and community-building experience in this place," said camp Executive Director Dave Coker.

The new buildings will merge with existing ones to create a two-sided street in an area called Angels Gulch. All of the buildings will have storefront designs reminiscent of a western town. Frequent horn blasts from nearby BNSF Railway trains add realism.

Campers will stroll down a Main Street made of paving bricks from the northeast Nebraska town of Randolph. Outdoor Ministries bought 80,000 pavers from the town for \$20,000 and are using about 20,000 of them for the street to be called Randolph Road.

Coker and Jason Gerdes, director of development, said they will find uses for the other 60,000 pavers, which weigh 9 pounds each, around the sprawling 320-acre complex officially known as Carol Joy Holling Camp, Conference and Retreat Center.

The land, which is a rifle shot from Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, was a gift from George and Irene Holling, in memory of their daughter, Carol, who died in a car accident on her way to college in Arizona in 1952. Her ashes and those of her parents are in an altar on a hill called Inspiration Point that overlooks the Platte River Valley.

Although part of the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America,

the camp and retreat center are open to everyone regardless of religious affiliation, Coker said.

"We're Lutherans but we serve anyone who wants to come out here," he said.

Each week, about 250 kids in first grade to high school stay to ride horses, swim, canoe, fish, hike, climb rope towers, make crafts and participate in special service projects like quilting at the camp.

More than 325 quilts being made this summer by campers will be distributed by Lutheran World Relief to families living in poverty. The Baltimore-based agency is in the midst of a year-long campaign to ship 500,000 quilts around the world.

Nancy Johnson of Omaha, one of several women who shepherd campers of all ages through the quilt-making process, said the hardest part is making sure they don't stick themselves with needles.

Eleven-year-old Charlie Schlissner of Lincoln said she enjoys making quilts, but she likes horseback riding better. She especially misses a painted horse named Ginger who was retired after last summer's camp season.

Depending on their age, campers stay in bunkhouses, cabins, platform tents and tipis scattered around the wooded grounds.

The Swanson and Sjogren retreat centers are designed for business meetings, conferences, family reunions, weddings and church groups. Coker said the centers are open only to groups, and rates are reasonable and include three meals a day.

Income from the 28-room Swanson Center helps subsidize the summer camp, which, Coker said, turns no child away and offers financial help to families who can't afford to send their kids to camp.

Adults like the quiet, rural and riparian setting of the camp and retreat center just off Interstate 80 between Lincoln and Omaha.

Said Coker: "The only traffic out here is turkeys and deer."



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Gun Group Marches In Sioux Falls To Promote Rights

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A group of South Dakota residents took to the streets of Sioux Falls on Saturday to show off their guns.

The march by the Sioux Falls chapter of South Dakota Open Carry was meant to highlight responsible gun ownership and the right to bear arms. It is legal in the state to carry firearms in public as long as the gun is visible. There are no proposals to change the law.

"We're trying to change the public perception of firearms," said event organizer Jesse Riersen, who carried several guns, including a semi-automatic rifle.

One of the marchers, Dain Hofstee, pushed his 1-year-old twin daughters in a stroller while carrying a rifle and a handgun.

"A right that isn't exercised is a right that is lost," Hofstee said.

A handful of people showed up along the route to protest the group's message. One of them, Jack Mortenson, said he wanted to show there's another

side of the issue.

"Being able to carry guns is great. I did that. I used to hunt a lot," Mortenson said. "But in society, we should carry because we're hunting. Not because we can, to show strength."

Sioux Falls resident and Mitchell pastor Kristi McLaughlin had planned to hold an alternative demonstration but cancelled her protest after reading several harshly worded posts on Internet blogs. She said she does not question the right to bear arms, but only wanted to question the need for guns in people's daily lives.

Riersen said he wanted people to see gun owners being peaceful and walking down the streets just like everybody else.

"We want the public to see what law abiding gun owners look like," he said. "What they see on the news is criminals using the guns for wrong things. They don't show law abiding citizens using them for the right things."

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Life poses no more curious a riddle than its termination. This natural and inevitable event may arouse thoughts that can complicate life with fear and anxiety about the unknown. Yet, there remains the practical consideration of carrying out the earthly decisions surrounding life's final chapter. With so much that we don't know about death, most of us find it comforting to exert a degree of control about what we do know.

In the weeks and months that follow, we will provide our readers with enough information to make end-of-life decisions that will enable them to meet death on their own terms. It is our earnest hope that the information and insights we offer will provide comfort to those most in need of it.

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