

## Pipeline Company Appeals S.D. Sales Tax Bill

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A Tulsa, Okla.-based pipeline company is appealing a tax bill for services performed at its terminals in Sioux Falls and Watertown.

The *Argus Leader* reports that Magellan Midstream Partners is appealing more than \$241,000 in back taxes on the fees it charges customers for injecting fuel additives. The company believes the services fall in the category of pipeline transportation, which is exempt from sales tax under South Dakota law.

But The Department of Revenue disagrees. It assessed a tax bill of more than \$241,000 for September 2006 through January 2010, including about \$51,000 in interest.

Magellan has filed an appeal in Minnehaha County Circuit Court after the South Dakota Office of Hearing Examiners denied the company's appeal in April.

## Mayor: 'Fairness Ordinance' Vote Will Proceed

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler says he will call for a citywide election on a measure that bans discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, following a successful petition drive to place the issue on the ballot.

Beutler said Thursday that the petition organizers sent a message of intolerance from Nebraska's second-largest city, but he will honor the citizens' right to vote. He said the Lincoln City Council will first have to repeal its new ordinance and approve fresh ballot language, because the petition circulated by conservative family values groups was improperly worded.

Petition circulators say they collected 10,092 signatures, four times the number required to suspend the measure before it takes effect and force a vote.

City officials say they don't yet know when the election will be scheduled.

## Terrain Hampers Search For Missing S.D. Teen

RAPID CITY (AP) — Authorities are continuing to search for a South Dakota teenager who went missing while kayaking, but they are using fewer people to comb the area around Deerfield Lake in the Black Hills.

Officials with the Pennington County Search and Rescue Team tell KEVN-TV that searching is proving difficult because of the rugged terrain. KELO-TV reports that the search Thursday was being narrowed to a specific area.

Fifteen-year-old Justin Lewis went missing Monday afternoon. Searchers found his kayak filled with water the next morning. About 100 people have been involved in the search for him the past couple of days. Authorities also have used a boat equipped with sonar to scan the bottom of the lake.

Lewis lives with his family near the lake west of Rapid City.

## Suspect In S.D. Shooting Pleads Not Guilty

RAPID CITY (AP) — A Rapid City man accused of shooting another man in the head has pleaded not guilty to an attempted murder charge.

KOTA-TV reports that 20-year-old Kelsey Reavis was arraigned Thursday in Seventh Circuit Court. He is charged with one count of attempted murder and two alternate counts of aggravated assault in the April 28 shooting of 28-year-old Christopher Levin after what authorities said was an altercation that happened during a house party.

Levin, who was recently released from the hospital, earlier testified that Reavis pulled a .45 caliber pistol on him after a confrontation.

Reavis faces a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison if convicted of attempted murder or 15 years in prison on each aggravated assault count.

## Fishermen Land Big Catfish In Creek In Neb.

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — It's not a record breaker, but three fishermen are bragging about their catch — an 85-pound blue catfish in a creek near Omaha.

KETV-TV in Omaha says the friends landed the monster fish in Salt Creek on Tuesday.

J.D. Herdrich credits not the lure, but the pink fishing pole he was using. He says after he caught the fish, he knew the pole was going to break, so they grabbed the line and hauled it in. It took about five minutes to get the fish to shore.

Once the excitement settled, they weighed the fish with a hand scale. Then, they let it go.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission says the biggest blue catfish ever caught in Nebraska weighed just over 100 pounds.

## Mitchell Man Sentenced In Family Drug Case

MITCHELL (AP) — A Mitchell man has been sentenced for drug crimes that authorities say also involved his brother and mother.

The *Daily Republic* newspaper reports that 19-year-old Derik Nespor was sentenced to about two months in jail to be followed by five years of probation, and also fined \$600. He had pleaded guilty earlier to possessing drugs and intending to distribute them.

Nespor's mother, 43-year-old Charlene Stahl, was convicted by a jury in April of aiding a drug crime and contributing to the delinquency of a child. The case against Nespor's 17-year-old brother was handled in juvenile court, where proceedings are not open to the public.

## Man Pleads Guilty To Escaping From Squad Car

MITCHELL (AP) — A man who managed to flee from the back seat of a Mitchell police car has pleaded guilty to escape.

The *Daily Republic* reports that 22-year-old Roderick Rouse of Mitchell has been in custody since the May 16 incident. Authorities say Rouse squeezed through a small, unlocked plastic window separating the back and front seats of the squad car and fled. He eluded officers for about an hour before being arrested near his residence.

Prosecutors have dropped charges of domestic assault and interfering with emergency communications as part of a plea agreement.

Rouse faces up to 10 years in prison.

## Omaha Kids Replant Garden After Theft

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The kids from Sherman Community Center in north Omaha have replanted their garden, thanks to donations from area nursery operators and other people.

Vegetables and herbs had been stolen from the children's garden at an Omaha park over the Memorial Day weekend. The children were growing tomatoes, hot peppers, zucchini, onions, green beans, peas, basil and more.

Nine-year-old Dakota Leapley took a break from the replanting on Wednesday and told Omaha television station KMTV that the thief or thieves were "very rude" and that they were "very selfish and childish."

Community center worker Joyce Bayly told Omaha television station WOWT that one woman called to say she wanted to donate 75 tomato plants.

## South Dakota

# Court Upholds Conviction In 1975 AIM Slaying

BY CHET BROKAW

Associated Press

PIERRE — The South Dakota Supreme Court on Thursday upheld a Canadian man's murder conviction and life sentence in the 1975 slaying of a fellow American Indian Movement activist, ruling that the state had jurisdiction to prosecute him.

John Graham was convicted in December 2010 of taking part in the killing of Annie Mae Aquash. Prosecutors said Graham and two other AIM activists, Arlo Looking Cloud and Theda Clarke, killed Aquash because they suspected she was a government informant.

Graham, a member of the Southern Tutchone tribe in Canada's Yukon Territory, argued that the government should not have been allowed to move his case from federal to state court after his extradition to the U.S.

However, the state's highest court ruled unanimously that the state had jurisdiction to prosecute Graham and that prosecutors presented sufficient evidence to convict him. Graham's sentence of life in prison without parole also is not grossly disproportionate to his crime, the justices said.

"Indeed, the evidence reflects that Graham was involved in Aquash's initial kidnapping, in ensuring that she was kept in captivity, in transporting her to her place of death, and in the ultimate shooting," Justice Steven Zinter wrote for the court.

Graham's lawyer, John R. Murphy of Rapid City, said he and Graham are disappointed in the ruling but will pursue secondary appeals.

"We are going to continue to pursue relief both in the courts in the United States as well

as seeking to address certain matters regarding the propriety of the extradition in Canada," Murphy said.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley said state, federal and tribal authorities have cooperated for 35 years to bring justice for Aquash and her family.

Asked if authorities are still investigating other suspects for possible involvement in Aquash's murder, Jackley said: "This remains an ongoing, open investigation."

Aquash's body was found in a remote area in southwest South Dakota in February 1976. She was a member of the Mi'kmaq tribe of Nova Scotia. Federal agents investigated the case for years but didn't bring an indictment until March 2003, when Denver police arrested Looking Cloud.

Looking Cloud was convicted in federal court of first-degree murder in 2004 and sentenced to life in prison. A federal judge signed an order in August reducing Looking Cloud's sentence to 20 years.

Clark, who was never charged, died in October.

Graham was arrested in December 2003 in Vancouver, British Columbia, on federal charges in Aquash's killing. Two courts ruled that the U.S. government lacked jurisdiction to try Graham because he is not an American Indian. The case was eventually moved to state court.

Graham was acquitted of premeditated murder in the state trial, but was convicted of felony murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole. The felony murder charge alleged he was involved in a killing while engaged in another felony, kidnapping.

Graham argued that the state lacked juris-

# Pine Ridge Boys & Girls Club To Celebrate 20 Years

BY KRISTI EATON

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — SuAnne Big Crow dreamed of a "Happytown," a safe place where young people could take pride in their accomplishments and support each other, away from the poverty, alcoholism and violence endemic on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

In 1992, when the 17-year-old honor student and star athlete was killed in a car accident, SuAnne's mother pledged to honor her vision, battling aside obstacles to launch the first Boys & Girls Club in Indian Country.

"Nothing in Pine Ridge ever lasts that long," Leatrice "Chick" Big Crow told The Associated Press. "It opens with government funding. When the government funding goes away, it closes. We

have been there without government funding, without tribal funding, and we have made it."

Members and supporters of the SuAnne Big Crow Boys & Girls Club will gather in Pine Ridge on Saturday to celebrate its 20th anniversary with a traditional ceremony and a Lakota lunch. Guest speakers include Leroy "JR" LaPlante, Secretary of Tribal Relations for South Dakota, Bureau of Indian Affairs officials and representatives from nonprofits that have helped with funding and support.

Big Crow, executive director of the club, said SuAnne had hoped for a drug- and alcohol-free sanctuary for youth on the reservation, where they could meet with no fear of racism or judgment. Soon after the teen's death, and with the support of community members and a do-

nated tribal warehouse building, the club opened.

"To experience that coming together was something few people get to experience in Indian Country. It was just working together for one common goal. It was just people who never got along," Big Crow said. "They were working side by side."

In 1999, President Bill Clinton visited Pine Ridge and directed \$6 million in federal grants to create a 30,000-square-foot building for the reservation's youths. That opened in 2002.

Today, the club serves about 500 kids aged from 5 to 18 years, and is one of nearly 200 clubs in Indian Country that serve a total of 88,000 young people.

The center in Pine Ridge runs a job readiness program that teaches teenagers what to expect when they are looking for work,

including how to dress and write a resume, while some kids gain experience working at the club's restaurant. A daily homework hour helps members focus on school work, while a diabetes prevention program educates them on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. The club also includes a skate park and a sweat lodge.

Former Boys & Girls Club of America senior vice president Robbie Calloway, who helped bring the organization to Pine Ridge, said the club gives kids on the reservation hope for the future.

"What we try to do, the reason we wanted more clubs was so that they could connect and be part of something bigger than their immediate community," he said.

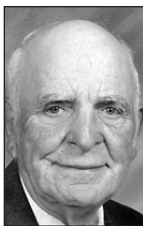
## OBITUARIES

### Wilfred Schieffer

LESTERVILLE — Wilfred J. "Willie" Schieffer, age 80, of Lesterville, SD passed away Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 2, 2012 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, SD with Rev. Joe Puthenkulathil and Msgr. Carlton Hermann con-celebrating. Burial will be the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Cemetery, Tabor, with Military Graveside Rites by the Kortan-Hatwan American Legion Post #183.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Friday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, with a wake service at 7:00 PM. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the Chapel. Pallbearers are grandsons



Schieffer

Chris Schieffer, Casey Schieffer, Joshua Schieffer, Cody Kyriess, Joseph Schieffer and son-in-law Jack Kyriess.

Wilfred Schieffer was born February 13, 1932 in Crofton, NE. He married Arlene Walloch on October 21, 1958. They enjoyed 53 years of marital bliss. Wilfred enjoyed working with his hands, dedicating 32 years of service to Goeden Construction and several years to Fejar Plumbing. He helped construct the Oahe and Gavins Point Dams. Wilfred enjoyed country life on the farm, fishing, being outdoors, antiques and listening to the Five State Trader. He was actively involved in his church, St. Wenceslaus, and loved giving

gifts as well as sharing treasures and special stories with others.

He is survived by his wife Arlene (Walloch) of Lesterville, SD; aunt, Sister Grace Feldhacker of Yankton, SD; children: Laverne (Kathleen) Schieffer of Tabor, SD, Larry Schieffer of Tabor, SD, Leander (Judy) Schieffer of Parkston, SD and Linda (Jack) Kyriess of Lesterville, SD; many siblings including, sisters: Adaline (Francis) Dreesen of Hartington, NE, Ramona Bagstad of Mission Hill, SD, Betty (Carney) Walter of Sioux Falls, SD, Laverda (John) Bascom of Omaha, NE, Donna (Paul) Belenchia of Hernando, MS, Diana Samelson of Hartington; twin brother, Alfred (Donna) Schieffer of Omaha, NE, brothers: James (Joan) Schieffer of Mitchell, SD, Tony (Del Rae) Schieffer of Columbus, NE, Robert (Mary) Schieffer of Jamestown, ND, Francis (Joleen)

Schieffer of Omaha, NE, and Ronald (Donna) Schieffer of Omaha, NE; grandchildren: Chris Schieffer, Casey Schieffer, Alicia Schieffer, Rebecca Schieffer, Joshua Schieffer, Cody Kyriess, Joseph Schieffer, and Kyle Kyriess and great grandson, Weston Schieffer.

He is preceded in death by parents Tony and Clara Schieffer; sister-in-law, Mary Jane; brothers-in-law, Jack Bagstad and Steve Samelson and infant twin brother and sister, Anthony and Marie.

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### Betty Clifford

VERMILLION — Betty Alice Clifford, 82, died May 27, 2012, at her home in Vermillion.

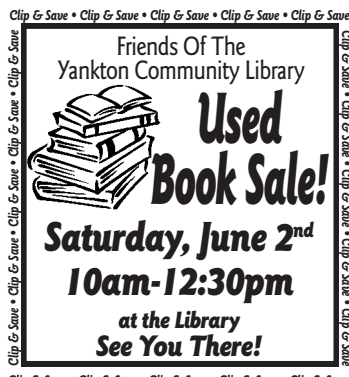
A memorial service is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church, Vermillion, with Pastor Rick Pittenger officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to United Methodist Women of Vermillion, the Vermillion Area Arts Council, or Zeta Phi Eta.

Services have been entrusted to Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion. Condolences may be posted online at [www.koberfuneralhome.com](http://www.koberfuneralhome.com).



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He then looked down upon earth  
And saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.

He saw that road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone.  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

May God Bless you all  
Dorothy Sylliaasen  
Pamela (Raymon) Epp  
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