

Offutt Air Force Base Security Wounds Suspect

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say a security guard at Offutt Air Force Base shot and wounded a man following a chase with law enforcement that ended at the base.

Base spokesman Peter Danielson says the man was shot Monday afternoon by a member of the 55th Security Forces Squadron.

Danielson say man “illegally” forced his way onto the base after a traffic stop and was being chased by members of the Bellevue police department and Sarpy County sheriff’s office. He says all base exits were closed, and the suspect was shot when he tried to force his vehicle off the base.

The suspect was flown to Creighton Medical Center in Omaha.

Fifth Man Arrested In Child Prostitution Case

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A fifth man has been arrested in the case of a 14-year-old Nebraska girl whom police say was prostituted by her mother.

The Nebraska State Patrol says 25-year-old Brian McCarthy, of Lincoln, was arrested Friday on suspicion of possessing child pornography. The patrol says investigators found images of the 14-year-old girl on McCarthy’s cellphone.

The patrol says the girl’s 35-year-old mother allowed at least seven men to have sex with her daughter at least 20 times. Investigators also have accused the woman of prostituting her 7-year-old daughter.

The mother is jailed on charges of child pornography and conspiracy to commit sexual assault on a child. The Associated Press is not using her name to protect her daughters.

Justice Dept. To Monitor Pine Ridge Vote

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — The Justice Department says it will be monitoring South Dakota’s Tuesday primary election vote in Shannon County, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The agency says it will be checking to make sure federal voting rights laws are being obeyed. They prohibit election discrimination based on race, color or inability to speak English.

The Justice Department says Shannon County has to provide language help for any American Indian voters in the county who may need it.

In a statement, the Justice Department says it will also be monitoring elections in Wisconsin, California and New Mexico on Tuesday, to ensure compliance with federal voting rights law.

U.S. Supreme Court Won’t Hear Moeller Appeal

PIERRE (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear Donald Moeller’s appeal of his conviction for the 1990 rape and murder of a 9-year-old Sioux Falls girl.

Moeller argued his conviction should have been overturned because the jury instructions weren’t complete.

Moeller went on trial twice. He was convicted and sentenced to death in 1997. He says jurors weren’t told he would not have been eligible for parole if he got a life prison sentence.

Moeller believes he got the death sentence because the jury thought he could be released from prison.

Moeller was convicted of kidnapping 9-year-old Becky O’Connell from a Sioux Falls convenience store, then raping and killing her.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley on Monday said Moeller’s execution is overdue.

FDA Appeals Ruling In Lethal Injection Case

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration is appealing a federal judge’s ruling against importing a lethal injection drug that could affect Nebraska.

Nebraska and other states turned to overseas suppliers when the sole domestic manufacturer of the drug, sodium thiopental, ceased its production in 2010.

In March, a judge sided with death row inmates in Tennessee, Arizona and California who want to keep the drug out. The judge found the FDA had wrongly allowed states to import the drug and ordered the agency to get it back.

Nebraska and other states refused.

The *Lincoln Journal Star* says with the FDA’s appeal, defense attorneys may be able to convince the Nebraska Supreme Court to delaying scheduling any executions until it’s determined whether the ruling applies to Nebraska.

Feet Of Sand Leave Farms Wasteland After Flooding

BY GRANT SCHULTE

Associated Press

MISSOURI VALLEY, Iowa — Mason Hansen guns his pickup and cranks the steering wheel to spin through sand up to 4 feet high, but this is no day at the beach.

Hansen once grew corn and soybeans in the sandy wasteland in western Iowa, and his frustration is clear. Despite months spent hauling away tons of sand dropped when the flooded Missouri River engulfed his farm last summer, parts of the property still look like a desert.

Hundreds of farmers are still struggling to remove sand and fill holes gouged by the Missouri River, which swelled with rain and snowmelt, overflowed its banks and damaged thousands of acres along its 2,341-mile route from Montana through North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri. The worst damage and the largest sand deposits were in Iowa and Nebraska.

“We’ll be working on this for years,” Hansen said. “It’ll never be right. Ever. People don’t have any idea how big of a mess this is.”

Hansen has spent the past nine months pushing sand off the land he has farmed since 2000 near Missouri Valley, about 25 miles north of Omaha, Neb. Throughout the mild winter, he worked with his neighbor and two farm employees to clear 140 acres, but about 160 acres are still buried under sand.

The work is tedious. As the men scrape away the sand with bulldozers, they must stop repeatedly to pull out equipment that has become stuck in the still soggy fields.

As they work, catfish swim in a 30-foot-deep hole scoured out by the river, and a faint sandy haze clouds the air. On days when the wind picks up, sandstorms sweep through the fields, blinding workers as they dig into the ground.

“We have the means and the ability to fix it,” Hansen said. “... But when you have to come out here and deal with it all the time, it gets old.”

Shawn Shouse, an Iowa State University engineer and agribusiness expert, said most farmers can repair their land, but for some it will take another year or two of work. The first chore is removing the sand.

“The sand doesn’t hold nutrients and water the way soil does, so it’s not suitable for growing crops,” he said. “If the deposits are thin, they can stir them into the soil and probably get along well. But when the deposits are several feet thick, they really have to move that sand somewhere else. That can be really expensive — and you have to figure out what to do with it.”

Shouse said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prohibits farmers from dumping sand back into the river without a federal permit, so most of it gets piled along the fields and used to fill giant holes left by the water.

That’s what Hansen has done. But even when the sand is cleared, farmers’ problems aren’t over.

The sand and months underwater killed crucial microbes in the soil that help crops grow. Restoring those microbes, which develop naturally on plant roots, could take several years. Farmers plant corn, knowing it will grow inefficiently until enough microbes get back into the soil.

In Iowa, the flood inundated nearly 256,000 acres of cropland in six western counties, while in Nebraska, it swamped about 119,000 acres. Dan Steinkruger, the Farm Service Agency’s Nebraska state executive director, said Iowa has more low-lying fields along the banks than his state.

Farmers in Nebraska and western Iowa lost a combined \$300 million or more in crop sales and other economic activity to the flooding, according to the two states’ Farm Bureaus.

Neither the Farm Service Agency nor other federal and state agencies have kept tabs on how much land has been cleared so far. But in speaking with farmers, it appears there is a long way to go.

Scott Olson has managed to restore about 140 of his 500 acres near Tekamah, Neb., that were submerged in last year’s flood.

In one regard, he was lucky; most of his 3,000-acre farm was spared. But in the section that did flood, the water cut new holes and channels, creating drainage problems Olson expects will last for years. When the river receded, it left up to 15 feet of sand in some areas. Up to 5 feet remain.



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Rodent Virus Kills Girl On Pine Ridge Reservation

BY KRISTI EATON

Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS — A wake was held Monday for the first person on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to die from hantavirus, while Ogala Sioux officials met to discuss what could be done to educate tribal members about the disease spread by rodents.

Ogala Sioux President John Yellow Bird Steele said in a news release that hantavirus was confirmed last week as the cause of the girl’s death. People can get hantavirus from contact with rodents or their waste, and it can eventually lead to respiratory failure.

Steele expressed sympathy for the victim’s family and called on a variety of tribal programs and organizations “to immediately lend their support in whatever way possible to ensure that this tragedy does not strike again.”

In South Dakota, the disease is most often spread by deer mice, according to the state Department of Health. A department spokeswoman confirmed it had received a report that a Shannon County girl

age 10 or younger had died Wednesday and lab tests confirmed hantavirus as the cause Friday.

Sonia Weston, chairperson of the Ogala Sioux Tribe’s Health & Human Services Committee, said in a statement that she had scheduled an emergency meeting with all health-related tribal programs and dealing with the issue would be the No. 1 health priority on the reservation.

The first case of hantavirus in the United States was detected in 1993.

In that case, a young, physically fit man began suffering from a shortness of breath and was rushed to a New Mexico hospital, where he died soon after, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. While reviewing the results of the case, researchers learned that the man’s fiancée had died a few days earlier after exhibiting many of the same symptoms. Rodents shed the virus in their urine, droppings and saliva. That material can be stirred with tiny dust particles and inhaled.

OBITUARIES

Phillis Krempges

Phillis J. (Arionus) Krempges, 84, of Yankton, passed away June 3 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Phillis was born May 21, 1928 to Herman and Dolly (Clausen) Arionus in Lake Andes, SD. She attended school at Ravinia and belonged to the 4-H. Phillis graduated from Egan High School in 1946. She obtained a Teacher’s Certificate from Eastern Normal School in Madison, SD. She taught at Pleasant Prairie School in Moody County for a year. She moved to Sioux Falls and worked at the Sioux Valley Hospital. She married Ed Krempges on October 10, 1949 at St.

Joseph’s Cathedral in Sioux Falls, SD. The couple lived in Sioux Falls until 1958 when they moved to Dell Rapids, where Phillis worked at the Community Hospital for many years.

She was a member of the Catholic Daughters, St. Mary’s Catholic Church and was involved in scouting while in Dells. She was a member of ARC and held various offices in that organization. In 1987 the family moved to Yankton. There Phillis belonged to St. Benedict’s Parish, helped care for the House of Mary Shrine, was active in Special Olympics as a coach and volunteer. The family was voted Special Olympics Family of the Year 1987-88. Phillis enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, painting,



Krempges

woodcarving and especially fishing and travelling. She was a member of Rosary Makers and the American Legion Women’s Auxiliary. Phillis made baby quilts and donated them to the hospital to

send home with needy babies. She was a resident of Majestic Bluffs since 2008.

Phillis is survived by her husband of 62 years, Ed, and her children: Jean Ann (Doug) Feuerhelm of Jeffersonville, IN, Kathy (Dan) Davis of Trent, SD, Dan (Moe) of Curlew, WA, Craig Krempges of Dell Rapids, SD, Bernie (Julie) Krempges of Pipestone, MN, Denis Krempges of Sioux Falls, SD, Kristie Theesfeld of Sioux Falls, SD, foster daughter Angie Metli of Sioux Falls, SD, 15 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Bill Krempges of Springfield, MO; sisters-in-law, Mariys Krempges of Epiphany, SD and Violet Arionus of Dell Rapids, SD; and many relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Loraine Albers and Vi Coles; brother, Leeland Arionus; sons, John and Kelly; daughters-in-law, Penny Krempges and Sherry Dailey; and son-in-law, Joe Theesfeld.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to: House of Mary Shrine, 129 Knies Avenue, Yankton, SD 57078 or the St. Benedict Catholic Church, 1500 Benedict Road, Yankton, SD 57078.

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Aileen Gregg

Aileen M. Gregg, age 98, of Yankton, South Dakota, died June 2 at Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton.

A memorial service will be 1:30 p.m. on June 6 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton with Reverend David Lund officiating. Burial will be Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at Gayville Cemetery in Gayville South Dakota.

Visitation with viewing is from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. today (Tuesday) at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton.

Pallbearers will be Aileen’s great grandchildren: Anthony Holland, Quincy Brown, Austin Hieb, Griffin Hieb, Trevor Hieb, John L. Gregg IV, Nicholas Gregg, Andrew Haar, Carolyn Haar, and Matthew Haar.

Aileen was born January 5, 1914, in rural Gayville, South Dakota, to Peter and Clara (Olson) Mettet. She grew up near Gayville, attended school in Gayville, and graduated from Gayville High School in 1930, where she was widely known as



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an excellent speller. She was baptized and confirmed at Gayville Lutheran Church in Gayville. One of her fondest childhood memories were riding in a car to Yankton on Saturday nights for ice cream. She also enjoyed attending barn dances on Saturday nights, where she danced with her future husband, John. Aileen married John L. Gregg on July 14, 1934, in Mission Hill, South Dakota. After their marriage, they moved to Yankton, where they raised their family and have lived ever since.

Aileen enjoyed playing card games like canasta, bridge, and royal rummy and she was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton her entire adult life. Aileen’s loyalty and devotion to her mother was always noticeable and was passed on to her children, who were always loyal and devoted visitors of Aileen.

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