

Tribal Council Member Guilty Of Assault

ST. JOHNS RIVER (AP) — A federal grand jury in South Dakota convicted a Standing Rock Sioux tribal council member of habitual domestic assault, U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson said.

Kerby St. John was convicted this week for an incident that took place in July 2011 in Kenel, a community on the Standing Rock reservation. Johnson said in a news release. The reservation spans the North Dakota-South Dakota border.

The case is believed to be one of the first in the nation involving a new federal statute that punishes acts of domestic violence in which an accused person has two prior convictions of domestic violence in federal, state or tribal courts. St. John was previously convicted twice in tribal court for domestic assault.

"Our approach to addressing domestic violence in tribal communities is firm and uncompromising. We will use every tool at our disposal to stop it," Johnson said in a news release.

Neither St. John nor his defense attorney immediately returned messages seeking comment Thursday. St. John could face 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing is scheduled for September.

Gant: 21 Percent Voter Turnout Too Low

ST. JOHNS RIVER (AP) — Secretary of State Jason Gant says he's disappointed with Tuesday's voter turnout of just above 21 percent.

Gant tells KOTA television that democracy is decided by the people who show up and participate, and a 21 percent participation level is not a positive trend.

He says his office is active in civic education for young people through partnerships with Rock the Vote and Kids Voting, and officials will explore extending voter participation efforts for all age groups.

Gant also says that there have been significant improvements to the election reporting system. During previous elections, he said the system would crash if there were over 200 simultaneous users. This year, he says the servers maintained stability.

Search For Body Of Teen Kayaker To Continue

RAPID CITY (AP) — Authorities used sonar and divers to search a southwest South Dakota lake Thursday but did not find the body of a teenage boy who went missing while kayaking.

Crews used sonar-equipped boats from the state Game, Fish and Parks Department and divers with the Rapid City/Pennington County Water Rescue Team. Deerfield Lake southwest of Rapid City remained closed to other boats.

The search for 15-year-old Justin Lewis of Hill City will resume Friday morning if water conditions allow.

Lewis was last seen on May 28 and he is presumed drowned.

Election Recount Under Way In Davison County

MITCHELL (AP) — Davison County election officials tallied two new vote counts on Thursday but the totals didn't match.

The *Daily Republic* reports that officials did the first new count after a technician fixed the county's voting machine. Following that, the ballots were run through the machine a second time.

The precinct vote totals from the two counts matched, but the overall totals did not and officials Thursday afternoon were trying to figure out what happened.

County auditor Susan Kiepkke says it appears the winners of Tuesday's elections will not change, but some numbers in the vote totals will.

Officials decided on the recount after discovering that hundreds of votes may have been counted more than once and test data may have gotten into the machine during the original counting.

Farmers Fret Over High Temps, Low Rain

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Farmers in Nebraska and Iowa should prepare for drought conditions this summer that could devastate their crops, climatologists said Thursday.

The warnings echoed what ranchers and farmers reported from their fields this week — dry conditions unlike anything they've seen.

Nebraska State Climatologist Harry Al Dutcher said the state averages an inch of rain per week in June, but the soil is so dry that crops will need nearly double the typical rainfall throughout the month just to grow as normal. And that, Dutcher said, is unlikely.

Farmers who irrigate will also have to use more water, raising their costs and cutting into their profits. Dry-land farmers are at the mercy of Mother Nature and crop insurance.

"Unless we go through an exceptional three-week wet spell, we're going to be playing this game on and off all growing season," Dutcher said. "At this point, it's just a matter of what is the degree of crop damage going to be? I hate to be so negative, but how can you not be at this point?"

Western Nebraska is experiencing the most extreme dry conditions and is already in a moderate drought. Though a thunderstorm rumbled through western Nebraska's Panhandle on Wednesday night and added another inch, Dutcher and local ranchers said the total rainfall is still short for the year.

Jeff Metz, who tends 2,500 acres of wheat fields and ranch land in rural Morrill County, said ranches in his area are still in "serious, serious condition" even with the rainfall.

The 47-year-old lifelong rancher said planting conditions for his wheat are the worst he can remember. Rainfall since January has totaled about 3 inches — 4 inches shy of the average. Metz said his ranch typically sees 15 inches of rain annually.

"It's not all peaches and cream

out here in the countryside," Metz said. "There are people struggling. I don't think a lot of people realize how tough things have been this year. We're not used to getting a lot of rain, but we'd at least like to stay close to the average."

It's less dire in Iowa, but the next few weeks will prove critical for harvesting season.

As crop roots grow, they reach deeper into the ground for moister sub-soil. But they first have to grow through roughly 1 foot of topsoil that's now drier than normal, said Iowa State Climatologist Harry Hillaker.

He said conditions in May and early June often signal how the weather will act the rest of the year, and the dry, warm weather suggests that the drought will worsen. Long dry spells are likely to stay in place, which increases the amount of evaporation and requires more rain to maintain crops.

Hillaker said crop conditions in Iowa are still good, but "that could change really quickly" unless the weather turns cooler and wetter.

"I'd give pretty good odds right now that the month of June will average out warmer than normal," Hillaker said.

In north-central Iowa's Hardin County, veteran farmer Larry Sailer said he expects the heat will take a large bite out of his corn and soybean yield this year.

"I've been farming in the same spot for 40 years, and I've never seen it this dry this early," he said. "That may change. It can start again and stop. But right now, it's dry."

Bobbie Kriz-Wickham, assistant director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, said farmers will likely have to rely on crop insurance this year unless weather patterns change. She said ranchers should also store extra hay for cattle in the likelihood that grass growth is also stunted.

"Most of our producers are pretty savvy about having crop insurance," Kriz-Wickham said. "They consider all of the things that might happen, and are pretty good about making sure they have some level of protection."



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Deadwood Casinos Ask State To Change Revenue Reporting

DEADWOOD (AP) — Deadwood casinos are asking South Dakota's gambling commission to change the way it reports revenue figures to give a better picture of the industry's health, but a lawsuit might stand in the way.

Revenue figures released monthly by the state Commission on Gaming combine the amount of their own money that gamblers wager in slot machines and at card tables with the money the industry spends on free promotional play. The free play draws in customers but casinos say it also hurts their bottom line because it is taxed as income.

"It has no cash value, yet it goes to gross revenue," Deadwood Gaming Association President Tom Nelson said.

The tax dispute is the subject of a lawsuit that four casinos filed last year against South Dakota's Department of Revenue, and that is making the gambling commission hesitant to change the reporting rules, the *Rapid City Journal* reported.

Another roadblock to changing the reporting rules is that while slot machines track promotional play as it is being played, those numbers are not reported to the gaming commission, said Craig Sparrow, the commission's director of operations.

Separating the reporting of free play and actual play would help clarify casino revenue, Nelson said. He estimated that casinos are giving out \$1 million a year of free play. Gambling revenue is taxed at 9 percent, money that goes to various state and Lawrence County agencies.

"I honestly don't believe (free play) was ever meant to be taxed," Nelson said. "It's an input. It's a seed."

Some casino managers have said recently that figures showing a significant growth in casino revenue despite a smoking ban approved by voters in 2010 are misleading because of the inclusion of free play in the revenue reporting.

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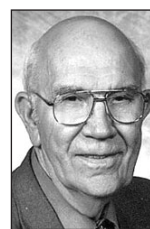
Paul Schwader

MISSION HILL — Paul F. Schwader, age 83, of Mission Hill, South Dakota, died on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, at Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton, South Dakota.

Memorial services are 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at Vangen Lutheran Church in Mission Hill with Reverend Lance Lindgren officiating. Interment will be in the Vangen Lutheran Cemetery in Mission Hill with military honors provided by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791.

Visitation with the family will be one hour prior to the memorial service at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

Paul was born on October 8, 1928 on his grandfather's farm in rural Howard, South Dakota to Frank and Esther (Callies) Schwader. He graduated from Howard High School in 1946 and then worked as a truck driver in the custom combining business in several states. In 1948, Paul joined the National Guard. He worked for the Production and Marketing Association and was later called to active duty on September 1, 1950. Paul was trained at Fort Carson, CO and then served in Alaska. While working at PMA, he met the love of his life, LaVonne (Schwartz) Bailey and they were married on January 11, 1951 in Colorado Springs, CO. To this union, three children were born: Paul Jr., Thomas and John. LaVonne brought into the marriage her daughter, Barbara, who Paul loved as his own. After his discharge from the services in 1952, Paul worked as a grain elevator manager for the Farmer's Union Coop Associa-



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tion in Howard, SD. In 1958, he moved to Mission Hill, SD and became the manager of the elevator at Mission Hill, SD. Then in 1972, he worked for Yaggie Mills, first as feed

store manager and then as elevator manager in Volin, SD until his retirement. Paul was a faithful member of Vangen Lutheran Church where he served as a Deacon, Treasurer, Trustee and Sunday School Teacher. He was also Chairman of the Town Board and served as Fire Chief. Paul enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, bowling and traveling with LaVonne. He also enjoyed his time with his children and grandchildren.

Paul is survived by four children: Barbara Bailey and her friend, Lois Weber of Woonsocket, SD, Paul Jr. (Kathy) Schwader of LeMars, IA, Tom (Kathy) Schwader of Mission Hill and John (Jean) Schwader of Crofton, NE; 10 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Jetta Schwader of Freeman, SD.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, wife, LaVonne on October 15, 2005; granddaughter, Tracy Schwader; and two brothers, Lyle and Frank Jr.

To send an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Online condolences at:
www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Nathaniel Gilpin

Nathaniel Leroy Gilpin, Sr. — aka — "Papa Nate" — was born on March 20, 1938 to Francis, Sr. and Josephine (Leroy) Gilpin. "Nate" journeyed to the spirit world on June 6, 2012 at McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD with all his family members by his bedside.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 10, 2012 at the Santee Public School Gymnasium, Santee, NE. Burial will be in the Ponca Native Cemetery, rural Niobrara, NE.

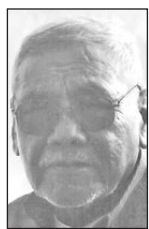
Visitations will begin at 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 8, 2012 at the Santee Public School Gymnasium and will continue until the time of service.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD is in charge of services.

Nate is an enrolled member of the Omaha Nation and a descendant of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. Nate is a grandson and descendant of Chief Standing Bear, which he was very proud of.

Nate served in the U.S. Army from 1955-1958 with an Honorable Discharge. He was a marksman (carbine) / marksman (rifle).

After Nate's military stint, Nate returned to the Verdell and Niobrara area for a while before moving to Chicago, Illinois. In 1974, Nate moved to Santee, Nebraska and lived there until his passing. While residing in Santee, he married Joanne Lorraine Redowl on August 17, 1990. Nate has worked at various jobs on the Santee Sioux reservation such as the Santee Sioux tribal housing authority, and Santee



Gilpin

health clinic. Nate retired from the Santee health clinic in 2010.

Nate had some medical problems but he never let that slow him down. He was very active and loved

his gardening, lawn mowing, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren; and most recently he cherished his great-grandson.

He leaves to mourn his beloved wife Joanne, his two daughters—Tiffany (Phillip, Jr.) of Santee and Josephine of Wisconsin; four sons—Travis and Tyler of Santee, Nate, Jr. (Teresa) of Wisconsin, and Adam (Amanda) of Sioux City, Iowa; three step-children — Nadine (Virgil) La-Pointe of Columbus, Nebraska, Michelle (Eugene) Saul of Santee, Nebraska and Thomas (Trooper) James of Santee, Nebraska; many grandchildren and two great grandsons, brothers, Gene (Marge) Gilpin, Sr. of Winnebago, Kenny Gilpin, Sr. of Walthill, Larry (Flo) Gilpin of Ohio and sister, Lois Ann Moran of Ohio and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister — Christine, his brother — Francis, and his step-daughter — Deanna.

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Joan Pavel

TYNDALL — Joan I. Pavel, age 81 of Tyndall and formerly of Tabor passed away Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at the Tyndall Good Samaritan Center in Tyndall.

Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 9, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor with Bill Van Gerven officiating. Burial will be in the Tabor Czech/Tyndall Presbyterian Cemetery, rural Tyndall, SD.

Visitations will begin at 4 p.m. Friday, June 8, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor with a 7 p.m. prayer service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the funeral chapel.

Joan was born July 21, 1930 in Utica, SD to George C. and Mary (Schramm) Wagner. In 1948, she graduated from Mount Marty High School and continued her education at Mount Marty College. After college, she taught country school in Yankton County for two years. On October 3, 1950, she married Raymond Pavel at St. Agnes (Sigel) Catholic Church in rural Utica. She was employed as a nurse's aide in several nursing homes, including the Tyndall Good Samaritan Center where she resided for the last 3 years. Joan and Ray were inseparable; he even drove her to and from work so



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they could spend more time together. They spent numerous hours together going to rummage sales and auctions. Joan had a love for all animals, especially cats. She also enjoyed doing search-a-word books.

Joan is survived by her 3 sons: Daniel (Marlys) Pavel of Prior Lake, MN, Douglas (Carol) Pavel of Whitewood, SD, and Darrell Pavel of Tabor, SD; 2 daughters, Debra (Rickie) Winckler of Lawn, TX, and Donna (David) Horkey of Tabor, SD; 5 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Rose Wibben; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond, her parents, a grandson, Brian Pavel, brother, Romain Wagner, step-sister, Loretta Evers, step-brothers, Hank Wagner, Sylvester Wagner, and Jerome Wagner.

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Evelyn Zimmerman

Evelyn H. Zimmerman, 96, of Yankton died early Thursday morning, June 7, 2012, at Avera

Yankton Care Center, Yankton. Arrangements are pending under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

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We greatly appreciated the prayers, the visits and many other acts of kindness show to us by family, friends, relatives and neighbors.

Thank you to Father Matthew for his visits and prayers. We are grateful for the excellent care provided by Avera Sacred Heart Hospital and Dr. Fournier.

God's blessing to all!
Joe & Barb Healy

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