

3 Dead, 2 Critical After Omaha Shooting Spree

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Three people were killed and two others were critically injured in Omaha after a weekend shooting spree tied to one suspect.

Police chief Todd Schmaderer said Sunday that the unidentified suspect would have killed others if he hadn't been fatally shot by an officer after a 30-minute rampage in south Omaha.

Police say 31-year-old Aaron Anderson was critically injured in the shooting. Authorities were then called to another location, where 46-year-old Angel Cabrera was critically injured.

Another man, 25-year-old Anthony Vazzano, was shot and killed a short time later. Police were then called to 33rd and E streets, where they found 25-year-old Pascual Bautista Raymundo on the ground in an alley. Raymundo died in an apparent shooting.

The suspect was killed after a gunfight with police.

Victims Named In North Omaha Shooting

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Police have identified two teenagers as the victims of a fatal weekend shooting in north Omaha.

Authorities say 18-year-old Brendon Ford and 17-year-old DMarco Pope were killed in the shooting shortly before 1:30 a.m. on Sunday. One of the teenagers was pronounced dead at the scene, and another died shortly after he arrived at a local hospital.

Police Chief Todd Schmaderer says authorities suspect the shooting was gang-related, but they don't have any suspects in custody.

Authorities say the incident isn't connected to a separate fatal shooting that took place Saturday in south Omaha. The Saturday incident left two people critically injured and three people dead, including the suspected gunman.

Sturgis Preparing To Celebrate 125 Years

STURGIS (AP) — The northern Black Hills town of Sturgis is getting ready to celebrate its 125th anniversary.

The town was founded in 1878 as a supply center for the nearby Fort Meade Cavalry Post, a frontier outpost that would play a major role in the Plains Indian war. It was incorporated 10 years later and grew with saloons, brothels and gambling dens catering to soldiers assigned to the American West.

The *Rapid City Journal* reports that Sturgis became known as "Scooptown," due to its penchant for casually scooping the pay from soldiers' pockets. The town's high school sports teams still carry the moniker, Scoopers.

The town is now largely defined by its annual motorcycle rally, but officials say it still retains the western pioneer spirit.

SD Communities Help Okla. Tornado Victims

FAULKTON (AP) — Several small communities in northeast South Dakota are teaming up with a hairdresser from Faulkton to help tornado victims in Oklahoma.

KELO-TV reports that Sarah Davidson contacted an Oklahoma church and started collected items for people in Moore, Okla., devastated by a deadly tornado that hit last month.

The effort started with a small sign hanging in Davidson's shop but grew to several surrounding towns, including Ipswich, Cresbard, Aberdeen and Huron.

Davidson rented a truck and trailer to make the delivery. Davidson and another hairdresser plan to cut hair when they get to Oklahoma too.

Nebraska

Tax Committee To Begin Work

BY GRANT SCHULTE

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Members of the new Nebraska Tax Modernization Committee are preparing for a busy summer, with hearings throughout the state and a push to make additional reforms when lawmakers reconvene next year.

The 14-member committee will meet again for a working session in July, before hitting the road for public hearings in five or six Nebraska communities this year.

The committee also plans to meet in August with nationally known, politically neutral tax experts from accounting groups and the National Conference of State Legislatures. The committee has to complete its report to the Legislature by Dec. 15.

"I'm going into this with a blank slate," said Sen. Galen Hadley of Kearney, the committee's chairman. "I just hope to learn and come up with better ideas (for a state tax policy), but I don't have any presumed expectations."

Gov. Dave Heineman said he expects the study to produce concrete proposals for tax re-

form when lawmakers return next year. The Republican governor said he plans to submit another tax reform measure next year, most likely one that would reduce the tax burden for middle-class residents and small businesses.

"I have very high expectations that the Tax Modernization Committee is going to produce a series of proposals that will lower taxes and provide for real tax reform," he said. "This effort should be about lower taxes and job growth, not higher taxes and more government spending."

The goal of the effort is to produce recommendations to make the tax system fairer, simpler and more competitive, while maintaining essential state services. Some lawmakers have cautioned that the review will look for structural deficiencies in the tax system, but may not lead to widespread tax cuts.

The panel will look at what areas of the tax system, if any, have fallen out of sync with Nebraska's economy. The last major overhaul took place in the 1960s, and some lawmakers question whether the tax system meets the needs of a state that now relies less on manufacturing and more on services.

Nebraska allows sales tax exemptions on 84 different goods and services, from newspapers to airplane fuel to bull semen. Some lawmakers on the tax-focused Revenue Committee have said eliminating the tax breaks and expanding the sales-tax base would allow for reforms elsewhere, such as property tax reductions.

Lawmakers should look at each exemption, why it was originally created, and whether it's still justified, said Renee Fry, director of the OpenSky Policy Institute, an Omaha-based tax think tank. Nebraska taxes rental cars, for instance, but not limousine services with a driver. A night at the movies is taxed, but spa and massage services aren't.

Fry said property taxes have increased faster than inflation because of reductions in state revenue and aid to local governments.

"That has to be picked up, to the extent that it's picked up, at the local level," Fry said.

At the same time, she said, 48 percent of K-12 education in Nebraska is funded at the local level, compared to the national average of 28 percent. Lawmakers are also looking at ways this summer to make the formula more reliable and predictable.

SD Officials Work To Keep Wild Hogs Out

BY BRALEY DODSON

The Daily Republic

MITCHELL — South Dakota wildlife officials want to send wild pigs crying all the way home.

The state does not currently have an established population of feral pigs, but that appears to be changing.

Just a handful of years ago, feral pigs were an easily ignored problem to the south. They weren't seen in South Dakota, and they weren't expected to be.

There has since been one feral pig sighting in the state, at least two unconfirmed sightings and a handful of false alarms.

"It does appear they are adapting and moving north," Chuck Schlueter, spokesman for the state Game, Fish and Parks' Division of Wildlife, told *The Daily Republic*. "We are likely to see a few show up."

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, feral pigs are found in at least 35 states — mostly in the South — and have a population of more than 5 million, although the USDA says that due to the constant growth of the population, predicting the population and range is difficult. Annually, they cause \$1.5 billion in damages. Their rooting, consumption and trampling of crops causes an estimated \$800 million in agricultural damage annually.

South Dakota's confirmed sighting was in Britton, in the state's northeast corner. The pig was shot and killed by two residents after it ran out of a field. Game, Fish and Parks Game Manager Jacqui Ermer said DNA test-

ing was not done on the pig, but visual clues indicated it was a wild hog.

Marshall County Conservation Officer Casey Dowler responded to the call for the hog the night of Oct. 30. The pig weighed close to 300 pounds and had tusks.

"I thought, that's a strange call to get," Dowler said. "It's very odd to have a hog in this area."

There was no indication the pig had caused any destruction, and no tracks were found. An investigation into the pig failed to conclude how long the animal had been in the remote area.

"We see a lot of strange animals," Dowler said. "I've seen porcupines, we had a moose come down, but that pig was by far the strangest animal I've ever seen in Marshall County."

In late 2009, a feral pig was mistakenly reported in several

news outlets to have been killed in Madison.

Moody County Conservation Officer Chad Williams was shown a picture of the pig early on the day it was shot. He said that from the picture, it looked like a feral pig, but it was discovered later that day after a resident killed it that it was a domestic pot-bellied pig. The pig had been raised as a pet and escaped.

Not only was the pig a false alarm, but Williams said there are no feral pigs in Moody County, and he never expects to see one.

"It's very rare to see one in South Dakota, at least at this point," said Schlueter.

Two more false alarms were in Brown and Brookings counties, where the calls about feral pigs ended up being loose domestic pigs.

OBITUARIES

Genevieve Flannery

Genevieve Kathleen Flannery, 92 of Hinton, IA passed away on Friday, June 14, 2013 at a Sioux City care facility after a brief illness.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sioux City. Rev. David Carlson will officiate.

Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Sunday with the family present from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Sunday all at Meyer Brothers Colonial Chapel.

Burial will be at the Liberty-Perry Township Cemetery, rural Hinton, IA.

Online condolences may be sent to www.meyerbroscapels.com

Genevieve was born January 11, 1921 in Whiting, IA; she was the daughter of Glen and Mabel (Solien) Allen. Genevieve grew up in the Whiting area and graduated from Whiting High School. She attended Stewart's Beauty School in Sioux City.

Genevieve married Thomas W. Flannery Aug. 12, 1944 in Sioux City. They farmed in the Hinton area for many years. Tom passed away on April 15, 2012 in Sioux City.

Genevieve was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She enjoyed cooking and loved entertaining, camping, playing cards, dancing and gardening. She showed palomino horses in the Western Pleasure Classes. She was a member of the Good Sam Camping Club, the Saddle & Hunt Club and Card Clubs.

Survivors included 3 children: Tommy Flannery and his wife Susan of Hinton, IA, Kirt Flannery and his wife Michelle of Yankton,

SD, Pam Ades and her husband John of Cherokee, IA; 1 brother: Wayne Allen and his wife Sally of Pender, NE; 6 grandchildren Rusty, Matt and Robbie Flannery, Wendy Jensen, Ben and Nick Praster, 12 great grandchildren.

Genevieve was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 69 years Tom, and her brothers and sisters: Leland Allen, Dorance Allen, Robert "Bobby" Allen, Mona Lou Uhlarik and Betty Schneider.

Pallbearers will be her grandchildren.

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Alma Dion

Alma Hattie (Chytka) Dion, beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, died June 14, 2013, at Sanford Care Center in Vermillion.

Private family graveside service will be held Wednesday at Cedar Church Cemetery, Lake Andes.

Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, at Kober Funeral Home, Elk Point, with a special service at 7 p.m.

Kober Funeral Home, Elk Point, is in charge of arrangements.

Constance 'Connie' Schenkel

Constance "Connie" Schenkel, 47, Yankton died Thursday, June 13, 2013, at Cedar Sinai Hospital, Los Angeles.

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

Avis 'Morky' Meyer

Avis R. A. (Mork) Meyer, age 91, of Tyndall, South Dakota passed away on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at the Good Samaritan Home in Tyndall.

Funeral services for Avis "Morky" Meyer of Tyndall will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 17 at St. John Lutheran Church in Tyndall with Rev. Dean Schroeder officiating. Interment will follow in the Tyndall Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers are Avis' granddaughters and active pallbearers are Avis' grandsons.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Avis was born on February 16, 1922 in Montevideo, Minnesota to Christine (Berquam) and Albert Mork. She was so tiny that she was taken home by sleigh in a shoebox. She was baptized on April 7, 1922 at the United Lutheran Church in Granite Falls, Minnesota. Avis attended country school in Yellow Medicine County until her father, Albert, passed away in 1928. Her mother, Christine, brother, LeDell and she moved to Granite Falls, Minnesota at that time. Following graduation from Granite Falls High School in 1939, Avis attended Bartron School of Nursing in Watertown, South Dakota where she earned



Avis 'Morky' Meyer

a degree as a Registered Nurse in 1943. It was while in nursing school that she acquired the nickname "Morky." After graduation she worked as a surgical nurse in Montevideo, Minnesota from 1943 to 1945 and later in 1945 and 1946 at Methodist Hospital in Mitchell, South Dakota.

On September 10, 1944 Avis married Marvin Henry Meyer at the United Lutheran Church in Granite Falls, Minnesota. From that day on, you rarely heard one name without the other — "Marv & Morky" were a team like no other. Following the birth of her first child, Avis retired from nursing on a full time basis. She moved with Marvin to Tyndall, South Dakota in February, 1949. She became active in civic and community affairs being a member of the Lutheran Ladies

Aid, a 50 year member of Circle II, a Cub Scout Leader, and working with Meals on Wheels and the Extension Club. She also worked as a volunteer nurse during the administration of the polio vaccine in the mid-1950's. She and Marvin were active members of several pinochle clubs and the square dance club.

Morky and Marv celebrated a wonderful partnership of 67 years until his passing on January 5, 2012. For their first anniversary they went camping in a tent and that was the beginning of more than 60 years of camping and traveling throughout the US and Europe. Dancing, fishing and gardening were times enjoyed together. She also joined Marv on hunting excursions including a goose hunting trip in October, 1946 when she was nearly nine-months pregnant.

Grateful for having shared her life are her sons Roger (Van), Yankton, SD; Larry (Anne), Yankton, SD; David (Patricia), Brookings SD; and her daughter Julie (Michael) Heyl, Lincoln, NE. Avis' legacy of faith and love will continue in her grandchildren, Rachael (Chris) Olmstead, Michael Meyer (Laura Handy) and Colleen Meyer; Jennifer (Jeremy) Nolan and Amy (Larry) Barker; Andrea (Brian)

Schmidt, Scott (Taylor Mertz) Meyer, John Meyer (Paige Pearson) and Paul Meyer; Eric (Rachel) Heyl, Alex Heyl (Hannah McLaughlin) and Emily Heyl, and 7 great-grandchildren. Remembering a life well lived will be her brother Roger (Darlene) Mooney, Blaine, MN; two brothers-in-law Delwin (Eloise) Meyer, Huntsville, AL; Lon (Miriam) Meyer, Phoenix, AZ; and sisters-in-law Selma Mork, Bloomington, MN; Ruth Elshere, Watertown, SD; and Eunice Meyer, South Shore, SD.

Avis was preceded in death by her husband Marvin; parents, step-father, Charles Mooney; brother, Le Dell (Bud) Mork; and sister, Carol Day.

Memorials may be directed to St. John's Lutheran Church and The Good Samaritan Society.

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June 17, 2007

Lisa Gwinn
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