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Nebraskans Still Repairing Hail Damage

STANTON, Neb. (AP) — The severe thunderstorms that spawned large hail and strong winds earlier this month left a lasting mark on many Nebraska communities.

Aaron Volkman tells the Norfolk Daily News it will take weeks or even months to repair all the damage to his rural home near Stanton.

The June 3 storms also caused significant hail damage in Blair, Fort Calhoun, Uehling and Craig, Nebraska, and in the western Iowa town of Missouri Valley.

The hail shredded the siding on the north and west sides of Volkman's home. Several windows were shattered and the roof had holes in it.

Volkman says a contractor estimated that the repairs will cost \$54.000 although insurance will cover the bill.

State Fixes Speed Limit In Hot Spot

BOX ELDER (AP) - State officials have corrected a speedlimit snafu in a hot spot for speeding tickets in southwest South Dakota

The Rapid City Journal reports officials acknowledge that a short section of Interstate 90 near Box Elder is a 75-mph zone, not a 65-mph stretch as signs have indicated.

The newspaper reports officers make frequent stops in that stretch as they sit in the median of the highway where the speed limit goes from 75 to 65 mph. The area in question is a 1.3 mile stretch of the 65 mph zone that starts west of Rapid City and ends less than a half mile east of Exit 67.

Area attorneys say some who have been pulled over have ended up in prison because drugs have been found in their vehicles.

Woman Charged With Taking \$12K

ALLIANCE, Neb. (AP) — A western Nebraska woman has been charged with stealing nearly \$12,000 from a youth soccer team in Alliance.

KCOW reports 30-year-old Erin Merrill's case has been bound over to district court. She is facing two counts of felony theft.

Prosecutors say Merrill used the soccer team's debit card to withdraw \$8,180 cash in 39 different transactions between September 2012 and August 2013. They say she also used the team card to make \$3,485.04 in purchases.

Merrill remains free on bond. She is scheduled to be arraigned in Box Butte County District Court on June 25 and enter her plea.

S.F., Iowa Team For River Cleanup

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — The city of Sioux Falls and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources are working together to gather volunteers to cleanup a portion of the Big Six River.

KELO-TV reports officials are seeking volunteers for the 12th annual A Watershed Awareness River Expedition project that will run from July 12 through the 19.

The project will give volunteers the opportunity to learn about the river and help clean a 91-mile stretch of the river that goes from Sioux Falls to Westfield, Iowa.

The station reports people can participate by paddling the river or by working on land-based recycling initiatives.

Interested volunteers must register by June 20.

SD State Fair Concert Tickets On Sale

PIERRE (AP) - People interested in the South Dakota State Fair Grandstand performances can begin purchasing tickets at 9 a.m. Monday.

Tickets are sold at the ticket office, online and by phone. Tickets with reserved seating cost \$115 and the standing package is \$105. They cover two nights of Championship Bull Riding and three concerts.

The line-up ranges from country to classic rock music and includes Alabama, the Josh Abbot Band and Boston. The concerts will extend from Friday through Sunday.

The fair, themed "What Does The Fair Say?" runs from Aug. 28 through Sept. 1.

Neb. Hunter Instructor Training Set

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has scheduled a training workshop in Lincoln for apprentice hunter education instructors.

The session will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on June 26 at the Nebraska Game and Parks Outdoor Education Center, 4703 N. 44th St.

going online at HuntSafeNebraska org and

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now," he said.

Feds Behind On Oil Well Inspections

over the winter but "the big push is right

BLM records say 116 of 696 high-pri-

ority wells drilled from fiscal year 2009

to 2012 in North Dakota and one of two

checked. Wickstrom said.

into the high-risk category.

in South Dakota were not inspected dur-

ing that period. But they have since been

The uninspected wells include new

The bureau provided The Associated

Press with the national records giving a

tions. The agency oversees 100,000 oil

and gas wells on public lands, about

of high-priority wells haven't been inspected, showing a department strug-

gling to keep pace with America's

drilling boom over the past decade.

wells and 13 states, including North

ority wells that were uninspected.

In all, 19 states have high-priority

Dakota and South Dakota, had high-pri-

after performing a risk assessment on

the site, based on production of the well,

its location to an environmentally sensi-

tive area and whether the well's opera-

tor has had past compliance problems,

BLM deems a well site high priority

snapshot of three years' worth of inspec-

3,500 of which received the high-priority

designation. Nationally, about 40 percent

ones and those that might have fallen

BY JAMES MACPHERSON Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - Federal oilfield inspectors are hustling to clear a backlog of hundreds of uninspected well sites on public and tribal lands in North Dakota, amid the explosion of drilling activity.

The Bureau of Land Management, which oversees drilling on federal land, said agency regulators are being brought in from other states to supplement North Dakota staff, with a goal by year's end to catch up with inspections on "high priority" sites.

Keeping pace with the booming oil production has been a challenge, said Loren Wickstrom, a BLM assistant field manager in Dickinson.

'We're swamped," he said.

Still, the agency is making progress on its oil inspections, with about half the 335 sites identified as high risk being cleared from the list since October, Wickstrom said. His office also is in charge of inspecting well sites in South Dakota, where about half of the 20 high priority sites remain unchecked.

"We should get 100 percent checked this year (in the Dakotas)," Wickstrom said. Harsh weather slowed inspections

OBITUARIES

Freda (Vawter)

Munkvold

Freda M. (Vawter) Munkvold, age 72, of Lesterville, South Dakota, died Friday, June 13, 2014, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota.

A memorial service will be 3:00 PM on Monday, June 16, 2014 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Dani Jo Ninke officiating.

A gathering of friends and family will be one hour prior to the service on Monday. There will be a gathering of friends and family at 2:30 PM, on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at the Munkvold residence in Alta Loma, California.

Mary Nelson was born on

Friday, July 20, 1928 in Tyn-

dall to Albert and Mary (Blaha) Slavik. She graduated from Tyndall High School in

1946. After high school, Mary

Teachers College where she

cate. Mary married Lowell

Nelson at St. Leo Catholic

23, 1949. She worked for a

time in the Auditor's office

rector of Equalization.

Dennis Quinlivan

before spending many years

Church in Tyndall on August

received her Teaching Certifi-

attended Southern State

Mary Nelson



Marjorie Munkvold (Bridges)

grew up and attended school in Norwalk, California and graduated from Excelsior High School in 1959 in Norwalk. She won the Inglewood Beauty Pageant becoming Miss Inglewood in 1960. She married Howard Hamilton in 1961 and later married Toby Munkvold in 1964. She moved to Yankton in January of 1979. She worked at Charlie's Pizza House in Yankton and

met Larry Kline in 1983. Together they traveled in their motorhome living between California, Montana and South Dakota for 10 years until moving to Lesterville, South Dakota in 2004.

Freda enjoyed crossword puzzles, traveling, cooking and playing her slot machines. She was a dedicated homemaker, painting the windows for Christmas and Halloween, caring for Larry, and recording the daily activities in her home. She had a special talent for remembering important dates and sending cards for every occasion.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Kline of Lesterville; daughter Cindy Munkvold of Alta Loma, California; son, Rich (Danette)

attained the age of 85 years, 10 months, and 19 days.

Grateful for having shared Mary's life is her husband of 64 years, Lowell Nelson of Tyndall; three children: Jeanne (Doug) Wiebelhaus of Mitchell, Greg (Deborah) Nel-son of Sioux Falls and Mark Nelson of Sioux Falls; seven grandchildren; ten greatgrandchildren and one sister: Elsie West of Torrance, CA.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents Albert and Mary, her infant daughter Peggy Lee in 1953, and eight brothers and sisters. A private family memorial

Home in Wagner is in charge of arrangements.

Wickstrom said.

The intense focus on high-priority wells at present has meant that the hundreds of less risky wells in western North Dakota and dozens of those in South Dakota have largely remained unchecked in recent months. The agency has a goal of checking all wells at least once every three years and is still on track to do that, Wickstrom said.

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Wayde Schafer, a North Dakota spokesman for the Sierra Club, said any untended or infrequently monitored oil well is unacceptable.

'The government is still playing catchup and a large number of these wells are not being inspected," he said. "Development is still outpacing the personnel needed to oversee what's going on out there. We need to slow down and do this at a more reasonable and orderly pace. That will be better for everybody.

North Dakota is the No.2 oil producer behind Texas. Almost a third of the estimated 1 million barrels produced daily in North Dakota is being collected from beneath the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation where BLM is tasked with oversight. About one-quarter of the more than 10,000 oil wells operating in North Dakota are on federal or tribal land, Wickstrom said.

> one great granddaughter; brother, Garry Vawter of Hesperia, California; sister, Glena Swinburn of Hesperia, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Dale Vawter. To send an online sympathy card, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan

Munkvold of Alta Loma, Cali-

fornia; eight grandchildren;



Online condolences at: www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

service will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan JUne 16, 2014



Church, Yankton. Graveside s then functi following at St. Columba at Mayfield with Father Mark Lichter officiating. Visitations will be Tuesday, June 17, from 3-9 p.m. with a rosary at 7 p.m. and scripture service at 7:30 p.m. at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the mass on Wednesday.



Nelson

Mary passed away on Sunday, June 8, 2014 at the Good Samaritan Center in Tyndall, as the Bon Homme County Di-South Dakota. She had

church.

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Yankton, followed by a Memorial Mass at 10:30 Visitations will be one hour prior to the Mass at the

Opsahl-Kostel Funeral

Troy Thornton, 41, of Sioux

Funeral services are at 11

a.m. Thursday, June 12, at the

Wake services begin at 7

p.m. Wednesday at the Gym.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral

Solitaires

A social group of ladies who have lost their spouse which

meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Hospitality

Center on the grounds of Wintz & Ray Funeral Home.

Burial is in the Greenwood

Episcopal Cemetery.

YST South Housing Gym in

Falls died Saturday, June 7,

2014, at his home in Sloux

Troy Thornton

Munkvold was born July 16, Luis Obispo, California to Vawter. She

clicking on the "Become a Volunteer Hunter Education Instructor" link.

New South Dakota Tourist Stop Opens

RAPID CITY (AP) - Rapid City's newest tourism attraction opened Sunday.

Founding Fathers Black Hills says it houses the world's only life-size sculpture of the painting "Declaration of Independence" inside a reproduction of the historic Philadelphia

Visitors can see 47 original sculptures and listen to a presentation about the American Revolution leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. A replica of the Liberty Bell that was cast at the same French foundry as the original bell is scheduled to arrive soon.

The attraction is 6 miles south of Rapid City on the road to Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

Man killed in crash in eastern Nebraska

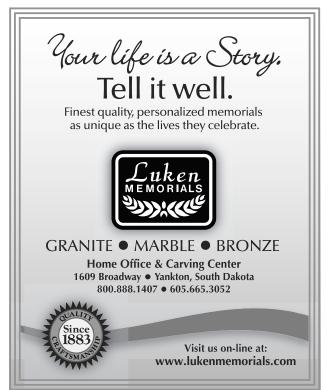
CEDAR BLUFFS, Neb. (AP) - A man has died in a single-vehicle crash in eastern Nebraska.

The Saunders County Sheriff's Office says the crash happened Friday evening at the intersection of two county roads near Cedar Bluffs.

Investigators say a large pickup driven by a 56-year-old man failed to stop at the intersection stop sign, left the road-way and ended up in a ditch. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

Authorities have not yet released the driver's name.





Dennis John Quinlivan, 85, of Yankton, formerly of Edina, Minnesota, died at his home

on Friday, June 13, 2014. Memorial services are at 11 a.m. June 23 at Church of St. Patrick in Edina. Burial will be at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Visitations begins at 10 a.m. and continue until the time of the Mass at the church.

Arrangements are being handled by the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory.

Anne Renner

Anne Marie Renner died Jan. 26, 2014. A rosary is scheduled at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 19, 2014, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in

Mildred Clark

Funeral services for Mil-Home and Crematory, Yankdred Clark, 92, of Bloomfield, ton, is in care of the arrange-Nebraska, are pending at Brockhaus Funeral Home In Bloomfield.

Mildred died Saturday, June 14, 2014, at Good Samaritan Society in Bloomfield.

Anna Mae Hauger

Anna Mae Hauger, 79, of Yankton, passed away Satur-day, June 14th, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in

Yankton. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at Sacred Heart Church Catholic



Our Thoughts And Prayers Are With Them

Our care and concern does not end with the funeral service. This week we remember with family and friends the anniversary of the deaths of:

Keith DeRouchey

who passed away on June 16, 2013

Dan Devine who passed away on June 18, 2013

Leo Andersen who passed away on June 19, 2013

Fred Merhman who passed away on June 17, 2007

This remembrance is brought to you free of charge. If you have a loved one you would like remembered, contact us at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory.



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and Cremation Service, Inc.

Please join us for our next social on

Wednesday, June 18th

6:00pm Potluck

6:45 Guest Speaker:

Kevin Watt on Identity Theft

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