Police Suspend Search For Colo. Woman

BELLE FOURCHE (AP) — Authorities in western South Dakota say they have suspended their organized search and rescue efforts for a 24-year-old Colorado woman that was caught in flood waters while driving earlier this month near Highway 85 in northern Butte County.

The Black Hills Pioneer reports Kristen Lakin has been missing since June 17. Lakin, of Grand Junction, Colorado, was traveling south on Highway 85 from North Dakota with her friend Roxanne Bleibaum.

Butte County Sheriff Fred Lamphere says the 54-year-old Bleibaum was able to walk back to the highway the same day and has been reunited with her family.

Man Selling So. Dakota Town Of Swett

RAPID CITY — The owner of a travelling concession businesses is selling his small South Dakota town.

Lance Benson is the sole owner of Swett, an unincorporated hamlet in Bennett County about two hours southeast of Rapid City. Benson put the town on the market last week. He is selling it for \$400,000

Benson tells the Rapid City Journal that decades ago the town used to have a population of 40 people with a post office, a few houses and a grocery store. Now the town is just a bar, workshop, three trailers and a house. He and his wife still live there.

Police: Man Robbed Sioux Falls Casino

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Police are investigating a robbery at a Sioux Falls casino that took place shortly after midnight Sunday morning.

KELO-TV reports that a man with a handgun and a blue towel covering his face took money from a clerk at the Crown II Casino just after 12:30 a.m. He fled on foot.

Police say he's between 5 feet, 6 inches and 5 feet, 10 inches tall and weighs 160 to 180 pounds. He was wearing a dark ball cap, dark long sleeve shirt and pants.

Injured Officer Released From Hospital

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Omaha police officer who was stabbed by a man at a convenience store last week has been released from the hospital.

The Omaha Police Department tells KETV that 51-year-old Sophia Jordan is recovering at home. She is a 15-year veteran.

Jordan was injured Thursday while responding to a report that a man who has been banned from the store was trying to get fuel.

Jordan was attacked as she got out of her police car.

OBITUARIES

Allen Namminga

Funeral services for Allen Namminga, 66 of Avon will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 30,

2014 at the Emmanuel Reformed Church in Springfield, with burial in the church cemetery. rural Spring-

was Sunday from 4 to 7 at the

church, followed by a 7:00 p.m. prayer service. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Allen Norman Namminga, the third son of Andrew and Hattie (Wieten) Namminga, was born June 27, 1947 at Scotland. He passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at Avera St. Michael's Hospital in Tyndall.

Allen received his elementary education at Rueb Coun-

Ann Stevens Ann Elizabeth Stevens, age 91 of Hartington, Nebraska died on Thursday,

June 26, 2014. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with the Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be at St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington. Visitation will be on Tues-

day from 4-8:00 p.m. with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. Visitation will continue on Wednesday one hour prior to services at

church Pallbearers will be Chris Berggren, Savio Camara, Ben Hochstein, Tyler Baker, Nathan Kalin, Mark Shanevfelt. Michael Shaneyfelt, Edward Stevens, Henry Stevens, and Charles

four grandchildren — they Susan Namminga. Memorials will be directed to the Yankton Chapter of the Gideons.

Pilger

Recovery May Cost Tens Of Millions

BY GRANT SCHULTE Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska officials are still tallying the cost of the tornadoes that destroyed most of the town of Pilger, but it's expected to climb into the tens of millions

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The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency will send teams to the northeast Nebraska town this week to assess damage to roads, bridges and public buildings, such as the school and local fire department. Last week, teams walked the area to estimate the cost of private property damage not covered by insurance.

The June 16 tornado damaged 75 percent to 80 percent of the town, with a population of about 350. State emergency officials expect to have damage estimates sometime around July 1, said NEMA spokeswoman Jodie Fawl. The estimates will go to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for possible federal aid, which requires presidential approval.

We're still in the stage of gathering information," Fawl said.

Pilger was hit by one of two twisters, which roared for miles through northeast Nebraska. The tornadoes were of roughly equal size, about a mile apart. The northern twister that struck the town was later confirmed as an EF4, which has wind speeds of 166 to 200 mph. Two people were killed in the storm — a 5-year-old girl in Pilger, and a 74-year-old who was driving in Cuming County, a few miles east of town

Between 45 and 50 homes in Pilger were demolished, and roughly a dozen others were damaged beyond repair in Dixon County. The storm severely damaged a local middle school in Pilger, the fire station, grain bins and most of the south end of Main Street.

Fawl said the federal government typically responds within a month, once the state submits its damage estimates.

The Nebraska National Guard left town early last week, but a spokeswoman for Gov. Dave Heineman said NEMA and five

other state agencies are still providing assistance to the area. A regional representative from FEMA's Kansas City-based regional office was also in town. The Guard had 20 members on state active duty for security and to enforce a town curfew, said 1st Lt. Alex Salmon, a Guard spokesman in Lincoln.

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Stanton County Sheriff Mike Unger said the cleanup effort has moved faster than expected because of volunteers who poured into the area, including some from Iowa. School districts from as far as Hastings and Papillion also sent students to help, he said.

Unger said the total damage will almost certainly rise into the tens of millions of dollars, although local and state officials aren't close to having an estimate.

State officials "are still in contact with us daily," Unger said. "They've mostly gone back to Lincoln. We still have their assistance if needed, but we're running things more on a local level now.

Teacher Who Dragged Student To Keep Job

foot.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (AP) A North Platte physical education teacher who dragged an 8-year-old student by his ankles can keep his job.

The North Platte Public Schools Board decided late Friday not to terminate the contract of Mark Woodhead, a longtime teacher and coach at Jefferson Elementary School. The 4-2 vote came at the end of 15 hours of public testi-mony and deliberation, and was cheered by a large crowd.

Witnesses said the thirdgrader was misbehaving in

Woodhead's physical education class on Feb. 13. The student left the class and went to an office. Woodhead followed the boy and dragged him back to a timeout room, a distance of about 90 feet. The child's guardian testified that the boy, identified as "CM," suffered rug burns on his back.

Woodhead said he wasn't trying to harm or punish the student, but the boy was being disruptive in the class and refused to go to the timeout room. Woodhead said the boy refused to be picked up,

and started kicking and yelling when he grabbed the boy's

"In retrospect, I shouldn't have done that," Woodhead said in testimony to the board. "I shouldn't have pulled him. That was bad judgment on my part.

District administrators had recommended that Woodhead's teaching contract not be renewed for the coming school year. Woodhead, a 30vear employee of the district. requested the public hearing as part of the appeals process.

"There are no winners here," board member Julie Nielsen said after the board announced its decision.

North Platte Superintendent Marty Bassett said he was unaware of the incident until April 25. Bassett said no reports were filed and proper protocol was not followed. Dragging a boy by the ankles for 90 feet constitutes corporal punishment, which violates Nebraska law, he said. Bassett said the child was dragged down the hall in front of at least 50 kindergarteners.

Cross volunteer work she did in Philly during those years. Ann then returned to Nebraska to become the Director of Cedar County's welfare office in Hartington. It was there that she met her husband, Edward Stevens, who was the Cedar County years, until Ed's death in

growing the Girl Scout program in Eastern Nebraska. She took an active role with the Hartington Community Foundation, the Library Board, and the Holy Trinity Guild. A great lover of the outdoors and an avid gardener, Ann enjoyed picnics at Brooky Bottom and growing mounds of petunias and geraniums on her deck. An enthusiastic Bridge Club member and a die-hard

reader of Architectural Digest, the New Yorker, and the Wall Street Journal, Ann lived an internationally minded life from Hartington and loved to travel to New York and beyond with her siblings. Her house, as any visitor will attest, was always filled with classical music. She didn't like to miss the Metropolitan Opera broadcast on Saturday, and she could recognize a work on just a handful of bars.

Ann is survived by her great grandchildren; three

sisters and spouses: Josephine and John Bressler of New York, City, NY; Frances Ahern of New York City, NY; Joan and Clifford Dektar of North Hollywood, CA; sister-in-law Norma Stevens; several nieces and nephews of the Petsche, Stevens, Spratt, and Dektar families.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents and husband Edward S. Stevens on November 24, 1987 at the age of 80 years.

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Namminga







Stevens. Honorary pall-

October 12, 1922 in Wayne,

Nebraska to John Francis and Nelle Augusta (Thorndike) Ahern. She grew up in Wayne, attended Wayne State College, and in 1943 completed her degree at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. After college, Ann worked for an insurance company in Nashville (boarding in the same house with Minnie Pearl, with whom she was friends) before her work moved her to Philadelphia. This was during World War II, and she al-

bearers will be Ann's grandchildren and Ann Eliza-Stevens beth Stevens

ways spoke fondly of the Red

Clerk. They were married 35 1987 at the age of 80. Ann was instrumental in

five children and their spouses, Jane and Steven Shaneyfelt of Bozeman, Montana; Judy and Michael Berggren of Lincoln, NE; Nancy and Michael Hochstein of Hartington, NE; John Stevens of Broomfield, CO; Patrick and Jennifer Stevens of Colorado Springs, CO; 13 grandchildren; four

from Avon High School in 1965. He then went to Northwestern College in Orange City, IA and earned a B.S. Degree in Biology and Chemistry in 1969.

Allen married June Bosgraaf on June 28, 1969. They moved to Denver, CO for seven years where Al was a Mine Inspector for the Colorado Bureau of Mines. In 1976, their first child, Dawn was born in Denver and they moved to South Dakota where Allen started farming with his brother Don. Three sons were born to their union: Drew in 1978, Darin in 1980 and Dwight in 1982.

Allen made his confession of faith on June 8, 1964 at the Emmanuel Reformed Church. He was an active member all of his life, serving as deacon, catechism teacher and elder.

Allen also was a member of the Tractor Club, B-Y Water Board, where he served as president, and heavily involved in Gideons.

Allen enjoyed gardening, working on Volkswagens and his Model-A truck. When he would go places with his family, he was always talking to and teaching his children. Allen very much enjoyed his



were a special blessing from the LORD.

Thankful for having shared his life are his wife June of Avon; four children: Dawn and husband Barnell Rogers of Beach Park, IL; Drew and wife Tami of Lynden, WA and their three sons: Mason, Kase, Asher; Darin and wife Jaime of Tempe, AZ and their daughter Sophia; and Dwight of Brookings; two brothers Lambert and wife Mary of Muskegon, MI and Donald and wife Beth of Avon; several nieces and nephews; and many relatives and friends.

Allen was preceded in death by his parents, his parents-in-law Robert and Mildred Bosgraaf, and a niece

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Gordon Friesen

Funeral services for Gordon D. Friesen, 83, of Forsyth, Missouri, are at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at the Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Forsyth.

Visitation in Missouri is 6-8 p.m. today (Monday) at the Forsyth Whelchel Funeral Chapel in Forsyth.

Funeral services will then be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 3, at Christ Lutheran Church in Bazile Mills, Nebraska, with burial in the

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Greenwood Cemetery at Creighton, Nebraska, with Pastor Terry Huber officiat-

ing. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the Church in Bazile Mills. Brockhaus Funeral Home

of Creighton and Forsyth Whelchel Chapel of Forsyth, Missouri, are in charge of arrangements.

Gordon died Thursday, June 26, 2014, at the Forsyth Nursing and Rehab in

Funeral services are pend-

(605) 665-1175



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neral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

Cheryl Wamberg

Funeral services for

Cheryl Wamberg, 53, of

Joe Schaefer

Joe T. Schaefer, 87, of Hartington, Nebraska, died Sunday, June 29, 2014, at the Golden Living Center in Hartington.

Arrangements are pending with the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington.

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ELOQUENT WORDS

As attitudes toward death seem to be shifting away from formality in this country, it is interesting to note the grieving customs of bygone eras. While fewer people currently put pen to paper to record and convey their thoughts, there was once something known as "mourning stationery." This black-edged stationery was printed during the 19th century to provide mourners with an appropriate means of corresponding with friends, family, and acquaintances during the grieving period. The stationery came with black edging in several widths, which gradually grew thinner as the mourning period drew to a close. This custom should remind us of the importance that carefully considered written expressions of appreciation can have in times of sadness.

Written and spoken remembrances of the deceased can be incorporated into the commemoration service, if that is your wish. WINTZ & RAY FUNERAL HOME understands that sharing remembrances of a departed loved one can make those left behind feel more connected. Contact us at (605) 665-3644. You are invited to tour our facility, located at 2901 Douglas Ave., and visit us at www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com. We have been serving our community with compassion for many years.

"Of all the events which constitute a person's biography, there is scarcely one ... to which the world so easily reconciles itself as to his death." Nathaniel Hawthorn

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