

Second Missing S.D. Inmate Back In Custody

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Authorities have apprehended an inmate who failed to return to a minimum-security prison in Sioux Falls. State Corrections officials say 30-year-old Travis Thorngren was apprehended Thursday in South Sioux City, Neb. He went missing Monday from the minimum-security unit at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls. He had been serving a five-year sentence on a grand theft conviction in Lincoln County. Another inmate, 19-year-old Cody Summerside, was apprehended by local authorities on Monday near Rapid City. He had left the prison on March 8 to search for a work release job and didn't return. Summerside was serving a four-year sentence on a Meade County drug charge.

Gov. Designates New State Park At Blood Run

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has signed legislation creating South Dakota's first new state park since 1972. The bill establishes a 615-acre state park at the Blood Run nature area along the Big Sioux River southeast of Sioux Falls. It's the state's 13th state park. Blood Run was designated a national historic landmark in 1970. The area along the Big Sioux River bordering Iowa was used by thousands of Oneota Indians into the early 1700s. The area includes a large oak forest, rolling hills, flood plains, riverside bluffs and burial mounds. Daugaard says the site is culturally significant, and it's important to preserve it for future generations.

Neb. Man Gets Probation, Jail For Bomb Threat

KEARNEY, Neb. (AP) — A Nebraska man has been sentenced to 60 days in jail and four years of probation for writing a bomb threat on a restaurant job application. The *Kearney Hub* reports 38-year-old Jason Dornhoff was sentenced earlier this week for the threat last July. Dornhoff had pleaded no contest as part of a deal with prosecutors. Police arrested Dornhoff on July 5 after the threat was found. Prosecutors say Dornhoff wrote on the back of the application, "I have no money, a huge bomb in my truck, and a syringe of bleach that will kill you instantly. If you be quiet and help me, you won't die." Police did not find a bomb. The judge ordered Dornhoff to complete counseling. Prosecutors say he was using methamphetamine before making the threat.

S.D. Tribes File Lawsuit Against Social Services

BY KRISTI EATON
Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — South Dakota routinely violates the federal law governing foster care and adoptions for American Indian children by holding improper hearings after children are removed from homes, two tribes allege in a lawsuit filed Thursday. The Oglala Sioux and Rosebud Sioux Tribes, along with three Native American parents, filed the lawsuit in federal court in Rapid City, alleging the state is violating the Indian Child Welfare Act. The lawsuit is part of an ongoing dispute about Native American children in foster care in South Dakota. Federal law requires that Native American children removed from homes be placed with relatives or with other Native American families, except in unusual circumstances. Tribal officials contend South Dakota removes too many American Indian children from their homes and then puts them in foster care with non-Indian families. The lawsuit alleges that when children are removed from a home based on accusations

of neglect or abuse, parents aren't given a proper hearing to determine whether a child should be kept away longer. Many Native Americans who leave the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Indian reservations move to Pennington County, which is home to Rapid City, and the lawsuit seeks class-action status for all Native American parents and custodians who are members of federally recognized tribes there. The lawsuit contends that hearings are sometimes as short as 60 seconds and parents aren't given the chance to introduce evidence showing their ability to care for the child or to question the state. "If South Dakota officials would have the kind of hearing that is required by federal law, many of the Indian children who are being taken away from their parents would be returned," said Stephen Pevar, an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union's Racial Justice Program working with the tribes on the case. The plaintiffs are seeking an order directing state officials to provide "adequate" and "meaningful" hearings.

The removal of Native American children in South Dakota has been an ongoing issue, and tribal and federal leaders are planning a summit to discuss foster care in the state. State officials have acknowledged that a disproportionate number of Native American children are involved in the child welfare system. But they said that is because they receive more referrals for alleged abuse involving Native American children, leading to more investigations and removals of children from homes. The lawsuit names as defendants Department of Social Services Secretary Kim Malsam-Rysdon, Department of Social Services employee LuAnn Van Hunnik, Pennington County State's Attorney Mark Vargo and 7th Judicial Circuit Court Presiding Judge Jeff Davis. Vargo did not immediately return messages seeking comment. A representative for the Department of Social Services said the agency has not received any information about the lawsuit and did not have a comment. Davis also said he could not comment.

S. Dakota Board Approves Oil Drilling Permit In New Area

BY CHET BROKAW
Associated Press

PIERRE — A state board approved permits Thursday allowing a new company to drill two oil and gas wells in a part of western South Dakota that's far from existing wells. The Board of Minerals and Environment voted unanimously to let Quartz Operations LLC drill the wells roughly 9,700 feet deep about two miles west of Wasta and just south of Interstate 90. South Dakota's main oilfield is in Harding County in the northwest corner of the state.

State Department of Environment and Natural Resources officials said Quartz has provided no information to indicate why it thinks oil might be found in the area. The department also said Quartz Operations, formed in November, has not previously drilled in South Dakota. Quartz company leader Natali M. Ormiston, of Deadwood, did not testify at Thursday's hearing, but said after the meeting she's been in the oil business for a long time. State Geologist Deric Iles said he doubts Quartz Operations will find oil, but the drilling is unlikely to

cause any harm. "Based on what I know, the probability of success is fairly low," Iles told the board. Iles said the Quartz Operation wells would drill into the Precambrian formation, a variety of rocks ranging from 1 billion to 3 billion years old. He said he is not aware of oil- or gas-producing wells drilled into the formation in South Dakota or the surrounding states. Iles is in charge of a South Dakota effort to encourage more drilling in the state, but he said most companies are reluctant to drill outside of North Dakota's

booming oilfields. However, the Quartz wells will provide information about geological formations that are not well-known. "Personally, I would dearly love to see them drill the hole," Iles said. The only witness for Quartz Operations in Thursday's hearing was Louis Loehr, of Gillette, Wyo., who has been hired to manage the drilling. Loehr, who has 40 years of experience, said oil drillers are beginning to investigate the Precambrian formation in other countries. "I think it has possibilities, and I'm looking forward to drilling," Loehr said.

Panel

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South Dakota imposes no inheritance tax and encourages the creation of trusts and the use of wealth management divisions at banks, he said. Nebraska imposes inheritance taxes, and families should learn about distributing assets to children through a lifetime trust, he added. At the federal level, Congress has just passed a law allowing an individual to transfer \$5.2 million — the figure doubles to \$10.4 million for couples — to heirs free of federal estate taxes, Hosmer said. The federal exemptions sound huge, but producers could rapidly reach those levels with today's soaring land values and large machinery investments, Hosmer said. "With land valued at \$8,000 an acre, you can become an accidental millionaire. You need long-term planning," he said. "When you reach those (asset) thresholds, the federal estate

tax rate comes to about 50 percent." While estate planning often focuses on taxes, the last decade has seen rising concerns about asset protection, Hosmer said. He advised landowners to consider a trust for lifetime asset protection while continuing to receive income from the trust. Hosmer was asked about passing the family farm or ranch to a mix of children who remained with the operation and those who left. The parents could lease the ground to the on-farm children, he said. The income could be put into a trust, with off-farm children sharing the inheritance. Also, the parents could offer to sell the land to the on-farm children at less than fair market value, he said. Hosmer strongly advised a meeting of the entire family, with parents verbally expressing their wishes in addition to a will. Any questions or misunderstandings are resolved on the spot, he said. "You (parents) are the referee," he said. "When you're alive, they'll listen to you. When you're dead, they'll blame you and not like (the arrangement)."

A will remains a basic necessity, Hosmer said. "Without a will, you are letting the states of South Dakota and Nebraska make plans for you," he said. "They will do it for you, if you don't do it." Two other panelists at Thursday's program offered financial and crop advice. Producers can use financial tools, such as options, to protect their operations, said Doug Conti, a risk management consultant with Midwest Market Solutions. An audience member asked what has caused the lower cattle market. The drop in cattle prices comes at a time of high production combined with many retail stores raising their meat prices and offering fewer featured sales on meat, Conti said. Hogs are also seeing lower markets, while poultry has enjoyed all-time highs, he said. "The good news is that the export market held up well despite the sanctions by Russia and China," he said. Scott Zavadil, agronomist with Yankton Ag Service, addressed the drought's impact on crops.

Soil samples have shown nearly two-thirds of the fertility was unused or could still be used, Zavadil said. Most nitrogen was gone, but phosphorus, potassium and zinc remained in place. Zavadil advised the audience not to base this year's input choices on last year's drought. "Plan for the best," he said. "You have to look at it as an investment and what you get for your crop." Justin Wagner, FNBSD ag loan officer, told the *Press & Dakotan* that he encourages a similar positive outlook rather than reacting to last year. "It's not always good to look in the rear view mirror," he said. "You need to plan for the future, stay optimistic and stay committed." Farming has always contained challenges, Wagner said. "There are changes in any industry, and farming is one of them," he said. "The successful farmers are those who can (adjust)."

RTEC

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ufacturing and show them the career possibilities and opportunities right here in Yankton," he said. RTEC will also consider offering more scholarships for the technical educational programs it hosts here, Svatos said. "The extra money is going to be put toward those types of programs that help us grow, but also help us address the workforce needs that are in our community right now," he said. Svatos added that he believes YAPG's investment in RTEC will go a long way in helping YAPG succeed in its goal of spurring economic growth in Yankton. "YAPG is a visionary group of individuals. They get it," he said. "They see a need, and our need is to help create more opportunities for our workforce and create those higher paying jobs — i.e. manufacturing. That in turn means those individuals are going to be earning a higher wage, and they're going to spend more in our community. It's an all-around investment for what we're trying to do in Yankton."

Press & Dakotan reporter Nathan Johnson contributed to this report. You can follow Derek Bartos on Twitter at twitter.com/d_bartos

OBITUARIES

Wallace 'Wally' Spencer

Wallace Earl "Wally" Spencer, age 72, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. Memorial services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 23, 2013, at Christ Episcopal Church in Yankton, South Dakota with Reverends James Pearson and Thomas Hurley officiating. Inurnment will be in the Yankton City Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Honorary pallbearers are all of his friends and family. Wally was born June 2, 1940 in Sioux City, Iowa to Earl and Lorine (Foerster) Spencer. The family



Spencer

moved to Yankton and Wally attended Yankton Public Schools, graduating from Yankton High in 1958. He then graduated from Yankton College in 1963 with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. On August 14, 1971, Wally married Judy Moss in Yankton. He worked for Chesterman's Coca-Cola Company serving customers in Northeast Nebraska and Yankton areas for over 41 years. Wally received an award for Employee of the Year and retired in 2005. He was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church where he served in several different positions. Wally also served on the Yankton County Historical Society and was a member of the Yankton Elks Lodge and

Friendly Square Dancing Club. He bowled with great friends on the Utica Lumber Bowling Team for over 25 years. He acquired a large collection of Coca-Cola and Nebraska Husker memorabilia, which he was very proud of. Wally and his family would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped him during his illness. Wally is survived by his wife, Judy Spencer of Yankton; sister, Jean Kelley of Rapid City; two sisters-in-law, Mary Lynn Bruce of Yankton and Carol Anne (Paul) Fleury of Albuquerque, NM; eight nieces and nephews: Kimberly Kelley of Piedmont, SD, Kathryn (Harlan) Hess of Lemmon, SD, Kiernan (Rick) Zimbelman of Blackhawk, SD, Paula Bruce of Omaha, NE, Mary Lea Chute of Yankton, Mike (Laurie) Bruce of Urbandale, IA, Kathy Bruder of Yankton and Patty Vavra of Yankton; and many great

nieces, great nephews, a great-great nephew and many cousins. Wally was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers-in-law, Robert Kelley and John Bruce; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels, Book of Remembrance, or Yankton Special Olympics. To send an online sympathy message, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan March 22, 2013



Online condolences at: www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Steven Schatz

Funeral services for Steven H. Schatz, 54, of New Haven, Indiana will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 23 at Friends Reformed Church in Tripp with Rev. Greg Way officiating. Interment will follow in Friends Reformed Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., with family present to greet visitors from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tripp. Steve died on Sunday, March

17, 2013 at his home in New Haven. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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JoAnne Sudbeck

JoAnne "Jo" Mary Sudbeck, 64, left for Heaven on Thursday, March 21, 2013 after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 AM, Monday, March 25, 2013 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. John Rutten officiating. Burial of JoAnne's cremated remains will be at a later date in the Hurley Cemetery. Visitations will begin 5PM, Sunday, March 24, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7 PM rosary, video tribute, and 7:30 PM Scripture Service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

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Clifford Jerke

Funeral services for Clifford R. Jerke, 83 of Wagner will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 2013 at St. John Lutheran Church in Wagner. Burial will be in the ZCJB Cemetery, rural Wagner, with military honors. Visitation will be at the church with family present Friday from 5 to 7, followed by a prayer service. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home of Wagner is in charge of the arrangements.



Jerke

Clifford Raymond Jerke, son of Otto and Pearl (Uecker) Jerke was born August 21, 1929 on a farm near Delmont. He passed away Wednesday, March 20, 2013 with his family at his side at the Good Samaritan Society in Wagner. Cliff attended rural schools in the south Delmont and Avon areas. He entered the U.S. Army on April 4, 1947 and served until September of 1948. In January of 1950, Cliff enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving in Guam during the Korean Conflict with the 54th Pacific Air Squadron. He was honorably discharged in September of 1953. Cliff married Velda Peters on September 23, 1953 at St. John Lutheran Church in Wagner. A son, Terry was

blessed to their union. They moved to Stratford, WI, where they were dairy farmers for 45 years. In 2007, they retired to Wagner. Cliff's favorite past time was fishing with his son, Terry and friends. Cliff was a 40 year member of the VFW in Stratford, WI and Wagner, SD. He was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church at Stratford and later transferred that membership to St. John Lutheran Church in Wagner. Cliff was on the Township Board of Supervisors for the town of Eau Pleine, WI. He also was a member of the National County and State Holstein Breeders for many years. Thankful for having shared his life are his wife Velda of Wagner; Son, Terry and wife Bridget of Gillette,

WY; two brothers: Glen and wife Verna of Dante and Gary and wife Susan of Gillette, WY; five sisters: DeLores Peters of Wagner, Clarice and husband EJ Burke of Crofton, NE, Lois and husband Ron Willman of Yankton, Wilma Estes of Sioux Falls, and Donna and husband Ron Bruna of Tabor; brother-in-law, Norman Gibson; and many nieces, nephews and friends. Cliff was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Shirley Gibson; two nephews and one niece. In lieu of flowers, donations made me made to St. John Lutheran Church Memorial Fund. Yankton Press & Dakotan March 22, 2013

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