

## Rice Named State Patrol Superintendent

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — An Elkhorn emergency services official with a lengthy tenure as a patrol commander will lead the Nebraska State Patrol, Gov. Pete Ricketts said.

Ricketts announced Wednesday that Bradley Rice will assume the new role on March 23. He currently serves as communications director for Sarpy County Nebraska E911.

Rice, 56, is a retired Nebraska State patrol commander who oversaw 23 counties in northeast Nebraska. He also spent time as a trooper, police service dog handler, sergeant and lieutenant, culminating in 2011 after 29 years in the State Patrol. Rice graduated from the 152nd School of Police Staff and Command at the Missouri Highway Patrol Training Academy and Nebraska State Patrol Basic Training.

Rice's annual salary will be \$90,000.

## Meth Bust At Sioux Falls Day Care

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Two people who authorities suspect were selling methamphetamine out of a house that operates as a day care in southeast South Dakota have been arrested on drug charges.

Police in Sioux Falls say the pair was arrested Thursday after authorities searched the day care. Three children under the age of 2 were at the house when authorities arrived. Officers searched the house after parents picked up their children.

Police say authorities targeted the day care after the Sioux Falls Area Drug Task Force received information that methamphetamine was being sold at the house.

The 33-year-old woman and the 32-year-old man are facing various charges including possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia.

## Ricketts Approves Marriage Fee Increase

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Couples who want to marry in Nebraska will soon pay an extra \$10 under a bill signed into law.

Gov. Pete Ricketts approved a bill (LB88) Thursday that will increase the cost of marriage license fees from \$15 to \$25. Certified copies will rise in cost from \$5 to \$9.

The original bill would have raised the cost to \$50 before lawmakers compromised at \$25.

The Nebraska Association of County Officials says the \$15 fee did not cover the costs of filing a marriage license and verifying the information.

The law will go into effect three months after the current legislative session ends.

## Daugaard Signs 'Daschle Law' Repeal

PIERRE (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has signed a measure to change the state's so-called "Daschle law" that bars a presidential candidate from seeking another office on the same South Dakota ballot.

Daugaard's office on Thursday announced that he approved a proposal to remove the prohibition.

The original Republican-backed measure in 2002 faced criticism from Democrats for targeting then-U.S. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, who was considered a possible 2004 Democratic presidential candidate.

Daugaard has said the state should seize the opportunity to increase its political influence for candidates from both parties.

## Tuition Freeze Unlikely This Year

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota lawmakers say there likely won't be funding this year for a tuition freeze for in-state college students because of a recent reduced revenue projections for the state.

A joint legislative committee killed a bill Thursday that would have frozen tuition at four-year and technical schools in the state. An original version of the bill had estimated the cost of freezing tuition at nearly \$3.2 million but the latest version didn't have a price tag.

Republican Sen. Larry Tidemann says there's a small chance there could be money left over after budget negotiations are finished but says it's unlikely. Any last-minute additions would be added on Friday.

South Dakota State University student Olivia Siglin says she knows funding is tight but is hoping something comes together.

## Nebraska

# 'Shared-Parenting' Bill Stirs New Debate

BY GRANT SCHULTE  
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Parents, attorneys and victim advocacy groups squared off Thursday over the newest effort to overhaul Nebraska's shared-parenting law.

The bill would encourage judges to "maximize" the time that each separated parent gets with their children if they can't agree on a parenting plan. Judges could determine the exact split, but neither parent could have less than 35 percent.

Sen. Laura Ebke of Crete said her bill seeks to reduce the number of children who don't have regular contact with their fathers — a "critical public health" issue that she said contributes to incarceration, truancy and crime.

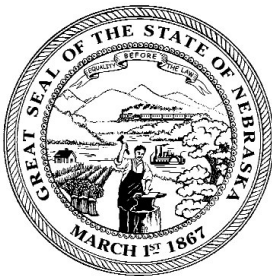
"Most people, I think, would agree that it's an improvement over the status quo," Ebke said in testimony to the Judiciary Committee.

Parents wouldn't qualify for the minimum if the judge finds a pattern of abuse or neglect, if the parents live too far apart, or if the parent is otherwise deemed unfit.

The bill reflects a rough compromise among parental advocates, family-law attorneys and domestic violence groups, although its prospects remain uncertain. Nebraska lawmakers have introduced at least 11 shared-parenting measures since 2007.

At least 16 other states are considering new parenting laws. The Nebraska bill was modeled after an Arizona law that took effect in 2013.

Noncustodial parents in Nebraska —



usually fathers — are given an average of five days a month with their children, according to a decade-long analysis by the State Court Administrator's office. The state reviewed divorce and child custody cases between 2002 and 2012.

The 2013 report found disparities in how custody was divided in different parts of the state. In District 8 — the Nebraska Panhandle — mothers were granted sole custody 75 percent of the time. In District 4, encompassing Omaha, fathers were given sole custody less than 3 percent of the time.

Statewide, mothers received sole custody about half the time. Joint custody was granted in about one-third of the cases, and fathers were granted sole custody about 9 percent of the time.

Attorneys pushing for the change have said many judges are older and defer to the way things have always been done — and traditionally, judges favored women in their rulings. Supporters of the bill argued that some women exploit their parental rights to get more child-support money from fathers.

Felicia Keiser, a junior at the

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said she was disappointed that lawmakers haven't acted sooner. The 20-year-old said she appealed to lawmakers for the last seven years in an effort that started because she wanted more time with her father.

"I've been let down every time I come here," she said. "This doesn't help me or my siblings, but we don't want to see any other child go through what we had to go through," she said.

Joe Trader of Omaha told senators he missed his daughter's first haircut and first day of preschool after he separated from his girlfriend. He said his daughter, born in 2010, has started calling another man "Dad."

"Here we are again, fighting for the right to be more than just visitors and paycheckers for our children," he said.

Opponents argue that the bill would increase conflicts by eliminating any incentive to take the case to mediation or other court alternatives. A parent who is guaranteed at least 35 percent parenting time isn't as likely to seek compromises, said Mary Kay Hansen, a Lincoln family-law attorney and mediator.

Advocates for victims of domestic violence said the bill requires women to show evidence that they've been abused before they can terminate a father's rights. Forcing women to do so could keep them in dangerous relationships.

"We're not necessarily opposed to shared parenting, but getting to that point puts victims at greater risk," said Robert Sanford, legal director of the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence.

# South Dakota Senate, House Strike Compromise On Autism Coverage Bill

BY KEVIN BURBACH  
Associated Press

PIERRE — A bill that would mandate that certain insurance plans cover a costly but effective treatment for children with autism and would lay the groundwork for further coverage in the future is headed to the governor's desk for his signature.

A group of lawmakers from both chambers ironed out a compromise Thursday that would require certain insurance plans to cover applied behavioral analysis therapy, which is not currently required of insurers in South Dakota but is in 38 other states.

Both the Senate and House passed the compromise version of the bill Thursday, sending it to Gov. Dennis Daugaard, whose administration supports it.

The bill requires coverage of ABA therapy only by providers who have a master's

or doctoral degree, which parents of autistic children say lessens its impact by limiting their options. But the legislation also establishes a workgroup of parents, lawmakers and insurers who will begin meeting this summer to figure out how to expand required coverage in the future.

"We're grateful that it's at least being recognized as something that needs to be covered, but there's no question we need to expand coverage from this point," said Lisa Stanley, a parent with an autistic child who has testified on the bill. "I think our hope is with the legislation on the books that we're going to be able to expand from there."

Parents say the majority of the hands-on ABA therapy provided to children is from specialists who have high school degrees or higher, but



not often master's or doctoral degrees. They say limiting coverage doesn't cover the majority of care given to children on a day-to-day basis. But insurers, who supported the version of the bill passed Thursday, had been worried about being required to provide coverage for workers who are not licensed to give care by the state.

The workgroup aims to establish a proposal for licensing and covering care providers not included in the bill passed Thursday.

Lobbyists for insurance companies applauded the compromise.

"One of our biggest concerns was that we need supervisory capacity within our state, we need standards established within the state of South Dakota for people providing this care," said Darla

Pollman Rogers, who represents Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield and America's Health Insurance Plans. "We were able to work that into this bill and also take care of a few other concerns."

The bill also mandates that insurance companies have to pay at least \$36,000 in ABA costs every year, although they aren't limited from covering more.

Senate Majority Leader Tim Rave, who had concerns over requiring insurance companies to cover some providers, said he was pleased the committee was able to strike a compromise. Majority Leader Brian Gosch said he was also happy but would've liked the bill to go farther.

Kim Malsam-Rysdon, the South Dakota Secretary of Health, said Daugaard's administration supported the amended version of the bill and looked forward to being involved with the workgroup.

# Scholarship Programs To Survive Budget Cuts, Opportunity To Expand

BY BOB MERCER  
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — With revenue looking tighter than initially expected, House and Senate negotiators reached agreement Thursday on expanding the South Dakota Opportunity scholarship's amount for incoming freshmen this fall.

They also recommended continuing to fund scholarship programs for teachers in critical-need subjects and for low-income students.

The House of Representatives will vote today on the critical-need and low-income programs.

House members approved the Opportunity expansion 65-3. Senators voted 32-0 for it.

Currently college and technical-school students who have met the academic criteria for the Opportunity scholarship receive \$1,000 annually in years one through three and \$2,000 in year four.

The amounts will change for freshmen this fall to \$1,300 annually

during the first three years and \$2,600 in year four.

Current recipients won't receive the increases. The increases are the first since the program began in 2004. An average of about 1,110 new students qualify each year.

The critical-needs teaching scholarships and the need-based scholarships for low-income students will be funded at \$150,000 per program.

Each also will receive about \$53,000 from interest earned on money in a trust fund.

Nineteen college students are receiving the teaching scholarships, including nine who are in math or science, according to Senate Republican leader Tim Rave of Baltic.

He said the availability of the aid is helping drive students into subject areas of need, including special education.

Sen. Bernie Hunhoff, D-Yankton, supported the continuation.

"I think we're on a good trajectory for scholarships and need-based grants," Hunhoff said. "This is

another pretty small step this year but let's keep moving."

Senators voted 33-0 for both of the need programs.

Rave said 289 students currently received the low-income assistance.

Hunhoff said South Dakota's shortage of trained workers means young people from low-income families will need to have help maximizing their talents.

"It's drastically underfunded," Hunhoff said.

## OBITUARIES

### Marjorie Crosley

Marjorie Irene Crosley joined her Heavenly Father on March 12, 2015 at Yankton Care Center.

Marjorie was born at Lesterville, SD, on October 8, 1929 to Reinhold and Hilda (Schenkel) Diede. She attended rural schools in the Lesterville area. She was united in marriage to Pete Voll on January 27, 1948. To this union, two daughters were born. They lived on the farm until moving to Yankton in 1969. She married Ronald Crosley on April 19, 1980. They lived in Sioux Falls, Utica and Yankton. Marge enjoyed playing cards, bingo and camping.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband Ron, daughters Donna (Jim) Wohlmann, and DiAnn (George) Blakey, five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren, three step-children, Perry Crosley, Penny (James) Martin, and Sue (Dave) Kassmier, two step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren, two brothers and their wives, Dick (Shirley) Diede and Dale (Brigetta) Diede, several nieces and nephews and extended family and friends.



Marjorie Crosley

Those proceeding her in death include her parents, her brother Delmar Diede and his wife Ferne, grandson Billy, granddaughter Sara Blakey and great-granddaughter Oakley.

Funeral services will be on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., with visitation at 10:30 a.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton, SD. Burial of cremains at a later date.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.goglinfh.com/](http://www.goglinfh.com/).

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### Lawrence Husman

Lawrence (Larry) Husman, 93, passed away Monday, March 9, 2015 at the Centerville Care and Rehab.

Larry is survived by his children; Roger (Sharon) Husman of Madison, Judy (Glenn) Edberg of Yankton, Russell (friend) Yolanda) Husman of Fremont, CA., Jerry Husman of Davis, SD, and Jessie (Loren) Lunning of Centerville, SD; two daughter-in-laws, Betty Husman of Baltic, SD, Barb Husman of Chancellor, SD; one sister, Lucille Husman of Sioux Falls, sister-in-law Dorothy of Washington; fifteen grandchildren and twenty-three great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, two sons, Dennis and Donald, one grandson, James Husman, a great grandson Treyton Martz, four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the Anderson-Jones-Corcoran Harrisburg Funeral Chapel in Harrisburg, SD with burial at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Harrisburg. [www.heritagefsd.com](http://www.heritagefsd.com).

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Husman

### Roy Erickson

Roy (Buck) Allen Erickson was born November 27, 1927 on a farm west of Irene, South Dakota.

He was the oldest of nine children born to William Erickson and Alma (Thorsten-son) Erickson. Roy was a resident of Grace Living Center in Woodward, Oklahoma.

Roy died March 9, 2015 at the age of 87 at the hospital in Oklahoma City.

He will be cremated.

Roy attended a country school called Sunrise #47 and Irene High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp. in 1945.

Roy worked in Montana where he met his wife, Jenny Kawakzyk. They were married June 23, 1948 and had one daughter, Jennifer (Bridgeford) Brady.

Roy then married Mary Louise Dippert. The couple had three sons, Monte, Richard and Duane along with two daughters, Louise, Barbara and two steps sons, Clyde and Robert Hogg of Billings, Montana.

His surviving siblings are Orville Erickson; Herman, Nebraska, Pearl N. Tweedy; Crofton, Nebraska, Avis Powers; Tooele, Utah, Emma Erickson; Douglas Wyoming,



Erickson

Raymond Erickson; Jefferson, South Dakota.

Roy also has a host of nieces and nephews, grand children, great-grand children and great-great grandchildren.

He was an 18-wheeler truck driver who also worked at a bakery in Yankton, South Dakota and was a Bronco Buster in Montana.

He retired from Wells Fargo driving armored truck. He then moved to Lake Bay, Washington for two years then to Woodward, Oklahoma where he has been living the past 10 years.

Those who proceed him in death are his parents, two sets of grandparents, one infant, two brothers, Charles and Sanford, one sister, Erma, both ex-wives, two brother-in-laws, Walter, Ben and two sister-in-laws, Naomi and Patricia.

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### Richard Anderson

Richard Anderson, 90, of Vermillion died Thursday, March 12, 2015, at his residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion.

**Don McNeely**

Don M. McNeely, 69, of Tabor passed away Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 16, at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, with the Rev. Cody Raak officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will be in the Czech National Cemetery, Tyndall at a later date.

Visitations will be 4-7 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, and then one hour prior to the service at the chapel.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

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