

## Trucking Company Ordered Off Road

MITCHELL (AP) — Federal transportation regulators have ordered a South Dakota trucking company and its owner to stop all commercial operations.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has deemed commercial driver Lonnie Roth and his namesake company imminent public safety hazards. The agency says inspectors found the company repeatedly violated federal regulations.

Authorities say the violations of the Mitchell-based company include dispatching a driver known to have an alcohol concentration of 0.04 or greater, failing to implement random alcohol and drug testing programs for drivers, and failing to ensure that drivers complied with regulations designed to prevent fatigue.

The *Daily Republic* reports Roth was convicted of driving a commercial vehicle under the influence of alcohol in early December and his commercial driver's license was revoked.

Roth declined to comment to *The Associated Press*.

## Oahe Farm And Ranch Show Canceled

PIERRE (AP) — One of South Dakota's newest farm shows has been called off for this year.

The *Tri-State Neighbor* reports that organizers of the Oahe Farm and Ranch Show near Pierre have decided to take a year off to reassess the show and figure out ways to make it better.

The show had been scheduled for late June, and vendors who had pre-paid for booth space are being refunded. This would have been the show's fourth year.

General manager Jessica Lammle says the decision wasn't based on finances.

Organizers have put together an online survey to get feedback on how the farm show could be improved. Lammle says the goal of the survey is to get some assurance from vendors, sponsors and nearby communities that they would be supportive of the show.

# Budgeting For '16

## SD Legislature Delivers '2-2-2' State Budget

BY BOB MERCER  
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — The rancor seen many times in past legislative sessions about state government's annual budget was absent Friday night, as South Dakota lawmakers gave their blessing to the next spending plan.

Revenue has been tighter since Gov. Dennis Daugaard delivered his budget recommendations in December.

The Legislature's Joint Committee on Appropriations made various trims in the 2016 recommendations because there is \$10 million less than previously forecast, but the lawmakers delivered on the core proposals that the governor sought:

- 2 percent more per student in the general allocation to public schools;
- 2 percent more across the board in salaries for state government employees; and
- 2 percent more on average to Medicaid services providers, with the increases varying from 1.6 to 2.5 percent depending on the category.

How? "We went in and cut," Rep. Justin Cronin, R-Gettysburg, said. He is chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

"They'll make it work because they're good employees and good stewards, just like we are," Cronin said.

The House of Representatives voted 55-9 to approve HB 1208. There weren't any bitter comments from the minority side of the chamber.

"We did the best we could with what we have, and I guess we can be proud of that," Rep. Ray Ring, D-Vermillion, said.

Ring, who was an economist at the University of South Dakota, said it's evident that state government doesn't have the resources to take care of vulnerable people in the way that ought to be done.

"I think we need to take a longer and broader perspective for the good of our children and grandchildren in the long run," Ring said.

The appropriators did good work in finding money to start an increase in the amount of the Opportunity scholarships for college and tech-school students and in delivering the 2 percent for K-12 schools, House Democratic leader Spencer Hawley of Brookings said.

"The bottom line, I think you did an excellent job," Hawley said.

The Legislature by law needed to

provide only 1.5 percent increase to K-12 but came through with the 2 percent, House Republican leader Brian Gosch of Rapid City said.

"I'm very proud of that," Gosch said.

Among various spending items mentioned by Gosch was \$3.2 million in the budget bill to pay for the juvenile justice reforms in SB 73.

The House finished its budget vote at 10:21 p.m. The Senate began its discussion of the budget 26 minutes later and finished at 11:15, approving the bill 30-2.

Sen. Angie Buhl O'Donnell channeled the Rolling Stones. "As the song lyrics go," Buhl O'Donnell, D-Sioux Falls, said, "we didn't get everything we wanted, but we got what we need."

The general-fund portion of the budget is approximately \$1.4 billion, an increase of about \$41 million, with an all-funds increase of about \$68 million, according to Sen. Deb Peters, R-Hartford.

"We are using one-time money for one-time expenses and ongoing money for ongoing expenses," said Peters. She is the Senate Appropriations Committee chair.

She said that as she travels on legislative business to other parts of the nation she has found that approach is "quite unique."

## OBITUARIES

### Mildred Becker

Mildred Mary Becker, age 89 of St. Helena, Nebraska died on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Holy Family (Immaculate Conception) Catholic Church in St. Helena, Nebraska with Rev. Eric Olsen officiating. Burial will be in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in St. Helena.

Visitation will be on Monday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 pm at the church. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Tuesday at the church.

The Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington is in charge of arrangements. To send online condolences, or to view the video tribute, please visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com/](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com/).



Becker

Pallbearers will be her grandchildren, Travis Becker, Todd Becker, Curt Becker, Kylie Becker, Jason Becker, Adam Becker and Sara Mills.

Mildred was born on September 22, 1925 at Bow Valley, Nebraska to Anton "Tony" John and Elizabeth (Schmidt) Schulte. She grew up on a farm in the Bow Valley area and graduated from Holy Trinity High School in Hartington in 1944. She graduated from Omaha Business School in Omaha and then worked at WNAX in Yankton until her marriage to Jerome Marvin Becker on November 23, 1949 in Bow Valley. They made their home on a farm in the St. Helena area.

Mildred was a member of the Holy Family (Immaculate

Conception) Catholic Church and Altar Society and was a former parish council member. She loved to travel to Colorado to visit relatives. She enjoyed golf, gardening, cooking and was a great scrabble player. She was well known for her apple pie and apple crisp.

Mildred is survived by her 7 children and their spouses, Tim Becker (Mary) of Yankton; Tom Becker of Lincoln, NE; Keith Becker (Carol) of Emerson, NE; Kevin Becker, Shirley (Joe) Zimmerman and Cindy Becker all of St. Helena, Louise Vale (Paul) of Broomfield, CO; 7 grandchildren, Travis Becker (Krista), Todd Becker (Stacie), Curt Becker (Tiff), Kylie Becker, Jason Becker, Sara Mills (Kevin), Adam Becker, 11 great grandchildren, Ashli, Chloe, Tori, Zachary, Kaden, Brady, Tyler, Peyton, Sawyer and Hadley Becker and Will Mills, 2 sisters, Mary Ann Hans of Yankton; June Lange (Linus) of

Bow Valley; 4 brothers, Leo Schulte (Lorraine) of Hartington; Roger Schulte of Coleridge, NE; Charles Schulte (Genny) of Emerson; Marty Schulte (Phyllis) of Yankton and a sister-in-law, Marcie Schulte of St. Helena.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jerome, on January 25, 1999 at the age of 73, 3 brothers, Hubert "Toby", Harold and Marvin Schulte and a sister Lucille Keller.

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### Betty Hemmingson

Betty Joan "BJ" Hemmingson, age 81 passed away on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Memorial services will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton with Rev. Dani Jo Ninke officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Betty "BJ" is survived by her husband, Boyd Hemmingson of Yankton; her daughter, Cathy Hemmingson of Yankton; her son, Bobbie Wilson of Ada, OK; 7 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; her brother, James A. Wilson of Phoenix, AZ and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in



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death by her parents, Ode Earl and Eula Mae Wilson, her daughter, Cheryl Lynn Turhune, 5 brothers: Kenneth, Roy, Ozel, Billy Joe, and Bobby Gene Wilson and 3 sisters: Glynis Holmberg, Virginia Braden and Ruby Yess.

Online condolences may be sent at [www.opsahlkostelfuneralhome.com/](http://www.opsahlkostelfuneralhome.com/).

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### James Dwyer II

James H. (Jim) Dwyer II, 91 of Vermillion passed away Friday 13, 2015 at his home from congestive heart failure.

Funeral mass will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with Fr. John Fischer officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. with a prayer service beginning at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 16, 2015 at St. Agnes Catholic Church.

Jim was born in Sully County near Onida, South Dakota to Tom and Hanna Dwyer on October 1, 1923. The family moved to Wakonda in 1931 where Jim attended Wakonda School, graduating from high school in 1941. He attended college at Southern State Normal in Springfield, South Dakota on a basketball scholarship. He enlisted with the United States Navy on November 19, 1943, serving in the South Pacific as an aviation ordnance man. When returning home in December 1945, he worked as a brakeman on the railroad and for the construction company that built most of the Clay County electric line. Jim went to work for Clay Union electric as a lineman, where he dedicated 35 years of his career and retired in 1984. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Eagles Club and the Knights of Columbus. Jim and Ardiss Hall were married April 11, 1950 at St.



Dwyer

Patrick's Church in Wakonda. Later that year, they moved to Vermillion, then in 1953 back to Wakonda, where Jim was the Foreman of the Clay-Union Outpost. On October 31, 1965 they returned to Vermillion and Jim served as Customer Service Representative and Wiring Crew Foreman. Jim loved his work, and loved to help others in any way he could. Retirement simply meant moving on to other tasks, wiring, fixing, and construction with and for his family for many years.

Survived by his wife of almost 65 years Ardiss and seven children: Scott — Sioux City, Iowa, Dan, Tempe, Arizona, Jim III — Vermillion, South Dakota, Joe — Vermillion, South Dakota, Jean (Tom Salem) — Omaha, Nebraska, David (Susan) — Bargserville, Indiana, Debbie (Steve) — Vermillion, South Dakota. He was also survived by eighteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one grandson Justin James Salem and five siblings, Naomi Shrader, Elwood Dwyer, Veronica Fredrickson, Lovella Matson and Donald Dwyer.

For obituary and online condolences visit [hansenfuneralhome.com/](http://hansenfuneralhome.com/).

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### Harold Clarken

WAUKEE, Iowa — Harold James Clarken, son of Henry and Mary Clarken, was born on October 25, 1935 and grew up on a farm near Corwith, Iowa.

Harold graduated from Corwith High School and went to junior college on a baseball scholarship as a



Clarken

pitcher. After playing semi-pro baseball for a short time, Harold became a fireman in both Webster City and Waukee for a combined 20 years. Following that, he worked at Bridgestone/Firestone in Des Moines for 28 years and was a member of the URW/USW Union. On May 20, 1956, he married Betty Long of Webster City, Iowa. They lived in Webster City, Humboldt, West Des Moines, and Waukee, Iowa. He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Waukee for 49 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife and one son, Danny Clarken, a sister, Alice Schroeder, an infant brother, and both of his parents.

Survivors include one son, Kevin (Julie) Clarken, and three daughters, Debra Hueholt-Hartman, Michelle (Todd) Van Maanen, and Annette (Grant) Duncan. He cherished his eight grandchildren: Jared (Meghan Walter) Hueholt, Erin (Joseph) Hill, Kelsey Ihde, Taylor Sullivan, Jesse Van

Maanen, Molly Ihde, Daniel Clarken, and Justin Clarken as well as five great grandchildren, Wylie, Dawson, Amesley, Natalie and Carter. Harold's gift of storytelling kept all of his family greatly entertained. He was very proud of being an Irishman and loved history, reading, the outdoors, as well as traveling.

Harold died on March 14, 2015 at Mercy Hospice in Johnston, Iowa after a very short battle with leukemia. He was visited by many friends and then surrounded by his family as he peacefully passed away.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Waukee, Iowa.

Visitation with the family present will be 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Monday, March 16, 2015 at St. Boniface Church with a Prayer Service at 6:00 p.m.

For more information or to send condolences, please visit [www.diamondmemorial.com](http://www.diamondmemorial.com)

or call (515) 964-7543.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Boniface Church in Waukee, Iowa in loving memory of Harold Clarken.

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### John 'Fritz' Bartels

John "Fritz" Bartels, 83, of Vermillion passed away Saturday, March 14, 2015, at Sanford/USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion.

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