

## Animal Anthrax Confirmed In 2 Heifers

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota's state veterinarian says animal anthrax has killed two young cows in Stanley County.

Dr. Dustin Oedekoven tells *The Mitchell Daily Republic* that the 11-month old replacement heifers died suddenly last week. Laboratory testing has confirmed the cause of death to be anthrax.

South Dakota ranchers see a few cases of animal anthrax each year. The disease causes death in livestock quickly and without warning.

This group of replacement heifers was not vaccinated but the rest of the herd has a good vaccination history.

Typically, the only risk for humans from the disease in the U.S. comes from indirectly handling carcasses or fluids from affected livestock without protective clothing. Anthrax can be consumed through infected meat, but veterinarians say that isn't a concern in developed nations.

## Stabbed BIA Superintendent Now Stable

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — The Bureau of Indian Affairs superintendent who was stabbed Wednesday is in stable condition.

Department of the Interior spokeswoman Nedra Darling says Patrick F. Duffy is looking forward to a full recovery. Duffy is the superintendent on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation and was attacked at BIA headquarters in Fort Thompson, which is about 60 miles southeast of Pierre.

The BIA says its Office of Justice Services is continuing to investigate the attack. It said on Wednesday evening a suspect was in custody.

Darling says the BIA and the Indian Health Service are providing counselling services to employees at the Crow Creek Agency. The agency will remain closed until Monday.

As superintendent, Duffy oversees BIA facilities in Fort Thompson and manages tribal land.

## Father Sues Former Husker Player

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A father has sued a former University of Nebraska football player who hosted a fundraiser for the man's son, claiming he didn't receive money raised at the November event.

Dan Walker filed the lawsuit last week against P.J. Smith, safety for the Huskers from 2009 to 2012, and Scott Wuethrich. Walker alleges the men withheld most donations made on his 11-year-old-son's behalf, who's recovering after being hit by a truck in October.

Walker claims Smith and Wuethrich kept all donations except for \$1,031, which he says he used to buy Christmas gifts for his six kids. The lawsuit seeks compensation for all money raised at the fundraiser or later by selling donated items.

Smith, Wuethrich and lawyers declined to comment or didn't return calls from the *Lincoln Journal Star*.

## Day Care Facing Abuse, Drug Charges

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — An in-home day care operator and her husband have been indicted on child abuse and drug charges after police say they found methamphetamine at their home.

*The Argus Leader* reports 33-year-old Jennifer Darger and 32-year-old Adam Darger were charged Wednesday in an eight-count indictment. Authorities allege in the indictment that the couple has been selling methamphetamine out of their child care center for the past year.

Sioux Falls officials suspended Jennifer Darger's in-home license after the drug was discovered earlier this month.

Jennifer Darger's teenage daughter told a counselor that the pair had been selling methamphetamine and that her mother recently relapsed into addiction. The daughter told authorities she was often asked to watch the children while her mother sold drugs.

# Speed Limit Change Isn't Welcomed By All Members Of State Commission

BY BOB MERCER

State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Four members of the state Transportation Commission made clear Thursday they aren't fans of the 80 mph speed limit that takes effect April 1 on the long rural stretches of I-90 and I-29 in South Dakota.

The Legislature adopted the five-mph increase as a late addition to the tax and fee increases lawmakers approved on March 13 for more highway and bridge funding.

"I have some strong feelings about that," commissioner Edward Seljeskog of Rapid City said.

Transportation Secretary Darin Bergquist said the change put his department "in a scramble position" to achieve by April 1.

"The prison sign shop has been busy running new signs," he said.

All segments of the two interstates that currently have 75 mph speed limits will change to 80 mph, while any spots already less than 75 will stay at their current speeds.

But, Bergquist said, there will be places on I-90 west of Rapid City that could be reduced from 80 in the months ahead.

The commission can't make those changes until the 80 mph takes effect, he said.

"Would we all get shot if we lowered it all to 75?" asked Bob Benson of Winner, the commission's chairman.

Seljeskog asked who pushed for it. "I don't understand the thinking behind it," added commissioner Ralph Marquardt of Yankton.

Rep. Brian Gosch, R-Rapid City, was "the prime proponent of this," Bergquist said.

As for the reason, driving faster will reduce gas mileage and produce more revenue, Bergquist said.

Benson said a concern is on-ramp speed.

Commissioner Donald Roby of Wattertown asked whether the legislators thought through the ripple effect. He said most areas will change to 80 and later some will be reduced.

## SD Regents To Consider 5.7 Percent Tuition Increase

BY JAMES NORD

Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Tuition and fees for South Dakota's six public universities will increase by an average of 5.7 percent for the upcoming school year if the state Board of Regents adopts the proposed hikes during its meeting next week.

The board, which oversees the state's public universities, will begin meeting Tuesday at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in part to discuss the hikes. Lack of state support this session killed the prospect of another year of frozen tuition for on-campus resident students, which lawmakers put nearly \$4 million toward during the 2014 Legislature. The tuition and fee hikes the regents will consider range from 4.3 percent at Northern State University to 6 percent at South Dakota State University.

Under the proposal, the average cost of tuition and fees at a South Dakota public university for on-campus resident students for the upcoming

school year will be \$8,377.66, up from \$7,924.73. The state ranks third of eight nearby states when it comes to in-state residents' cost of attendance, which also includes lodging and meals, according to a regents report.

"I think all of us would say we'd love to not have to raise tuition ever," Northern State University President James Smith said. "Our costs of doing business go up."

Funding salaries and hikes for pay competitiveness and inflation are projected to cost the regents an additional \$5.7 million for the upcoming fiscal year, according to a report to the board. Tepid state revenues also left lawmakers little spare cash to fund dramatic cost-reduction programs for higher education when they set the state budget earlier in March. A proposal to fund an increase to the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship, for example, had to be scaled back by roughly \$1 million after state economists predicted revenue collections for the next budget year will fall short of previous projections.

## Judge Weighs Fate Of Man Who Tried To Shoot Up Classroom

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A judge is deciding what to do about a 66-year-old man who in 1992 attempted to shoot at students in a college classroom in Lincoln.

Dr. Klaus Hartmann told Lancaster County District Judge Paul Merritt Jr. at an annual review hearing Wednesday that Arthur McElroy is still mentally ill, but also so afflicted with physical ills that he doesn't pose a threat. McElroy is currently being held at Lincoln Regional Center.

McElroy was charged and tried for attempted second-degree murder after he tried to fire a .30-caliber, semi-automatic military carbine into a science class of about 20 students. The gun jammed in the attempt. A judge ruled that McElroy was insane and not responsible for his actions.

Hartmann, who is a psychiatrist at the center, said his three letters to the judge have indicated that McElroy's mental and physical needs could be better addressed at another facility. He said that if his condition improves at another facility,

then he could be returned to the center.

McElroy, who has been diagnosed with delusional disorder or possibly paranoid schizophrenia, has chronic kidney disease, diabetes, hypertension and gallstones. He undergoes dialysis four times a week, and has needed oxygen in the past. However, regulations prevent the regional center from keeping oxygen at the facility.

The psychiatrist also said that McElroy has been confined to a wheelchair for more than a year.

McElroy's attorney, public defender Kristi Egger-Brown, says that if Merritt doesn't release McElroy outright, the judge should have him placed in a nursing home.

But Deputy Lancaster County Attorney Janice Lipvosky maintains that McElroy is still mentally ill and dangerous.

Merritt, who questioned the logistics of ordering someone to go to a privately run nursing home, says he'll make his ruling next month.

## OBITUARIES

### Calvin Kruger

Calvin James Kruger departed life on March 11, 2015 in Blunt, SD.

A Memorial Celebration of Life was held Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre followed by inurnment at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Blunt.

Calvin was born March 24, 1958 in Milbank SD to Arlin Kruger and Adeline Kruger (Hofhenke). Calvin moved to Blunt when he was 2 years old and graduated from Sully Buttes High School in 1976. He studied at Mitchell Votech to become an electrician and graduated in 1978. He met his wife Therese in May of 1978 and they wed October 29th 1978. They moved to Denver, CO to start a family and lived there 9 years before returning back to Blunt SD.

Calvin was a dedicated worker at Oahe Electric Coopeative in Blunt for 25



Kruger

years. Calvin was a family man, his world revolved around his wife, daughters and grandkids. He was a prankster, always had a joke to tell, he had a smile that could light up a room and an infectious laugh. In his spare time, he enjoyed more than anything, spending time with his grand children. He enjoyed football and was an avid Denver Bronco fan, he loved to garden with his wife every summer. He was a handyman always working on cars, computers, if it was broke, he could fix it. He had a love for music and was always listening to his tunes.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife Therese (Holland) Kruger; two daughters Melinda

(Kruger) Vetsch of Pierre, SD (Steve Vetsch) of Blunt, SD and Chandra (Kruger) Mancuso (Nick Mancuso) of Blunt, SD; seven grandchildren Thomas, Brian and Ethan Vetsch, Adeline and Beau Forgey and Cortana and Tyrrion Mancuso; 9 step grandchildren, Beth Ann Saring (Daniel), Michael Vetsch (Jeff Bowman), Phillip Vetsch, Matthew Vetsch, Billy Vetsch, Katie Vetsch, Gabriel Mancuso, Elana Mancuso, Savannah Anderson and four step great grandchildren; Celest and Ethan Saring and Blake and Hemi Vetsch.

He was preceded in death by his parents Adeline and Arlin Kruger, Mother in law Hazel Holland and several aunts and uncles.

Condolences may be conveyed to the family at [www.feigumfh.com](http://www.feigumfh.com).

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### Marjorie Hansen

Marjorie Hansen, 98 of Yankton passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at the Park View Haven Nursing Home, Coleridge, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 30, at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton, with the Rev. Molly Carlson officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with the service details. Send condolences to [www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com/](http://www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com/).

### Virginia Donahoe

Virginia Donahoe, 91, of Yankton died Thursday, March 26, 2015, at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Arrangements are pending with the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

## Veterans Golden Age Games Applications Now Being Accepted

The VA is currently accepting applications from veterans who are interested in competing in the 2015 National Veterans Golden Age Games. Applications can be completed online at [www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov](http://www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov) and will be accepted through May 15.

Veterans ages 55 and older who are enrolled for VA care are eligible to participate. These games will take place in Omaha Aug. 8-12, and nearly 800 athletes are expected to compete.

The event encourages participants to make physical activity a central part of their

lives and supports VA's comprehensive recreation and rehabilitation therapy programs. Competitive events include air rifle, badminton, bowling, cycling, dominoes, field, golf, horse-shoes, nine ball, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis and track.

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