

## MIDWEST DIGEST

### S.D. Attorney Arrested After Chase

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A Sioux Falls attorney was arrested after allegedly leading a sheriff's deputy on a chase that reached speeds of 100 mph in a housing development where the posted speed limit was 35 mph.

The Minnehaha County Sheriff's Department says a deputy attempted to stop a speeding vehicle about 2 a.m. Friday, and the driver sped off.

Authorities say Mary Ann Giebink eventually lost control of the vehicle and slid into the ditch. She was not injured.

Giebink was arrested on several charges including drunken driving, eluding and marijuana possession. She did not immediately return telephone calls The Associated Press made to her home and office.

### Hearing Closure Requested In Johns Case

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Prosecutors have asked a judge to close part of a hearing on pretrial motions in the case of Ethan Johns, a 21-year-old accused of killing Deputy Sheriff Chad Mechels in southeast South Dakota last year.

Johns' attorneys want to introduce in the trial personnel records and other information about the deputy during his law enforcement career.

The state wants to close the court hearing when attorneys argue that motion because they say it involves personnel information and investigatory records not normally open to the public.

The motions hearing is Monday. Johns faces an August trial on alternate counts of first-degree murder and second-degree murder for a shooting west of Marion.

### Rule Change Approved For Camping Spots

CUSTER (AP) — The state Game, Fish and Parks Commission has passed tougher rules on how long a trailer or motor home can stay in one spot in state parks.

A new rule will keep track of the camper unit instead of the people doing the camping.

There is presently a 15-day limit on the amount of time a camper can occupy a camping spot. But officials say some people use different family members and friends to make back-to-back reservations so their camper stays parked in the campground for extended periods, sometimes all summer. That has led to complaints.

### Former S.D. Deputy Faces Child Porn Charge

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A former Faulk County sheriff's deputy who resigned after a theft case at a Seneca farm more than a decade ago has pleaded not guilty in federal court to child pornography charges.

Forty-four-year-old Roy Shilhanek of Sioux Falls was released on the condition that he have no access to the Internet.

Authorities say they found child porn on Shilhanek's computer in March.

While as a deputy in 1997, Shilhanek was involved in the theft of a tent, battery charger and other items during a call about a suspected underage drinking party. He and the sheriff at the time later resigned and were given suspended jail sentences.

### First Of Old S.D. Guard Planes Being Retired

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A South Dakota Air National Guard F-16 known as "Cujo" is flying for what might be the last time.

The Guard's 114th Fighter Wing is getting 22 new fighter jets over the next five months, and the 175th Fighter Squadron's 30 older planes are being retired or transferred.

The first of the old planes was being flown on Friday to the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center in Arizona. The facility is better known as "The Boneyard" because aircraft there often are used for spare parts.

The Guard says "Cujo" was assigned to the 114th Fighter Wing in February 1992 and has flown more than 3,700 hours throughout the world.

### Neb. Man Now Competent For Trial In Killing

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A judge has deemed a Lincoln man competent to stand trial in the 2008 killing of his mother.

Thursday's order from Lancaster County District Judge Robert Otte comes more than a year after 21-year-old Matthew Fox was sent to the Lincoln Regional Center for psychiatric treatment.

Two of Fox's doctors testified in April that he's now competent. Fox faces a first-degree murder charge in the killing of his mother, Sherry Fox, in October 2008. A bloody ax was found near her body.

Fox has pleaded not guilty.

### Tiny Neb. Town Sues Fire Hall Foundation

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The tiny north-central Nebraska town of Long Pine is suing a local civic organization and its board members, seeking more than \$100,000 the group raised for a new fire hall.

The lawsuit, filed Friday in Brown County District Court, is the latest move in a long-running feud between city officials and supporters of the Long Pine Foundation, which had sought to build the new hall.

Plans for the fire hall stalled several years ago after Mayor Al Graves was elected. Now, the city says in a written release that it's seeking to force the foundation to cede to the city the money it raised for a new fire hall "to protect the citizens and taxpayers of Long Pine."

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## Snow Hits Dakotas; No Outages Reported

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Several inches of slushy snow accumulated in parts of the Dakotas on Thursday and Friday but there were no reports of power outages.

North Dakota Emergency Services Department spokeswoman Cecily Fong said snowfall totals were heavy enough in some areas to damage electrical infrastructure but that other necessary conditions were absent.

"We lucked out," she said. "We were very worried about that, but the good news is the wind died down."

The weight of heavy snow coupled with strong winds can quickly down power poles and lines.

National Weather Service meteorologist Bill Abeling said the heaviest band of snow appeared to be along the border in southwest North Dakota and

northwest South Dakota. The South Dakota town of Ludlow and the North Dakota town of Bowman each had 8 inches. Lesser amounts were reported to the east.

Forecasters had predicted as much as 10 inches for Thursday and early Friday.

"Ground temperatures were warm enough that snow was melting as it hit the ground in most areas," Abeling said.

Rapid City S.D., on Thursday set a record for snowfall for the date, but the amount was only 0.4 inches. It broke the record of a trace of snow set in 1978.

The snow was tapering off by Friday afternoon. High temperatures in the 40s and 50s were forecast for Saturday.

"We're probably done with snow here for a while, but you can never say never in North Dakota," said National Weather

Service meteorologist Rick Kinney.

Both states suffered massive power outages because of storms earlier this year. A storm in North Dakota over the Easter weekend in early April plunged nearly 8,400 households in western and central North Dakota into darkness. Some remained without power for weeks.

A late January ice storm followed by a blizzard cut electricity to more than 20,000 people in the two states, and put South Dakota's impoverished Cheyenne River Indian Reservation into a crisis.

The latest snow fell the same day that officials with Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency held a briefing in Bismarck for rural electric cooperatives that suffered damage in the Easter weekend storm. The

briefing provided guidance on how to obtain federal aid through a disaster declaration that President Barack Obama issued for 12 counties and the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation late last month.

Rural co-ops also were encouraged to apply for grants so they can bury lines and take other measures "so events like we've had both in January and April, these things (power poles and lines) stay up rather than tumbling down," said Lonnie Hoffer, disaster recovery chief for the Emergency Services Department.

Rob Kelly, manager of engineering services for Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Co-op, which suffered more than \$30 million in damage in the April storm, said that co-op was applying for money to bury some lines.

"We hope to go ahead with some of those projects this year," he said.

## Neb. Mumps Cases Linked To Basketball Tourney

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A flare-up of mumps infections in central Nebraska has been linked to an alumni basketball tournament at a Columbus high school, state health officials announced Friday.

The state has received 20 reports of confirmed or probable cases of mumps since the March 26-27 sporting event at Columbus Scotus High School, according to the Department of Health and Human Services said. So far, six of those cases have been confirmed by the state through lab testing.

The illnesses were reported in mid to late April. The department said the first reported case was from a person who experienced symptoms on the second

day of the tournament.

Seventeen other cases have also been traced to the tournament, the department said.

On Wednesday, the Iowa Department of Public Health issued a warning about a few cases of mumps in the north-west part of the state. Nebraska health officials said it's not yet known whether the infections are related.

The Mumps virus is usually spread by airborne transmission, often as mucus from a cough or sneeze. The most common symptoms include fever, headache and swollen salivary glands.

Mumps can lead to hearing loss and even to meningitis, which is an infection of the cov-

ering of the brain and spinal cord. Mumps deaths are rare.

There are a few isolated mumps cases in Nebraska each year. The last outbreak was in 2006, when 363 people fell ill.

Dr. Joann Schaefer, the state's chief medical officer, said Nebraskans ages 30 to 65 are

most at risk of catching the illness. Most people younger than that were vaccinated for the mumps virus before entering school, and those older than 65 were likely exposed to mumps as a child and now have natural immunity.

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