

Woman Found Pinned Under Vehicle

WOODBURY, Minn. (AP) — A woman is in serious condition after she became pinned under a sport utility vehicle at a Woodbury gas station.

The *St. Paul Pioneer Press* reports that officials still don't know how the 46-year-old woman ended up with the vehicle resting on her abdomen Monday afternoon.

Woodbury Public Safety spokeswoman Michelle Okada says it appeared the woman drove the vehicle forward while pumping gas. The fuel line at the Kwik Trip was severed.

Okada said a child in the vehicle wasn't injured. Woodbury police believe alcohol may have been a factor.

Nebraska Lawmakers Advance Bill

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A bill that would allow driver's licenses for immigrant youths brought to the country illegally as children has advanced to a final vote in the Nebraska Legislature.

Senators gave the measure second-round approval Tuesday with a 37-9 vote. Opponents mounted a four-hour filibuster but failed to block the proposal.

Nebraska is the only state that does not give licenses to the youths who stayed in the country under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, approved by President Barack Obama in 2012.

Supporters of the bill say the youths contribute to Nebraska's economy. Some conservative senators say it rewards illegal behavior.

Gov. Pete Ricketts supports the current state policy, but has declined to say whether he would sign or veto the bill.

ND Couple Accused Of Child Abuse

MANDAN, N.D. (AP) — A North Dakota couple accused of keeping their children in filthy conditions at their home have been charged with felony child neglect.

The *Bismarck Tribune* reports 33-year-old Amber Wilkie and 34-year-old Ronald Wilkie were charged Tuesday. Amber Wilkie also faces one count of making a false report to law enforcement.

Authorities say police officers visiting the Mandan home of the Wilkies Monday to enforce a child custody order reported filthy conditions, including animal feces on the floor in the children's bedrooms, soiled and torn mattresses, and kitchen counters and a sink stacked with dirty dishes.

Authorities say Amber Wilkie also originally denied that the child officers were looking for was at the home.

The child named in the custody order was released to relatives. The rest of the children were turned over to the Morton County Child Protective Services.

Woman Used Pry Bar On Boyfriend

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say a Lincoln woman hit her boyfriend with a pry bar because she was angry about his snoring.

Lincoln police say 45-year-old Elizabeth Ellen Hogrefe hit the 58-year-old man early Monday while the couple stayed at a motel. The man told police he woke up in the motel room to Hogrefe yelling at him and hitting him in the back with a steel pry bar.

The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports the man stumbled out of the room and someone called authorities. A police spokeswoman says he was found later at a nearby convenience store with injuries consistent with being hit with a pry bar.

Air Still Smells Of Soot At Damaged Nebraska Prison

BY ANNA GRONEWOLD
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TECUMSEH, Neb. — Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts on Tuesday toured a prison for the first time since an inmate revolt caused up to \$500,000 damage, with officials showing him a shattered door to a gymnasium, charred remains of a plaster and wood wall, and trash strewn on a housing unit floor from the May 10 disturbance that left two sex offenders dead.

The air still smelled of soot at Tecumseh State Correctional Institution nine days after prisoners took over two of its housing units. Fearing for her safety, one female staff member resorted to barricading herself in an office with a desk in front of the door during the 11-hour ordeal, officials said.

The maximum security facility is on what officials call "modified lockdown," — no visitors and only 50 of the 960 prisoners allowed out of their cells to perform prison jobs. Some 64 inmates who have been crammed three-to-a-cell with cots to sleep on will be allowed back to cells in the next 48 hours, officials said.

Nine staff have quit since the revolt, adding to the 40 security positions already unfilled, according to Warden Brian Gage, who gave Ricketts and

some media the tour. Officials said the facility is supposed to have just over 300 security staff including guards and case workers but has only 264 now.

The rural location 70 miles south of Omaha makes it difficult to retain experienced staff, Gage said.

"When there's opportunity, they transfer to another facility that is closer to home," he said.

The revolt began when officers confronted an inmate who was in the yard but was supposed to be on room restriction, and the prisoner refused to cooperate. Officials did not explain how the prisoner was allowed into the yard by mistake. The tension escalated, and staff issued a "get down" command, Gage said.

"All inmates were supposed to get down on the ground, if they don't get down, they're considered part of the disturbance," he said.

One inmate was shot in the leg, another was shot with a rubber bullet, and two staff members were assaulted. The two deaths were likely from other inmates, the department said. The autopsy results have not been released.

The facility sustained between \$350,000 and \$500,000 in damage and insurance will cover the majority of costs, although a temporary wall burned down by prisoners will not be

covered by insurance. The State Patrol and an incident review team are investigating the uprising, murders and staff response.

Gage said the prison was fully staffed at the time of the incident but some of those people were working extra or double shifts, which is a problem throughout the overcrowded Nebraska prison system.

The corrections department spent \$5.7 million on overtime in 2014 alone, up from and \$4.3 million in 2013 and \$3.3 million in 2012.

During the tour, Ricketts said he opposes efforts in the Legislature to reduce mandatory minimum sentencing. Critics say mandatory sentences are one of the reasons the state's prison system is at about 160 percent of design capacity. The Republican governor also repeated his support for the death penalty, which the Legislature is moving to repeal this session. Nebraska's 11 death row inmates are held at Tecumseh.

"My reaction to seeing the damage inside only reinforces that these are dangerous, hardened criminals inside this facility," Ricketts said. "We need to have facilities like this to protect public safety and we need to have strong laws to protect public safety as well."

State's New Medicaid System Remains Tangled In Deadlock

BY BOB MERCER
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PIERRE — Five years after a contract dispute halted work, there still isn't a firm date for completing the new Medicaid management information system that the federal government wanted in place for the South Dakota Department of Social Services.

The provider enrollment piece is done and in use, state Social Services Secretary Lynne Valenti told a legislative panel Tuesday. But other functions weren't finished, she said.

An independent consultant reviewed the situation and delivered its report in April. Valenti said a closeout agreement with the original vendor on the project, CNSI, could be wrapped up in the next two weeks.

The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services planned to pay 90 percent of the project's total budget of \$76 million. About \$12 million remains from the funds designated for CNSI's \$62.7 million contract.

Valenti said the federal agency appears willing to proceed on what she described as an incremental, modular approach to the remainder of the project rather than sticking with the original concept of using one major vendor.

More funding appears to be needed, in part because various federal regulations changed in the past five years, she said, with the focus now on deciding which pieces to work on first.

July is the target period for refining what she called "the go-forward plan."

The pharmacy benefits piece of the project is "very close" to completion,

while claims processing is the major function yet to be done, according to Valenti.

CMS in other states used the modular approach with several different vendors and some states are partnering with other states to use their systems, she said.

Asked by a legislator when South Dakota's system would be done, Valenti replied: "I can't give you a definitive time at this time. Hopefully by July I can give you a better sense."

Sen. Larry Tidemann, R-Brookings, asked that the Government Operations and Audit Committee members be provided one piece of paper that shows on one side what was expected and on the other side what now is expected.

"This has been a long and rocky road," Tidemann said. "We recognize the problems that have been imposed on us and the state of South Dakota."

Yankton Area Mental Wellness To Host Conference

Yankton Area Mental Wellness, Inc. will be hosting its 17th conference June 3-4, 2015. Register via the website www.yamwi.org by May 20 to attend the educational opportunity at Mount Marty College, Yankton.

The conference is offering 36 breakouts from national, regional and local experts in their various fields plus 4 featured speakers.

The Wednesday Keynote Address is Dr. Frederick Frese sharing his life's experiences — trials and triumphs — with his schizophrenia diagnosis. His first schizophrenic break occurred while working as a guard officer for the nuclear weapons arsenal at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida. With his PhD in psychology he has had more than 40 years experience in public mental health care and is presently coordinator of the Summit County (Ohio) Recovery Project. Dr. Frese is also presenting one breakout later in the day and his wife, Penelope, will be presenting three breakouts. Dr. Penelope Frese will speak about her perspective of family life, mental health symptoms of childhood depression and mental health education in schools.

Thursday morning's Featured Speaker Dr. Charles Smith will relate how the Affordable Care Act is transforming our health care system for individuals with mental and substance use disorders. His presentation will highlight practical opportunities and realistic challenges for the behavioral health workforce and the health care system as a whole. He is the Regional Administrator for the SAMHSA, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. Dr. Smith is a licensed psychologist with more than 25 years of experience in fields of behavioral health administration, program development, forensic/correctional psychology, emergency/crisis intervention, recovery support systems, research and consultation. Following his presentation he will be conducting a workshop.

Dr. Frank Main with the title, "Actionable Hope: The Essential Elements of Therapy," that emphasizes the personal intimacy required between the therapist and client(s) to restore "hope." This topic will be presented following Thursday's lunch. Dr. Main is Professor Emeritus at USD, Full Professor and Chair of the Counseling Program at Western Illinois University Graduate Center Moline, Illinois, and currently Marriage and Family therapist specializing in Veteran issues, marriage and family therapy, marital estrangement and loss of intimacy issues, and adolescent problems, specializing in symptomology stemming from disintegration of marital and family structure. Dr. Main will also be presenting a workshop in the afternoon.

On Thursday, George Dubie will be presenting three workshops and concluding the conference with his Closing Address — targeting to "help the helpers" with the personal issues they bring to their work. So they will in turn understand themselves better and then feel an internal sense of motivation in their personal and professional lives. He has worked for more than 25 years as a therapist and is the CEO of a human services agency that he founded 22 years ago.

The aforementioned speakers and their information are a very important part of the conference and there is much, much more. Continued Education Units will be offered in a number of disciplines as well as college credit, for an additional fee — both graduate and undergraduate by Mount Marty College, the Exploring Careers in Health and Human Services high school class will attend the conference as well as display their class project posters, sponsors will have tables of available information/material, networking is a constant occurrence, delicious food will be devoured, silent auction items will be available for the shoppers, plus awards will be given! BOOKS FOR FUN will also be available during the conference.

For additional information on the Yankton Area Mental Wellness Conference, contact information is as follows: www.yamwi.org, email yamwi.org@gmail.com, or call 605-665-4659 Ext. 218. Register early before May 20.

More information for the high school class, Exploring Careers in Health and Human Services is available at Southeast Job Link, E-mail: sduke@southeastjoblink.org or call 605-668-3480.

Facts About Agriculture And Food That Usually Aren't Known

BY DR. MIKE ROSMANN

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A recent survey of young American farmers and ranchers indicated that 97 percent of the polled group planned to remain on their farm or ranch for the rest of their lives, according to a North Carolina State University publication (www.cals.ncsu.edu/CollegeRelations/AGRICU.htm).

Among the young producers surveyed, 90 percent said they would like their children to follow in their footsteps. Most agriculturalists and non-agriculturalists would agree this is a ringing endorsement for farming and ranching as a desired way of life in America.

Several recent polls of U.S. college agriculture students indicate many more young people would like to farm but lack access to land and capital.

Ever fewer Americans farm, according to the 2012 Census of Agriculture. The census used data collected in 2013 to estimate the U.S. had 2.2 million farms on which 4.6 million people lived. Ranches are considered farms for USDA statistical purposes.

Ninety-seven percent of U.S. farms are owned by individuals, families or family corporations. Eighty-six percent of the total net U.S. farm household income is derived from off-farm sources, such as jobs, investment returns and government payments.

Living on a farm or ranch as a way of life comes with a cost; the production of food, fiber and renewable fuel is supplemented by non-farming activities. Moreover, for every dollar spent on food in the U.S., the farm producer receives 23 cents, according to the North Carolina State University publication.

Americans spend 9.9 percent of their disposable income in 2013 on food, says a March 2015 USDA Economic Research (ERS) bulletin. This is the lowest of any of the 83 countries the ERS tracks.

In a December 2014 report the ERS said U.S. consumers, businesses and government entities spent \$1.4 trillion on

food and beverages in grocery stores, at other retailers and for away-from-home meals and snacks in 2013. Consumers spent almost half of this in restaurants, fast-food outlets and on snacks.

In contrast, Pakistan residents spent half of their 2013 disposable income on food, which is the highest of the 83 countries whose food costs are tracked by the ERS.

Residents of countries with higher average household income than the U.S., like Switzerland and Sweden, spent 11 percent and 12.2 percent of their disposable incomes respectively on food. Of the 83 countries tracked by the ERS, India had the lowest food cost annually—\$220. Because of its relatively low average household income, food comprised 25.2 percent of the country's average annual household expenditures.

Forty percent of the world's jobs, 1.3 billion, involve producing or processing food, according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The majority of these jobs, however, involve self-employment by subsistence farmers in underdeveloped countries.

Subsistence farming in underdeveloped countries is needed to feed their people. The FAO also estimated that during 2012-2014, 850 million people worldwide experienced chronic undernourishment, mostly in the poor underdeveloped nations of Africa, but including some in Asia, the South Pacific and the country of Haiti.

The poorer the country, the greater the percentage of people who engage in some type of farming and barter to obtain food. Impoverished individuals

and families may spend the majority of their available money, time and energy securing food.

A March 2014 article in *Emergent Economics* indicated that the poorest half of the world's seven billion people own less than one percent of the world's wealth, just .71 percent.

When possible, most families in poor and underdeveloped nations have a garden nearby or a food plot within walking distance on which to raise their own crops. Many also keep a few animals such as chickens or goats.

A third of all food is wasted worldwide, about 1.3 billion tons annually, according to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The lack of infrastructure, such as crop harvesting equipment, transportation systems, storage facilities that are pest and moisture-proof and cold storage units for perishable items, accounts for the estimated 40 percent loss of food in underdeveloped countries, according to the UNEP.

In the U.S. about 30 percent of all food, worth about \$49 billion, is thrown away each year. Food losses due to harvest and storage conditions and during manufacturing, or because of safety concerns, account for about a fifth of the wasted food in the U.S.

The most common reason for wasted food in the U.S. is incomplete consumption of food items. A 2010 report published in *Environmental Science and Technology* indicated that food scraps make up 12.4 percent of wastes hauled to municipal solid waste handling facilities.

Maybe our mothers were right when they said "Clean your plate or you won't get any dessert." On the other hand, some of us would be better off not eating as much or eating the right foods in the correct amounts.

Dr. Rosmann lives on a farm near Harlan, Iowa. Readers may contact him at www.agbehavioralhealth.com.

Wildlife Center Operator: Fur Taken Only After Natural Death

PIERRE (AP) — A Minnesota woman seeking to open a wildlife education center that would house wolf cubs and fox kits in Deadwood acknowledged in a 2012 court case that her Minnesota property is mainly for agricultural use as a fur farm.

Terri Petter said Tuesday the animals at the Deadwood operation wouldn't be used for fur unless they die naturally. The project faces opposition from people concerned that her real purpose is to raise animals for fur. Petter says it's the same

practice she follows in Lakeville, Minnesota and says she wants to teach children about conservation.

But in a 2012 court case, Petter acknowledged the

"principal" use of her Minnesota property and the barn she wanted to build was to raise animals to sell them and their parts.

50th Anniversary Celebration



Mr. and Mrs. Hejna

Lloyd and Marilyn Hejna will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, May 22, 2015. The couple was married at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Helena, NE.

Their marriage has been blessed with two children and three grandchildren.

Their family requests a card shower. Please send greetings to 43384 305th St., Utica, SD 57067.

Thank you to all the friends and family who attended my birthday party.

I really appreciate all the cards, gifts and flowers and also for the many cards I received in the mail.

Thank you to my children and their families who made this day possible.

~Anna Ulmer