

Body Found At Monument In Western Neb.

SCOTTSSLUFF, Neb. (AP) — The Scotts Bluff County sheriff has identified a body found at the Scotts Bluff National Monument in the Nebraska Panhandle.

Sheriff Mark Overman identified the body found Sunday afternoon as 22-year-old Cody Bindschadler of rural Scottsbluff.

Overman told radio station KNEB that Bindschadler fell from a dangerous non-public area atop and east of a walking tunnel on the Saddle Rock Trail.

The body was found on a slope east of the walking tunnel.

Scotts Bluff National Monument Superintendent Ken Mabery says there hasn't been a death at the monument in about 15 years. Mabery says the mood was somber at the park Monday.

Lack Of Moisture Slows SD Winter Wheat Crop

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A lack of moisture is to blame for the slow progression of South Dakota's winter wheat crop emergence last week. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says in its weekly crop and weather report that winter wheat is 60 percent emerged, behind last year's estimate of 100 percent.

Cattle conditions are rated at 72 percent good to excellent, 24 percent fair and 4 percent poor.

The state saw very little precipitation last week. Temperatures across the state were very warm mid-week but dropped over the weekend. There were 6.5 days suitable for field work.

Newspaper Delivery Man Sentenced For Thefts

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A former newspaper delivery man in South Dakota has been sentenced to 60 years in prison for burglarizing homes on his route.

KELo-TV reports that 30-year-old Patrick VanWagner was sentenced Monday for six counts of first-degree burglary.

VanWagner was a delivery man for the *Argus Leader* until he was terminated following his arrest in January.

Prosecutors say that when people suspended their newspaper delivery while out of town, VanWagner would use that information to burglarize the homes.

VanWagner was ordered to pay up to \$100,000 in restitution to his victims.

Head Of Nebraska DMV Leaves For New Job

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The director of Nebraska's Department of Motor Vehicles is resigning to take a new job in Omaha.

Gov. Dave Heineman announced Monday that Beverly Neth is leaving to become CEO of the National Safety Council's Nebraska office. Neth will remain in the governor's cabinet until Jan. 31.

Heineman praised Neth for her efforts to modernize Nebraska's driver's licensing practices.

Neth managed seven state divisions with annual budget of \$17 million and more than 175 full-time employees. The agency's website was upgraded during her tenure to provide 20 online services to the public.

The 50-year-old Neth was appointed by former Gov. Mike Johanns in 1999. She previously had served as deputy director and legal counsel for the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services, and also worked as a private attorney.

South Dakota

New Tribal Head Wants Change

BY KRISTI EATON
Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — At first, the agenda of the Oglala Sioux Tribe's newly elected president might seem overly ambitious. But Bryan Brewer says the issues on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, ranging from a housing shortage and high unemployment to alcoholism and violence, are deeply intertwined.

Brewer, 65, beat out incumbent John Yellow Bird Steele during an election held earlier this month to become president of the tribe, which is headquartered on the reservation in southwestern South Dakota. He'll be sworn in on Dec. 7.

"Things aren't getting better. I had a feeling people wanted change and I'm a new face, you know, brand new," Brewer said.

Brewer, a military veteran who is three years removed from a 30-year education career, said there are about 10 different issues he hopes to address during his two-year term — all of which depend on the others.

"You may have a home but no job, or you may have a job but no home. I have to work on all those things. If we get housing for all the people, they have to have a job to keep the houses up,"

he said, adding unemployment on the reservation is at 89 percent. In comparison, South Dakota's unemployment rate was at 4.5 percent in October, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

One of the biggest obstacles to creating change on the reservation is a lack of statistics. Tribal data simply doesn't exist for various things, including the amount of violence or the number of children living away from their parents.

Brewer plans to initiate task forces in order to change that. One will examine the high amount of violence on the reservation, and another that will look into the welfare of the tribe's children, including how many have been placed in foster homes. He also wants to create a safehouse for children to turn to when they are in trouble.

"That's a big priority right now," said Brewer, who's married and has four adult children and five grandchildren.

Alcoholism is another issue Brewer hopes to address, seeing as the disease is rampant on the reservation despite a ban on alcohol. Tribal members smuggle in booze from nearby towns — including Whiteclay, Neb., which sold the equivalent of 4.3 million 12-ounce cans of beer last year.

Brewer, like his predecessors, wants to shut Whiteclay down.

"I believe it's killing our people," Brewer said. "I want to meet with the people in Nebraska. I'm going to ask them to close it down, take their license away and if they don't, you know, we're going to have to try to figure out something else. It's just terrible up there."

In October, a federal judge dismissed the tribe's lawsuit against four beer sellers in Whiteclay and some of the nation's biggest breweries, saying the suit belonged in state court.

Brewer said he does not plan to make a push to re-file the lawsuit — which sought \$500 million to cover the cost of health care, social services and child rehabilitation programs — until speaking with tribal council members and the tribe's lawyers.

One thing the president-elect knows for sure: He does not support legalizing alcohol on the vast reservation because it isn't ready to handle the initial uptick in violence that he said is common when a community becomes "wet."

"Until we have infrastructure and we can start educating our people and getting our people jobs and things like that — right now I'm against it," he said.

Buffett Urges Congress To Raise Taxes On Wealthy

BY JOSH FUNK
AP Business Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Billionaire Warren Buffett is again calling for higher taxes on the "ultrarich" and he's urging Congress to compromise on spending cuts and tax increases.

Buffett expressed his views on fiscal policy Monday in an opinion article that appeared in The New York Times on the same day Congress returned from the Thanksgiving holiday.

In the article, Buffett mocked the idea that investors would pull back if capital gains taxes increase. Buffett said he's never seen that happen, even when capital gains taxes were above 25 percent early

in his investing career.

"Let's forget about the rich and ultrarich going on strike and stuffing their ample funds under their mattresses if — gasp — capital gains rates and ordinary income rates are increased," Buffett said. "The ultrarich, including me, will forever pursue investment opportunities."

Buffett, who is chairman and CEO of Omaha-based Berkshire Hathaway Inc., has complained for several years that Congress has been coddling the wealthy, and President Barack Obama even called one of his tax reform proposals the "Buffett Rule."

His assistant, Carrie Sova, said Buffett was not available for interviews about his tax article Monday.

Sova said the only interviews Buffett was doing Monday were part of a promotional campaign for a new book about him.

Buffett in his opinion piece said the current tax system has contributed to the growing gap between rich and poor. He said he supports Obama's proposal to end the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy, but he'd prefer setting the point where taxes increase at \$500,000 income, instead of the \$250,000 the White House proposed.

He also reiterated his call for a minimum tax of 30 percent on income between \$1 million and \$10 million, and a 35 percent rate for income above that.

Buffett said both Republicans and Democrats will have to make

major concessions to deal with the nation's fiscal problems. Congress is trying to address the so-called "fiscal cliff" of automatic tax increases and spending cuts that could be triggered at the start of the new year.

"All of America is waiting for Congress to offer a realistic and concrete plan for getting back to this fiscally sound path," Buffett said. "Nothing less is acceptable."

Berkshire Hathaway owns more than 80 companies, including insurance, utility, railroad, furniture, jewelry, manufacturing, restaurant and apparel companies. Berkshire's insurance and utility businesses typically account for more than half of his company's net income.

OBITUARIES

Lorraine Rasmussen

Lorraine Harriett Rasmussen passed away November 24, 2012, in Viborg, SD. Lorraine was born to Thomas and Marie (Hanson) Johnson on October 23, 1914, on the family farm in Norway Township, Turner County, South Dakota. She was the oldest and the "big sister" to three younger brothers and a sister.



Rasmussen

Lorraine lived through the bad times of the black dirt clouds of the Dustbowl, the hard times of the Great Depression and the stripped stalks and stubble left after the swarms of grasshoppers came to call. But she also remembered the good times back then when family, friends and neighbors got together having fun, enjoying life and making do with the things they had, knowing there was always someone who was worse off than they.

Lorraine went to country school and often rode her horse "Daisy" across the pastures to the schoolhouse. Lorraine grew up, graduated from Hurley High School, went to Freeman Christian Junior College, got her teaching certificate and taught in country schools in Turner County for eleven years.

While she was teaching, Lorraine met Earl Rasmussen who lived near Viborg, South Dakota. Their courtship was unfortunately interrupted for four years while Earl was serving in the South Pacific with the Army Signal Corps during World War II. They were finally married on Christmas Day, 1945.

Earl and Lorraine farmed in Southeastern South Dakota. For a number of years in the late 40's and early 50's they rented their farmland, moving every few

years when the landowner's son would come back from the Occupation of Germany or Japan or the Korean War and decide to try his hand at farming. They farmed for eight years northwest of Vermillion, SD, on the Bluff Road. In 1959 Lorraine and Earl bought a farm southeast of Hurley, SD, and lived there until they retired and moved to town in early 1981. Earl died as a result of a farm accident early in 1983. For the next twenty-two years Lorraine lived in the little house in Hurley across from the park and just down the street from the school. After an accident in her home, Lorraine moved to Pioneer Memorial Home in Viborg, SD.

Lorraine was a woman from a generation that we shall not see the likes of again. Expecting little and accomplishing much, she loved children, her church, flowers, relatives and parties. She will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband, Earl, parents Thomas and Marie, brothers Jerome, Juel and Kenneth. She is survived by her sister Arlys Precht, Edina, MN, three sons, David (Mary) of Fargo, ND, John (Jane) of Sisseton, SD, Mark (Nancy) of Hurley, SD, 9 grandchildren, John (Kelly) Rasmussen, Crested Butte, CO, Sarah Rasmussen and Josh To-biessen, Austin, TX, Mark (Kristin) Rasmussen, Chania, Crete, Greece, Paul (Ingrid) Rasmussen, St. Paul, MN, Tom Rasmussen, Crested Butte, CO, Carl Rasmussen, Portland, OR, Bethany (Drew) Anderson, Madison, WI, Kari (Logan) Lee, Eugene, OR, Reid Rasmussen, Sioux Falls, SD and 2 great grand daughters, Kaitlyn Lorraine Rasmussen, Crested Butte, CO and Anna Lucia Rasmussen, Chania, Crete, Greece and many nieces and nephews who were all so special to "Aunt Lorraine".

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2012, at

Terry Foxhoven

Terry Joseph Foxhoven, age 59 of Wynot, Nebraska, died at his home on Sunday, November 25, 2012.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 10:30 am at the Holy Family (Sts Peter & Paul) Catholic Church in Bow Valley, Nebraska with Rev. Eric Olsen officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Wynot.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service and Video Tribute at 7:00 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Bow Valley. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Wednesday 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.

Pallbearers are Jay Heimes,



Foxhoven

Baseball Team.

Terry was born on March 28, 1953 in Yankton, South Dakota to Charles and Betty (Hesse) Foxhoven. He grew up in the Wynot area, graduated from Wynot High School in 1971 and then received his Ag Degree from the University of Nebraska at Curtis. On June 15, 1974, Terry married Joan Heine in St. Helena, NE. They farmed in the Wynot area but Terry's passion was baseball. He started playing amateur baseball in 1969 as a sophomore in high school and continued playing until 1992. After his playing days, Terry continued to be involved in

A full obituary will follow. For obituary and online registry, visit www.millerfh.com.

Charles Merkwan

Charles Merkwan, 85, of Wagner died Monday, Nov. 26, 2012, at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Funeral Mass is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Catholic Church, Dante. Burial is in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Wagner.

Wake services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church in Dante.

Visitation is 1-5 p.m. Wednesday at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home.

baseball as a coach. He coached for Wynot which played in both Cedar County & South Central SD Leagues compiling over 600 wins. He was a member of the Wynot Volunteer Fire Department and an EMT for over 25 years. He served as the Village of Wynot Mayor and Village board member. He was an active member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Wynot, as an Usher and EME and was also a member of Christians Encounter Christ. He was actively involved with his children's 4-H projects. Terry managed the Bow Valley Elevator before health problems caused him to retire.

Terry is survived by his wife, Joan Foxhoven, Wynot; eight children: Cory (Tina) Foxhoven, St. Helena, Lindy (Karl) Bender, Newport, RI, Travis (Eva) Foxhoven, Groton, CT, Greg Foxhoven, Bellevue, Tara (Brian) Hilfiker, Valparaiso, NE; Derek (Erica) Foxhoven, Fordyce, Abby Foxhoven, Norfolk and Scott Foxhoven, Wynot; eleven

grandchildren; his mother, Betty Foxhoven of Wynot; brothers and sisters: Dan Foxhoven, Denver, Shirley (Harvey) Kreikemeier, West Point, Chuck (Rita) Foxhoven, Norfolk, Sharon Dykshoorn, Sioux City, Ron (Peg) Foxhoven, South Sioux City, Karen (Alan) Kuchta, Wynot, Bob Foxhoven, Wayne, Dave (Jackie) Foxhoven, Parker, CO and Kristi Rickus, LeMars; a brother-in-law, Steve Hansen, Las Vegas, and many nieces and nephews.

Terry was preceded in death by his father, Charles Foxhoven and his sister, Kathy Hansen.

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Gerald (Jerry) Teusink

SIoux CITY, Iowa — Gerald (Jerry) D. Teusink, 77, of Sioux City, Iowa, and formerly of Yankton, died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012, with his family at his side at Mercy Hospital, Sioux City.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Christy Smith Funeral Home, 1801 Morningside Ave., Sioux City. Burial is in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with the family present from 6-8 p.m.

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