

# Rapid City Fire Kills Four, Displaces 17

RAPID CITY (AP) — A late-night fire at a home where several families lived in Rapid City killed a woman and her three grandchildren, authorities said Wednesday.

The Rapid City Fire Department said the fire that broke out shortly before 11 p.m. Tuesday killed 51-year-old Marcia Rock, 9-year-old Thomas Rosado, 5-year-old Dustin Rosado and 3-year-old Marquez Hawkwing.

Rock was pronounced dead at the scene, and the three children were pronounced dead at a local hospital.

In a written statement, the department said early indications have revealed that human actions, not the gas or electrical systems of the house, may have contributed to the cause of the fire. The investigation will be

a slow-moving process to make sure the cause is confirmed, the department said.

The American Red Cross helped 17 displaced people find emergency shelter at a local motel. Red Cross officials said as many as 21 people may have been living in apartments in the house.

Steve Matthias said he was watching television in his apartment in the rear of the house's basement, when he heard what might have been an alarm from a smoke detector. "Then I heard people yelling 'Go, go, go!'" Matthias told the *Rapid City Journal*.

Matthias said he grabbed a few personal items and ran out of the building. By the time he got to the front of the house, the building was fully aflame, he said.

Cyndi Red Star told the newspaper she fled from her upstairs apartment and out the building's rear door with her four children, two dogs and a parakeet after a neighbor knocked on her door to alert her to the fire. Once outside, she conducted a head count of residents and realized Rock and her three grandchildren were missing.

Neighbor Larry Wright, who lives across the street, said he joined neighbors and rescue workers in trying to help residents of the house, but flames were coming out of the front door with such ferocity that no one could get in or out of the home.

"They could not have gotten out of that place," Wright said of Rock and her three grandchildren.

## Cedar Falls Plans To Cut Worker Hours To Avoid Paying Health Insurance

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa (AP) — Cedar Falls plans to reduce dozens of part-time public employees' hours in order to avoid having to offer them insurance under a requirement of the federal health care overhaul set to take effect in 2014.

Cedar Falls Administrative Services Director Richard McAlister said the reduction in hours for 59 workers is necessary because if all of them opted for insurance that must be offered under the federal law, the city could face an additional \$855,000 annual cost, the *Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier* reported Wednesday. McAlister said that would require employee layoffs.

The part-time employees aren't currently eligible for health insurance, but the new federal law will require employers to offer insurance to part-timers who work 30 or more hours per week. The city can avoid the requirement by cutting part-timers' hours from 32 to 29 hours a week.

The city of 40,000 residents probably will hire more part-time employees to make up for the decline in hours by other workers, McAlister said. Before the law, Cedar Falls had been relying more on part-timers in an effort to avoid increases in employee benefits, such as health insurance and pensions.

McAlister said the move hasn't been welcomed by workers.

"I think the employees were obviously disappointed," he said. "It's something we can't contain, and we felt the best decision was to spread the impact out among the employees rather than lay people off."

McAlister said the requirement is especially hard on public employers because insurance premiums are usually lower for public employees and they'd be more likely to take the insurance.

McAlister said action is required now because the law has a look-back period that determines who is eligible.

## Woman Pleads No Guilty To Injuring S.D. Trooper

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A woman accused of critically injuring a South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper by hitting him with her car during a chase in Sioux Falls has pleaded not guilty to attempted murder and other charges.

Rachel Coleman, 28, of Sioux Falls, is to stand trial in March, the *Argus Leader* reported. She faces up to 160 years in prison if convicted on all charges, which also include aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, aggravated eluding and hit-and-run causing death or injury.

Prosecutors say Coleman struck Trooper Andrew Steen with her car while he was trying to pull her over for erratic driving early Oct. 17. She was apprehended after being shot at least three times by Steen and two Lincoln County deputies. The state Attorney General's Office earlier this month concluded that the of-

ficers were justified in firing their weapons nearly two dozen times.

Coleman has since recovered but Steen — an eight-year veteran of the patrol — remains in critical condition in a Sioux Falls hospital. He underwent successful surgery last month to relieve pressure on his brain.

Coleman appeared in court on Tuesday. Defense lawyer Cynthia Berreau initially asked Judge Joseph Neiles to restrict prosecutors from discussing the case with the media, saying media reports do not match official police accounts of the incident. She did not elaborate.

Berreau withdrew her motion after Lincoln County State's Attorney Tom Wollman denied making inappropriate comments or disclosures to the media and said he already had instructed law officers not to discuss details of the case.

## Rounds To Make U.S. Senate Announcement

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Former South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds says he is going to announce his intentions about running for the U.S. Senate during a series of events across South Dakota on Thursday.

Rounds earlier formed a committee to explore a run for the U.S. Senate seat held by Democrat Tim Johnson. The seat is up for election in November 2014.

Rounds will make his announcement at three stops on Thursday in Pierre, Rapid City and Sioux Falls.

Rounds served as governor of South Dakota from 2003 to 2011. He was a state senator from 1991 to 2001.

## BPI Wants 'Pink Slime' Lawsuit In State Court

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Lawyers for a South Dakota beef processing company suing ABC News for defamation have asked a federal judge to remand the lawsuit back to state court.

Beef Products Inc. sued ABC News Inc. for defamation over its coverage of a meat product that critics dub "pink slime." The company is seeking \$1.2 billion in damages.

ABC argues that two of the companies listed in the lawsuit, BPI Technology Inc. and Freezing Machines Inc., are not true parties and the case should be thrown out.

But in a motion filed Wednesday, BPI lawyers outline how all three companies have a stake in making the product called lean, finely textured beef.

## Criminal Justice System Reforms Urged

PIERRE (AP) — A panel appointed by state leaders from all three branches of government has recommended changes in South Dakota's criminal justice system that could save up to \$212 million in prison costs in the next decade.

The group's recommendations include keeping more drug and alcohol offenders out of prison by placing them in intensive treatment programs, focusing probation and parole on offenders most at risk of getting into trouble, and changing sentencing laws.

The panel's report says the recommended changes would improve public safety, hold offenders accountable and focus prison spending on violent and chronic criminals.

The panel was appointed by Gov. Dennis Daugaard, Supreme Court Chief Justice David Gilbertson and legislative leaders. Those officials will use the report to propose changes in law during the next legislative session.

## More Prairie Dog Disease Confirmed In S.D.

FORT PIERRE (AP) — A disease that can devastate prairie dog colonies has been confirmed on the Fort Pierre National Grassland in South Dakota.

District Ranger Ruben Leal says the bacteria that causes sylvatic plague was found in fleas collected from prairie dog colonies. Sylvatic plague was first detected in South Dakota in 2004. The disease has been migrating north and west. It also has been detected on the Buffalo Gap National Grasslands, in Badlands National Park and on the Lower Brule Indian Reservation.

There have not been any confirmed cases of the plague in people in South Dakota.

## OBITUARIES

### Agnes Gildersleeve

Agnes M. Gildersleeve, age 95 of Hartington, Nebraska began her final journey with the Lord on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington.

Funeral Services will be on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hartington, NE with the Rev. Gary Kimm officiating. Burial will be at the Hartington City Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Friday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. Visitation will continue on Saturday at the church one hour prior to services. To send an online sympathy message visit [wintzfuneralhome.com](http://wintzfuneralhome.com).

Pallbearers will be her grandchildren, Todd, Mark, Chris, Russ, and Paul Hegert, Amy Ferretti, Renee Axtman, Pamela Francisco, Debra Goodman, Troy Gildersleeve, Angela Peitz, Jody and Trevor McFarland, Mike and John Brummer.

Honorary pallbearers will be Agnes' great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Agnes Marie Gildersleeve was born on May 24, 1917 in Magnolia, Iowa to Josiah Harris and Mary Jane (Murphy) Giddings. She attended the Modale Consolidated School and then married Ted. R. Gildersleeve on May 19, 1934 in Papillion, NE. Agnes worked as a census taker in 1969-1970. She was a sales clerk for JM McDonald for six years prior to working as the bookkeeper for the Kansas Ne-



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braska Gas Company for 18 years. Agnes was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, was a Sunday school superintendent, a Deaconess, and belonged to the Ladies Fellowship.

Agnes is survived by her five children and their spouses, Marilyn and Ray Hegert of Hartington, Jim and Marjorie Gildersleeve of Bemidji, MN, Dan and Sharon Gildersleeve of Hartington, Denise and Loyal (Butch) McFarland of Bloomfield, NE, Vicki and Dave Golda of Gretna, NE; 10 grandsons; five granddaughters; four step-grandchildren; 36 great grandchildren; seven great great grandchildren; sister-in-law Teddy Giddings of Cosmopolis, WA and Larry Pool, who was like a son to her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Ted on December 7, 1977 at the age of 73 years; two brothers Jeff and Ollie Giddings; two sisters Helen Stebbins, and Bessie Richardson.

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### Delores Frahm

Delores Frahm, 84, of Vermillion, SD passed away Wednesday, November 28 at the Avera McKennan Hospital after a short battle with cancer.

Delores Young was born August 23, 1928 in Wakonda, SD to Francis and Sena (Stalheim) Young. She graduated from Wakonda High School and received her Teaching Certificate from Eastern State Normal in Madison, SD. On January 3, 1951 she was united in marriage to Leon Frahm in Wakonda.

Grateful for having shared her life are her husband Leon of Vermillion, three daughters: Pam (Rick) Chaussee of Viborg, SD, Sandy (Danny) Brown and Deb (Layne) Schulz all of Vermillion, three sisters: Audrey (Burnell) Peterson of Yankton, SD, Lynette Nelson and Ilene (Kenneth) Peterson all of Wakonda. She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Kristina, Douglas, Matthew, Derrick, Tyler, Ashley and Amber and also five great grandchildren:

Emma, Colby, Noah, Paityn and Preston.

Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Saturday, December 1 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with burial to follow in the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, November 30, with a rosary at 7 p.m. and a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. all at the church.

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### Junell (Buss) Johnston

MONTROSE — Junell (Buss) Johnston, 44, of Montrose and formerly Irene, died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012, in a car accident near Humboldt.

Services are at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with the Rev. Dave Wildermuth officiating. Burial of her cremated remains will be held at a later date.

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

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### Richard Anderson

Richard C. Anderson, 72, of Yankton died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012, at the Dougherty Hospice House, Sioux Falls, with his family by his side.

Memorial services are at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Christ Episcopal Church, Yankton, with the Revs. Jim Pearson and Paul Opsahl officiating. There will be a time of food and fellowship immediately following the service to greet the family.

Visitations are 5-8 p.m. Friday with the family present at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

Burial of Richard's cremated remains will be held at a later date.

### Wayne Buckman

Wayne T. Buckman, 81, of Gayville died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012, at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Gayville Lutheran Church, Gayville, with the Rev. Ralph Egbert officiating. Burial will be in the Gayville Cemetery with military honors provided by the Rudolph-Christensen American Legion Post No. 237.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Friday at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

To send an online sympathy message, visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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