

Vote Counting Delays To Be Reviewed

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — The Minnehaha County Commission will be appointing a committee to review vote counting delays and absentee voting woes that affected South Dakota's most populous county during Election Day.

Oversensitive ballot-counting machines rejected too many absentee ballots during the Nov. 4 election, leading to a delay of several hours while election officials scrutinized ballots that had check marks instead of blacked-out ovals, random pen strikes or written notations.

The new machines were supposed to speed the vote-counting process following a 2012 general election in which Minnehaha County didn't report results until 3:40 a.m. In the latest election meltdown, results were not fully reported by the county until about 14 hours after the polls closed.

The county commissioners will give marching orders to the seven-member review committee in early December.

Man Gets More Than 30 Years For Murder

RAPID CITY (AP) — A Rapid City man accused of killing a 10-month-old boy at a home on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation has been sentenced to more than three decades in prison.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says 32-year-old Michael Dubray has been sentenced to 30 years and five months in prison. Authorities say Dubray caused significant head trauma to the child with a blunt object, resulting in the child's death in a home in Oglala on May 2013.

The incident occurred when the woman Dubray was seeing at the time left her three children under his care while she ran errands. Authorities say Dubray caused the boy a skull fracture, brain hemorrhages and a liver laceration.

Dubray earlier was convicted of second-degree murder. His attorney didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

Lawyer: Teen Didn't Intend To Kill Jailer

GERING, Neb. (AP) — The attorney for a Wyoming teenager accused of attacking a western Nebraska jailer says his client didn't intend for the woman to die.

During his opening statement on Monday, Todd Lancaster said Dylan Cardeilhac, of Torrington, Wyoming, wanted to steal keys from 24-year-old Amanda Baker and escape from the Scotts Bluff County Jail in Gering. Baker died two days after she was attacked in Cardeilhac's cell on Feb. 14. He was 15 at the time.

Scotts Bluff County Attorney Doug Warner told the jury that some inmates will testify that Cardeilhac and other inmates had been planning to attack and disable a jailer and that the talks included killing one.

Testimony is continuing Tuesday. Cardeilhac faces life imprisonment if convicted.

Officials Offer No Details In Boy's Death

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Omaha Public Schools says it plans to meet with the mother of a 12-year-old boy who died following an incident at a school swimming pool.

Superintendent Mark Evans on Tuesday did not provide new details about the Thursday incident at Nathan Hale Magnet Middle School. Student Demariont'e Brown-Elliott died Friday at a hospital.

Evans says the school district is not permitted to share information about the incident with anyone other than the boy's mother.

An attorney representing the family of Demariont'e tells Omaha television KETV that the school district owes them an explanation.

Men In Home Invasion Tied Up People

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say they're investigating a home invasion in Omaha that involved several people being tied up.

Police say they responded to a report early Tuesday about a home invasion at a residence in western Omaha. Five people inside the residence told authorities three men in ski masks and dark clothing kicked in the front door and entered.

The individuals inside the residence say the men tied them up and assaulted two of them. Police say items were taken from the residence, including a green van in the garage.

Additional information about the case was not released.

Aircraft Makes Emergency Landing

CHADRON, Neb. (AP) — Officials say a twin-engine aircraft had to make an emergency landing at a municipal airport in northwest Nebraska after it lost power to both engines.

A spokesman for the city of Chadron says the emergency landing happened around 8 p.m. Monday at Chadron Municipal Airport. No injuries were reported.

The aircraft landed short of the runway in a wheat field and pasture.

Federal officials are investigating the case.

Museum To Have New Tree Centerpiece

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The holiday centerpiece at the Durham Museum will be a 43-foot-tall Colorado blue spruce.

Cindy Shockley donated the gigantic spruce named "Pa" to the museum for its annual "Christmas at Union Station" display. She told the *Omaha World-Herald* that she wanted to offer the tree as a way to honor her father, who planted the 6-inch seedling at his Florence home in 1973. After his death in 1978, the tree was replanted at Shockley's home, which is also in Florence.

"Dad was so proud of that little tree that I couldn't stand to leave it behind," Shockley said, who started calling the tree "Pa" after her dad, Clarence Nord, died.

On Monday, family and friends gathered at the Shockley home to watch a Union Pacific Railroad crew cut down "Pa" and load it onto a flatbed trailer for the 9-mile trip to the museum in the old Union Station. Shockley said she wasn't surprised when the tree beat four other finalists for the display, because several friends and neighbors had often commented about its beauty.

"The buttons would be popping off dad's shirt if he knew his tree was going to be the Christmas tree at the Durham Museum," Shockley said. "My dad's tree is the city's tree now."

The theme for the museum's Christmas display this year is "A Sweet Tradition." Museum spokeswoman Jessica Brummer said workers have designed ornaments in the shape of chocolates and other candies.

Dozens of museum workers greeted "Pa" when it arrived Monday. Volunteer Bill Myers, 80, said he's been coming to the museum to see the Christmas trees since he was a child.

Nebraskan Groups Try New Ways To Spur Insurance Signups

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — With enrollment now open for the federally run health insurance marketplace, Nebraska community groups are taking new approaches to reach out to those who lack coverage.

Community groups have handed out flyers at farm and craft shows, staffed booths at Nebraska county fairs and distributed bookmarks at libraries and coffee shops. A Community Action group in Lincoln is once again participating in a televised "phone-a-thon" to catch the public's attention. Private insurers are using online videos and mailings.

The renewed publicity is part of a push to attract people who missed the first nationwide enrollment period and are still uninsured, said Carrie Eurek, a Kearney-based health insurance navigator for Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska. The groups have also focused on traditional newspaper and radio ads, posters, flyers and word of mouth.

"We're trying to think of creative ways to reach out to people, in addition to regular media," said Eurek, whose job includes walking people through the process of getting signed up. "It's a little bit more of a laid-back approach, maybe a little less formal."

Eurek said her office aims to make contact with 500 people by Dec. 15, the deadline to receive coverage by Jan. 1.

The full enrollment period continues through Feb. 15. Eurek said the first week of enrollment has stayed busy, and she expects foot traffic to remain steady until the deadline.

Nearly 43,000 Nebraskans signed up for health insurance during the first nationwide enrollment period, which ran from last Oct. 1 through March 31. More than 40 percent enrolled during a last-minute surge in March, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The Nebraska Department of Insurance has held sessions in Gering, Fremont, Omaha and O'Neill to discuss the open enrollment, said Robert Bell, legal counsel of the department.

Bell said the department has focused on telling people what they need to do to contact an agent, brokers and the community groups that are helping with the effort. The four insurers in Nebraska are Assurant Health, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska, CoOpportunity Health and Coventry Health Care of Nebraska.

Insurers have also worked to reach consumers directly. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska has used online videos and mailings to its current members, said Matt Leonard, the company's manager of consumer sales.

"We were under the impression that it was going to be busy, and it has been," Leonard said. "We're seeing

that there's still a lot of uncertainty in the marketplace. People want someone to hold their hand, because health insurance can be confusing."

In Lincoln, the Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties joined forces with the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce to reach out to employers, said Vi See, the group's executive

director.

In September, the state insurance department released a table of 2015 "rate scenarios" that showed average monthly premiums increasing by as much as 20 percent. The rates varied by plan, family situation and location in the state. Some were projected to decrease in cost.



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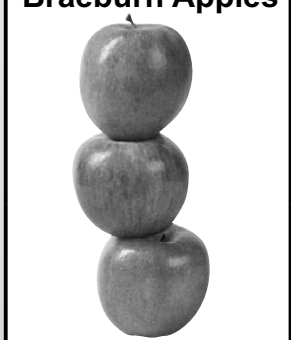
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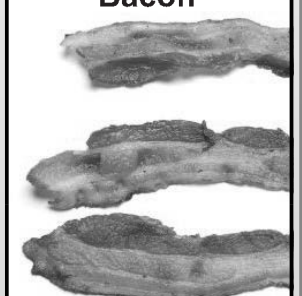
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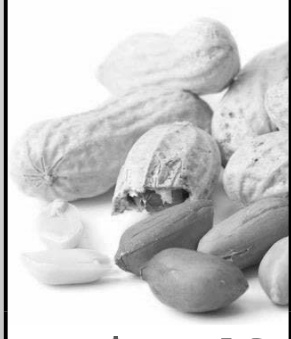
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