

## Omaha Officers Put On Leave In Arrest Probe

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Omaha police say two officers have been placed on paid leave pending the outcome of an internal investigation into an arrest melee.

Lt. Darci Tierney said Monday that the officers' names would not be released. Tierney also says she can't comment on the status of other officers who were seen on a security videotape of the violent arrest of 35-year-old Robert Wagner on May 29.

Police say Wagner was causing a disturbance at an Omaha hospital and refused to leave. Police say Wagner punched an officer in the head as the officer tried to put handcuffs on Wagner.

Several officers became involved in Wagner's arrest. It looked on the videotape like at least one officer was kicking Wagner while he struggled.

## Two Men Killed In Plane Crash Near Seward

SEWARD, Neb. (AP) — Authorities have released the names of two men who were killed in the crash of a single-engine plane near Seward Municipal Airport.

They were identified Monday as 58-year-old Jeff Clausen, of Lincoln, and 56-year-old Mark Pearson, of Plymouth.

Seward City Administrator Brett Baker says the plane crashed into a cornfield soon after takeoff on Sunday morning.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating.

## Organizers Pleased With Lifelight Turnout

WORTHING (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of Christian music fans from around the world converged on a large field in Worthing this weekend for The LifeLight Music Festival.

Founder Alan Greene tells the *Argus Leader* that attendance for the three-day festival has been strong thanks to good weather. As many as 130,000 attended Saturday after a record-breaking Friday.

Attendance for Sunday was strong, too, and organizers believe they will break the 300,000 they expected for the three-day event.

He said it was probably the most incredible festival they have had.

However, organizers did say donations so far are below the \$500,000 goal they'd set for the weekend.

Organizers cut the LifeLight budget to \$800,000 from almost \$1 million last year, relying on lesser-known musicians and closing a secondary stage for a night.

## Hearing On Schieffer Dispute Slated For Nov.

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A Nov. 17 hearing is scheduled in the continuing dispute over whether former Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad President Kevin Schieffer can arbitrate a severance package with his former employer.

U.S. District Judge Roberto Lange ruled in June 2010 that the federal courts don't have jurisdiction and he granted Schieffer's request to dismiss the lawsuit.

But the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned that ruling last month and sent it back to Lange because some issues weren't considered.

Schieffer left as DM&E's president after Canadian Pacific Railway bought the company. In 2010, he demanded arbitration over what he said was a \$4 million miscalculation in his severance package.

The DM&E said the demands were unreasonable and it sued him to force the dispute in federal court.

## Life-Saving Teens To Be Honored

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Two local teenagers are being honored for their quick thinking when they saved two children from drowning at a pool.

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue is honoring 16-year-old Ayanta Kimburo and 13-year-old Mubarek Muhammedsede with a Citizen Hero award for rescuing the two children from the pool and performing CPR until paramedics arrived. The two teenagers said they learned CPR at Whittier Middle School.

The teenagers will be presented with the award during a ceremony Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the middle school.

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue will

also present a Recognition of Appreciation award to Andy Dubois and Kristi Gillen, the instructors who taught the teenagers how to perform CPR.

## MISSOURI RIVER FLOODING

# Farmers Get Advice On Land Repairs

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Farmers in Nebraska and Iowa whose cropland has been covered all summer by Missouri River floodwaters can get help dealing with the damage to their land.

Experts from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension and Iowa State University Extension are planning a Sept. 12 workshop for farmers. The event from 9:30 a.m. to noon will be broadcast over the Internet to 14 different locations along the river in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota that day.

Some flood damage, such as erosion and sand deposits, will be obvious once the floodwaters recede. But some damage to the soil won't be so easy to see or repair.

Experts from both universities will offer ad-

vice on dealing with flood damage, and farmers will have an opportunity to ask questions.

"It is important for us to share information with those tasked with caring for farmland post flooding, but it is also important for Extension to hear the concerns and specific issues these folks have on their land," said Shawn Shouse, an Iowa State agricultural engineer.

The presentations will cover topics such as sediment removal, flooded soil syndrome and crop insurance for flooded land.

Experts predict that farmers will find piles of sand and miscellaneous debris on their land once the floodwaters recede. The rushing water from the Missouri River picked up deposits of sand from the river bed and car-

ried it onto the flood plain. And in places where the current continued to move swiftly, the floodwaters may have dug scouring holes in the farmland.

UNL Extension educator John Wilson said the webcast technology will allow many people affected by the flooding to attend the workshop without traveling large distances.

The Missouri River has been spilling out of its banks in Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri since June. Massive amounts of water have been released from the upstream dams all summer to deal with heavy spring rains and significant snowpack.

The floodwaters have begun to recede, but some flooding is likely to continue into late September or October.

## Tribal Police Chief Also Accomplished Dancer

ROSEBUD INDIAN RESERVATION (AP) — Whether wearing a police badge or the traditional regalia of a Native American fancy dancer, Rosebud Sioux Tribe Police Chief Grace Her Many Horses can intimidate criminals and powwow competitors alike.

A champion powwow dancer, Her Many Horses, 53, is the first female police chief for the Rosebud Reservation in south central South Dakota.

"I grew up with six brothers. I can hang in there with anybody," Her Many Horses told the *Rapid City Journal* for a story published Thursday.

Rosebud Sioux Tribe President Rodney Bordeaux, who hired Her Many Horses about 18 months ago, praised her ability to not bend under the political pressures of reservation life.

"She's fair and honest in her investigation and with her personnel," Bordeaux said.

As police chief, Her Many Horses often works 60 to 70 hour weeks overseeing a staff of 12 officers.

The vast reservation — 21 communities and almost 2,000 square miles — is a place where violence is commonplace.

"I'd like to be more of a proactive department, but the reality is that we are a reactive department," Her Many Horses said.

In one 15-day period this year, her officers responded to 17 suicide attempts and three suicides. Fatal motor vehicle accidents are routine, and many weekends can bring five or more federal crimes, including murder, assault, rape or child abuse. Crimes against children get special attention from Her Many Horses, the mother of three children ages 28, 21 and 17.

"I get to help kids in this job. I like that," she said.

Her family is the reason why the single

mother has never left Rosebud to pursue her career someplace else, she said.

"I've always known I'd be here," she said. "I guess it was family. I just didn't want to leave them."

Her other love is the powwow circuit.

Her Many Horses has been winning championships since she was 12. She most recently took second place in the Women's Fancy division at the Rosebud Fair and Powwow in August.

Her physical transformation from police officer to traditional Lakota dancer takes about an hour. At the Rosebud Fair, she got ready while standing in a field next to her squad car, slipping a green silk dress over her head before slithering out of her uniform.

"It's a skill you acquire," she said. "I'm really good at dressing in public."

## Nebraska's New Lake Wanahoo Expected To Open Next Spring

WAHOO, Neb. (AP) — A 637-acre lake north of Wahoo in eastern Nebraska could open for recreation soon after being in the works for more than a decade.

Mike Murren, Lake Wanahoo project coordinator for the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District, told the *Fremont Tribune* that the goal is to have the lake and surrounding recreation area open for camping, hiking, no-wake boating and fishing on April 1.

"We've got people who want to use this lake already," Murren said.

Work on the dam was finished a year ago, and the lake has been stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, black crappie, blue catfish, walleye and northern pike. A contractor is expected to complete

work on the recreation area by the end of the month. It will include roads and a four-mile trail that circles the lake, plus picnic shelters, restrooms, a campground and a boat dock and ramps.

"This fishing is going to be phenomenal," Murren said. "It will be a very good fishing lake."

Murren called the Lake Wanahoo project a "real gem for the community."

"These types of lakes aren't going to be built in the future," he said. "They're just very expensive. Environmentally, they're hard to build as far as getting permits."

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