

Guard Unit Back In Black Hills Thursday

SPEARFISH (AP) — Some 160 South Dakota Army National Guard soldiers are scheduled to arrive back in the Black Hills Thursday after a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan.

A welcome home ceremony for the 842nd Engineer Company is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. at Black Hills State University in Spearfish. The unit is based out of Spearfish, Belle Fourche and Sturgis deployed in September.

Members of the 842nd arrived in the United States on Sept. 17 and have been completing de-mobilization requirements at Fort Bliss, Texas.

The unit during its deployment used bulldozers, scrapers, cranes, loaders and 20-ton dump trucks to build and maintain roads, construct base force protection measures and provide limited clearing operations.

Police Kill 2 Dogs During Investigation

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Omaha police officers killed two dogs while serving a search warrant related to a burglary investigation.

Officers say three pit bull dogs charged at them when they served a search warrant about 10 a.m. Monday and entered a home. Officers shot and killed two of the dogs. The other dog was injured.

Police say officers recovered numerous items that had been reported stolen in area burglaries and arrested two Omaha men.

They charged 20-year-old William Bowen with four counts of burglary and one count of theft by receiving. Police charged 26-year-old Matthew Barta with theft by receiving and possession of a firearm.

Lawyers for the men weren't available Monday afternoon.

Window Cleaner Dies After Fall From Roof

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Police have released the name of a 22-year-old window cleaner who died after falling off the roof of a hospital building.

Joshua Keith Obenauer was washing windows at Avera McKennan's Prairie Center when the accident happened about 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Police say he was moving scaffolding equipment when it fell over the edge of the building with him attached to a harness. The falling equipment pulled him over the edge. A witness saw the man on the second floor and went to get help, but the man died from the injuries.

Police say the frame of the equipment was somewhat on top of him when he was found.

Authorities say Obenauer was employed by High Rise Enterprises Inc.

ConAgra Supports Eliminating Crates

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — ConAgra Foods is asking suppliers to eliminate the use of hog confinement crates over the next decade.

The Omaha-based maker of Banquet, Healthy Choice and Chef Boyardee products joins several other food companies in calling on pork suppliers to stop confining pregnant sows.

ConAgra said Monday it wants suppliers to develop a plan to eliminate confinement crates by 2017.

Leading pork producers Smithfield Foods and Hormel Foods have already said they would stop using the crates at company-owned farms by 2017. Cargill says it mostly uses group housing for pregnant sows.

The pork industry's move away from gestation crates may contribute to higher prices because more workers are needed to manage sows that aren't confined because they tend to fight.

Driving

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would not be changed by the task force's recommendations.

Susan Randall of South Dakota Voices for Children said evidence suggests it would be best to make teens wait until age 16 to begin driving, but Tieszen said the Legislature would never support that. He said lawmakers are more likely to accept the plan to extend the time 14-year-olds have learners' permits.

Another proposal would prevent those with instruction or restricted permits from using cellphones or other electronic devices while driving. The Legislature has rejected bills to ban texting while driving in recent years, but task force members said lawmakers might impose restrictions on teen drivers.

The task force also will recommend limits on the number of unrelated minors who can be passengers in a car driven by a teen with a restricted permit. Those limits would be eased for trips to school or school events.

Melanie Castellano-Swanson of Forest Lake, Minn., asked the task force Monday to raise South Dakota's minimum driving age. She said her adult son was killed Christmas Eve by a 15-year-old South Dakota boy who ran a red light at 85 mph.

"We're hoping you guys are going to make some restrictions," she said. "It's just not my son. It's your own children that are being killed, too."

2002 Norfolk Bank Murders Recalled

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — A decade after five people were killed in a botched bank robbery in Norfolk, the memories and impact of the crime linger.

Three of the would-be robbers — Jorge Galindo, 31; Jose Sandoval, 33; and Erick Vela, 31 — have all been fighting their death sentences. Thirty-six-year-old Gabriel Rodriguez, who was their lookout that day, was given five consecutive life sentences in prison.

Sue Staehr was in the bank on Sept. 26, 2002, for her work as an internal auditor.

She told the *Lincoln Journal Star* that she often thinks of the victims — bank customer Evonne Tuttle and bank employees Jo Mausbach, Sam Sun, Lola Elwood and Lisa Bryant.

"I think a lot about them during church, and I think about them at events ... like when I go to a wedding. I think (how) Lola didn't get to go to her daughter's wedding. ... Sam didn't get to go to his sons' graduations. ... I think that I'm lucky that I got to go to mine," she said.

Staehr didn't see the three would-be robbers enter the bank. But when she noticed one, she thought: "OK, this is a robbery, but the people are, just like any robbery, they're going to take the money and leave."

Then, the shooting began.

"I'm thinking that they're shooting to scare people, not that they're actually shooting them," Staehr said.

Dan Staehr, her husband, said that when his wife got home, she smelled of gunpowder.

"That's when it kind of hit really hard," he said. "She wasn't in the back room. She had to actually duck and cover."

Heineman Chides Local Taxes For Project

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Gov. Dave Heineman doesn't think it would be fair for Omaha to tax smokers to help pay for a new University of Nebraska cancer research center because the \$370 million project is already getting state tax dollars.

Heineman said Monday that he still supports giving the project \$50 million in state money, but he told the Omaha World-Herald he doesn't want local tax dollars to be used. The governor began criticizing the university's financing plan for the project earlier this month.

Heineman told the newspaper that a tax on Omaha smokers would appear to be "double taxation"

because some of the smokers' tax dollars are already going to the project.

The governor's spokeswoman did not immediately respond to email and phone messages from The Associated Press on Monday.


Douglas County has already pledged to contribute \$5 million to the project, and the Omaha City Council is considering a 35-cent-per-pack cigarette tax to raise \$35 million for the project.

Last week, university President J.B. Milliken apologized to Heineman for not clearly stating they planned to seek additional public support for the project. University


officials plan to attend Tuesday's public hearing on the cigarette tax to explain the benefits of the project, but they declined to comment Monday on Heineman's concerns.

The university estimates the cancer center will create 1,200 high-paying jobs and provide a significant boost to the Omaha economy.

"This continues to be one of the most promising initiatives in our history, and I am truly excited about the potential for cancer research and treatment as well as significant economic development," Milliken said.



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