

4 Accidents Occur On I-80 In An Hour

GRETNA, Neb. (AP) — Four accidents in just over an hour have been reported on Interstate 80 near Gretna in eastern Nebraska. KETV-TV reports the accidents were reported by Sarpy County authorities between 1:45 p.m. and 3 p.m. Authorities say most of the accidents were caused by people following too close. Crews are continuing to clean up the wrecks, but recurring accidents are slowing the process. Dispatchers say only one accident had a personal injury. The person was taken to an Omaha hospital. It isn't immediately clear how severe the injury is.

Dead Body Found In The Black Hills

RAPID CITY (AP) — The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says it is investigating after a decomposed body was found in South Dakota's Black Hills. Authorities say someone taking photos Saturday near Iron Mountain Road discovered the body, a female with no other identifying information available. An autopsy will be scheduled this week to try to determine identity and the cause of death. The Sheriff's Office says cases involving missing persons are being reviewed.

Honor Flights For Korea Veterans Sought

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — An Omaha man hopes to fly 260 Korean War veterans from Nebraska and Iowa to Washington in October to see war memorials and tour the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. Bill Williams has some big challenges head before the honor flight takes off. He and another man in Iowa have raised \$40,000 and they need about \$180,000. The second problem is they have 600 applicants but only 130 seats for the Iowa group and 130 for the Nebraska veterans. The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports Williams has booked a 737 for Oct. 29 for the Nebraskans and Oct. 30 for the Iowans and is working hard to raise money. Williams says the most difficult task is selecting who gets to go and who'll have to stay behind.

South Dakota

Insurance Ballot Measure Eyed

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A proposed South Dakota ballot measure would prohibit insurance companies from restricting their customers' choice of out-of-network health care providers. The proposed law, sponsored by three South Dakota doctors, would allow any health care provider to take part in an insurance company's network as long as the provider is willing to meet the company's terms and conditions and operates within the company's coverage area, *The Argus Leader* reported. The concept, called "any willing provider," would let health providers decide if they want to participate with a health insurance company, rather than allowing an insurer to set up a restrictive network of providers. Supporters of the proposal need 15,855 petition signatures from registered voters to get on next year's statewide ballot. A similar measure was defeated earlier this year by the South Dakota Legislature and had been opposed by business

groups, insurance companies and the state's three large hospital systems. The proposal's supporters argue it gives patients a choice of where they are treated, while opponents say those plans are more expensive. Dr. Stephen Eckrich, an orthopedic surgeon at Black Hills Orthopedic & Spine and one of the sponsors of the petition effort, predicts voters will embrace the idea of patient choice. "Who would be against patients allowing themselves to choose their own doctor?" he said. Eckrich said selective networks disrupt longstanding patient-physician relationships. He said he lost two patients recently when they changed insurance companies and his office wasn't in their networks. "To me, that's going to be the end of good health care as we know it," Eckrich said. Sponsors of the failed bill argued the large hospital systems, which are also in the insurance business, are trying to cut

out competing providers and funnel patients to providers who work for the hospitals. Dave Hewett, president of the South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations, said the insurance market already offers individual and employer insurance plans that give patients a choice of providers. However, those plans are more expensive, he said. "Those who want more choice and are willing to pay for it have that option," Hewett said. Restrictive networks allow insurance companies to negotiate lower rates with providers in the network for a guarantee of higher patient volume, but allowing patients to go to any willing provider could drive up the cost of health care, Hewett said. Hewett said insurance plans often allow people to use out-of-network providers, but those who do have to pay more.

SD Man Honored As Veteran Of Year

HURON (AP) — A Sioux Falls man has been presented with an award naming him South Dakota's veteran of the year. Gene Murphy received the award at the State Fair on Thursday during a salute to veterans. The *Daily Plainsman* of

Huron reports that Murphy has been working to help disabled veterans since he was wounded and paralyzed in Vietnam in 1969. He eventually became national commander of the Disabled American Veterans. During the State Fair ceremony, Murphy thanked Gov.

Dennis Daugaard and Lt. Gov. Matt Michels for working to build a new State Veterans Home in Hot Springs. He says the state also needs to build such a facility in eastern South Dakota. Daugaard says veterans like Murphy have brought freedom to many nations around the world.

Neb. Sheriff Willing To House Cons

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (AP) — The county sheriff says he would be willing to share some of the space at the Lincoln County jail to handle part of the Nebraska state prison overflow.

"I would strongly entertain it," Sheriff Jerome Kramer told *The North Platte Telegraph*. "This building was constructed with the ability to add on, the intention to add on," Kramer said.

The idea of housing some state inmates in county jails arose last month as some legislators looked at ways to solve prison overcrowding without building another prison.

Nebraska's nine prisons have room for 3,175 inmates, but hold about 4,800 — about 151 percent of capacity. State prisons are projected to hit 171 percent by 2020, unless changes are made in how Nebraska treats offenders, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Director Bob Houston has said.

Reaching 140 percent of capacity triggers a report to the governor, who can declare an emergency. It can also prompt federal judges to order construction of new cells.

A new prison would cost at least an estimated \$120 million and likely would be at or near capacity the day it opened, officials have said.

OBITUARIES

S. Christine Knoll OSB

S. Christine Knoll OSB, age 92, died on Saturday, August 31, 2013 in the Sacred Heart Monastery Care Center in Yankton, South Dakota.

A wake service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 and a funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., both in Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel in Yankton. Burial will be in the monastery cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

Christine was born September 13, 1920 in Hague, North Dakota, the 5th child of 10 to George and Elizabeth (Krumm) Knoll. She went to a one-room school for eight years, and then at the age of fifteen, she stayed home to help with the farm work. She had her own team of horses for field work. Christine entered Sacred Heart Monastery in 1937. She received the name Maurice as a novice on June 23, 1938 but later changed back to her baptismal name. S. Christine made her first profession on June 24, 1939, and made her final profession in 1942. In 1967, she received her GED and became a certified Dietetic supervisor in 1972. S. Christine served in dietary positions on many missions. Her first assignment was Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota. This was followed by Fort Yates and Richard-



Knoll

ton, ND; Zell, Tabor, Chamberlain, and Tyndall, South Dakota; Hales Corners, Wisconsin; and Canon City, Colorado. After a few years of taking care of her parents, she returned to Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton and later was asked to work in the monastery kitchen. She was in charge of the monastery kitchen for eight years. S. Christine was known for her strength and ability to work hard. She enjoyed baking, frying donuts, and making jelly and pickles by the gallons. In her retirement, she made afghans, rosaries and quilts. Her final years were spent in quiet prayer.

S. Christine is survived by her Benedictine community, her sister and brother-in-law, Philippine and Al Feist of Cambridge, MN; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers: Kasper, Joe and Felix and three sisters: Katie Zahn, Mary Feist and Irene Geffre.

To send an online sympathy message, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Online condolences at: www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Ben Wibben

Ben, "Benny Lee", Wibben son of Marvin and Eleanor Wibben, born March 26, 1952 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota.

Ben passed away peacefully on August 30th, 2013 at Sanford USD Medical Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with his wife and son by his side.

Ben attended various schools in the Meckling and Wakonda area. He moved to California when he was 15 years old and graduated from Sunset High School in Hayward, California in 1970.

Ben pursued a construction career in California as a Member of the International Labor Unions for over 20 years.

Ben returned back to South Dakota in 1993 and continued his Construction career before working at various other companies including Lesterville Elevator, and Breins Ethanol. Ben retired in 2007.

During retirement, Ben really enjoyed fishing and tinkering with his tractors. He also traveled around to various auctions picking up collectibles.

Ben was preceded in death by his Father, Marvin



Wibben

G. Wibben, and his Grandparents, James L. and Lillian D. Wibben. Ben is survived by his wife, Shawn E. (Ehlers) Wibben. Mother, Eleanor Wibben-Dohman and husband Fred Dohman. Brother, Bruce A. Wibben and wife Ingrid Lara Wibben. Son, Brian A. Wibben and wife, Druscilla Wibben, grandchildren, Nataschia C. Wibben, Haley L. Wibben, Paris D. Wibben. Ben is also survived by many other extended family members.

Memorial services will be held, Wednesday, Sept 4th at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home in Yankton, South Dakota. Family visitation will start at 1 p.m. Memorial services at 2 p.m. He will be interred at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton, South Dakota. Family will meet afterwards back at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home.

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Otilia Schnabel

Funeral services for Otilia E. Schnabel, 95, of Tripp will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 4 at Frieden's Reformed Church in Tripp with Rev. Greg Way officiating. Interment will follow in Frieden's Reformed Cemetery, Tripp.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. until a 7:00 p.m. prayer service at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tripp.

Otilia passed away on Friday, August 30, 2013 at the Good Samaritan Society of Tripp.

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