

SUV Hits RC School Bus; 3 Injured

RAPID CITY (AP) — Pennington County authorities say two children were seriously injured when a sport utility vehicle collided with a Rapid City school bus and then hit them.

The sheriff's office says the SUV spun after hitting the stopped bus and struck the two students who were crossing the street to get on the bus.

A 7-year-old girl and a 10-year-old boy from Knollwood Elementary School were taken to the hospital.

The 17-year-old Douglas High School student who was driving the SUV was also taken to the hospital.

The driver has injuries that are not life threatening, but the two children who were struck are in critical condition.

The bus was carrying about 25 kids at the time.

Authorities say neither drugs nor alcohol were likely factors in the crash.

Wounded Knee Landowner Renews Bid

RAPID CITY (AP) — Oglala Sioux President Bryan Brewer plans to meet this week with a Rapid City landowner in what could be a last-ditch attempt to avert the public sale of land at one of the most sacred sites on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

James Czywczynski, 76, is again accepting private bids on a 40-acre parcel he owns in the vicinity of the 1890 Wounded Knee massacre, after months of negotiations with the tribe, KOTA-TV reported this week.

"It's still open to (the tribe) if they want to acquire the property," Czywczynski told the *Rapid City Journal*. "But it's kind of like first come, first served now."

DUI Testing Pilot Program Coming To Neb.

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OMAHA, Neb. — Douglas County officials will launch a pilot program this fall that will require repeat drunken-driving offenders to take twice-daily blood alcohol tests to remain out of jail while they await trial.

Nebraska officials are modeling the 24/7 Sobriety Program on one that's been in place in neighboring South Dakota since 2005, Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning said Thursday.

"More than 30,000 South Dakotans have been through the program," Bruning said. "It's had an excellent efficacy rate, with 6.29 million tests and a failure rate of less than 1 percent. Montana and North Dakota are now trying it, so we think this is something that has the possibility of decreasing repeat DUI cases in Nebraska."

An independent study of South Dakota's program released last year showed that it reduced repeat cases of driving under the influence by 12 percent and domestic violence rates by 9 percent.

The program in eastern Nebraska will give people convicted two or more times



Bruning

of drunken driving a chance to stay out of jail as long as the twice-daily testing shows they have not consumed alcohol.

Under the pilot program, participants will go to the Criminal Justice Center in Omaha every morning and every night to take a breath test, and offenders will pay \$2 for each test. The first time a participant tests positive for alcohol, he or she will spend 12 hours in jail. The second time will bring a 24-hour stint behind bars, and a third time will see the offender in jail until a judge decides whether he or she may continue to participate.

Only those awaiting trial will be eligible for the program, said Michael Myers, manager of Douglas County Community Corrections. Judges will make the tests a condition of bond. Those on probation for repeat DUIs will not be eligible for the program during the pilot phase, he said.

"We'd rather start small and work out our kinks before we open the floodgates," said Myers, who expects about 200 participants in the Douglas County pilot

program over the next several months.

The program at Sioux Falls, S.D., which has a metro-area population of just under 230,000, sees about 400 participants in the sobriety program every day, twice a day, Myers said. But South Dakota has opened participation to those on probation for drinking offenses, as well as those whose drinking has contributed to domestic abuse charges.

The Omaha metro area has a population of more than 865,000, Myers said, and would see a dramatic jump in the number of people it would have to test if it opens the program beyond those awaiting trial.

Douglas County officials hope to secure grant money to help buy specialized ankle bracelets that monitor alcohol consumption through the skin and would lessen the number of people coming to the center to be tested. They would be available only to those who can show good reason for not being able to go to the center twice a day for testing — such as a work schedule that conflicts with testing hours.

The bracelets automatically alert law enforcement officials if they detect that a wearer has been drinking.

OBITUARIES

Audra Stoner-McMillian

Audra G. Stoner-McMillian, age 43 of Woodstock, GA and formerly of Yankton, passed away at Northside Hospital, Sandy Springs, GA on Thursday, September 5, 2013.

Memorial Service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 28, 2013 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton, SD, with Rev. Dave Wildermuth officiating.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD is assisting with service details.

Audra G. Stoner McMillian was born on January 11, 1970 in Columbus, NE to the loving parents of Dr. Dan and Dawn Stoner. She was referred to as the best birthday present her mother ever received as she was born on her mother's birthday. At the age of two, the



Stoner-McMillian

family moved to Yankton, SD where her father entered into partnership with Dr. Robin Hacecky of Veterinary Supply and Services.

Audra went her entire 13 years of school in Yankton, graduating in 1988. Audra excelled in 4-H, winning national trips to the Western Round Up in Denver and the Washington D.C. Focus trip as well as 4-H International in Chicago for her excellence in the bread division. In addition she won many state awards and was Yankton County 4-H Queen in 1987-88. She wrote a weekly article for the *Observer* called Focus on 4-H. Audra was active in both dance and music and performed in numerous recitals. From the age of 16, when she started her first job, she was

the delivery girl for Pied Piper Flowers in Yankton.

Audra graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Food Science and Technology. While at the university she joined Alpha Chi Omega sorority where she served as Vice President of finances and house manager. She was also the treasurer of Phanellic the student governing body of the women's Greek organization on campus. She was on the University of Minnesota Dairy judging team which came in second in the nation.

Upon graduation she went to work for SAF Yeast in Minneapolis and then for Quest Ingredients where she lived in Sarasota, FL. In 1996, she joined Kerry Ingredients with US operations based in Beloit WI. She was then transferred by Kerry to England working there for 1 1/2 years before being transferred back to the states, settling in the Atlanta area. She

had been happily employed by Kerry for 17 years. One of her most honored work accomplishments was leading her team to be awarded the Domestic Vendor of the year at the Focus Brands 2007 Worldwide Franchise Conference in Orlando, FL. Geoff Hill, President of Cinnabon, presented the award to Kerry Account Manager, Audra Stoner. This same award was again presented in 2008 and 2009. Prior to returning to the states she joined PEO Chapter K in Yankton, SD having the honor of being initiated by her mother, who was the chapter president in 2004. In 2006, Audra demitted to PEO Chapter BI in Woodstock, GA. She has also maintained her membership at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton, SD.

Audra met her soul mate and love of her life, Jeff McMillian, in 2010. A fabulous wedding followed on October 1, 2011 in Cancun, Mexico at-

tended by family and friends from 10 states and 2 foreign countries. Following their honeymoon, they settled in Woodstock, GA.

Audra is survived by her husband, Jeff; her mother, Dawn Happe Stoner of Yankton, SD; her beloved brother, Darrell of Fountaintown, IN and his significant other, Michelle Janiak; and her mother-in-law, Barbara McMillian of Decatur, GA. Also surviving are her aunts, Una Schusler of Hinckley, IL, Gail (Pedro) Beildeck of Hertford, NC, Sandra (Rod) Allen of Homer, NE; and her uncle, Ken (Judy) Stoner of Homer, NE; numerous cousins; two very special "nieces"; and a world of friends. She was grateful for the excellent care she received from doctors and nurses who cared for her at Northside Hospital in Sandy Springs, GA following her diagnoses of AML Leukemia on February 2, 2013.

She was preceded in death

by her father, Dr. Dan Stoner of Yankton, SD in 1997, her beloved maternal grandparents, Donald and Clare Happe of Aurora, IL, her paternal grandparents, Bernard and May Stoner of Homer, NE, also one aunt, Faye Happe Caisse of Batavia, IL, and one uncle, Keith Schusler of Lee, IL.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in Audra's name to benefit her favorite charities. Checks may be made to the "Audra McMillian Memorial" and mailed in care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, 601 West 21st Street, Yankton, SD 57078. Tributes may also be mailed to the family at that address or on the web at www.conleycare.com.

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Kenneth Vielmette

SIoux FALLS — Kenneth E. "Ken" Vielmette, 87, died Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at the VA Regional Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

A visitation will begin at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, September 29, 2013, at Miller Funeral Home, 507 S. Main Ave., with the family present from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 30, 2013, at Miller Funeral Home. Burial will be 2:30 p.m. Monday at Hansen Cemetery, North of Irene, SD.

Kenneth Earl "Ken" Vielmette, the son of William and Emma (Kriege) Vielmette was born January 9, 1926, in Gregory, SD. He attended school in the Gregory area. Ken farmed for a short time before enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1945. He served in the Pacific Theater and was discharged in 1946.

Ken drove an excavator while working on the construction of Gavin's Point Dam in Yankton, SD. He later owned and operated a furniture store in Yankton. Ken then trained to be an auctioneer and worked in the Yankton area.

On February 15, 1980, Ken was united in marriage with Arlene Hartmann in Sioux Falls, SD. Ken worked at various Sunshine grocery stores in Sioux Falls before his retirement in March of 2011.

Ken was a lifetime member of the V.F.W. He enjoyed gardening, tinkering around the house, and woodworking.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Arlene of Sioux Falls; two children, Sheila Rae Holcomb and her husband, Dan, of Le Mars, IA, Bryan Ken Vielmette and his wife, Eileen, of Garretson, SD; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters, Virginia Leibel of Gregory, Lois Vielmette-Robson of Watertown, SD; and a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Emma; grandchild, Hollis Holcomb; and a brother, Jerald.

A complete obituary and online registry is available at www.millerfh.com.

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Vielmette

Sue Erickson

Memorial services for Sue Erickson, 79 of Springfield will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, September 30, 2013

at the United Church of Christ in Springfield.

Visitation will be at the church Sunday from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. prayer service. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home of Springfield is in charge of the arrangements.

Sue Carol Erickson, daughter of Albert and Martha (Magstadt) Williams, was born October 10, 1933 at Running Water, SD. She died Thursday, September 26, 2013 at St. Michael's Hospital in Tyndall. Sue attained the age of 79 years, 11 months and 17 days.

At a young age, Sue moved to Springfield with her parents. She attended school there and graduated from Springfield High School in 1951. Sue attended Southern State Teachers College and received a teaching certificate. She taught one year at Fairview Rural School District.

Sue married Harvey Erickson on June 7, 1952 at the United Church of Christ in Springfield. Five sons were blessed to their union. They lived in Yankton, Onida, Faulkton, Kodoka and Lead. After their retirement, they moved to a rural acreage between Tyndall and Springfield in 1986 and then into Springfield in 2003.

Besides being a wife and mother to five sons, Sue worked outside of the home throughout her life. She worked for JC Penney, SD Cable and as an assistant manager at Katons Korral in Deadwood. After moving to the acreage, she worked for Don the Clothier in Tyndall, JC Penney in Yankton, Northwestern Public Service in Springfield and Coyote Sports in Tabor. Sue retired for a second time and then returned back to work for JC Penney and Coyote Sports. Sue then retired for the third time.

Sue was a member of the Dwight Wood American Legion Auxiliary, the United Church of Christ and the UCC Women's group, Merry Madams Extension Club and the Springfield Ladies Golfing Association.

Sue loved to golf and play Bridge. She enjoyed dressing up



Erickson

in costumes for Crazy Days, planting flower gardens and most of all, spending time with her grandchildren and great grandkids.

Thankful for having shared her life are her husband, Harvey of Springfield; five sons: Jerry and wife Carol of Spearfish, Boyd and wife Susan of Chandler, AZ, Clark of Springfield, Dale and wife Taina of Yukon, OK and Kevin and wife Karla of Sioux Falls, SD; nine grandchildren; six great grandchildren; two brothers: Bob of Polo Verdes, CA and Bill of Hanford, CA; sister-in-law, Lenore Williams of Avon; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers: Douglas and Jim; and four sisters: Shirley, Viola, Jane and Gladys, who died as an infant.

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Darrell Taggart

Darrell E. Taggart, 76, Lead, died Sunday, September 22, 2013, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born October 10, 1936, at White River, SD, to Walter and Inez Taggart.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; two daughters, Sheryl (Kenne), Laurel, MT, and Carol, Deadwood, SD; three sons, Laryl (Lynn), Harrisburg, NE, Jarrell, Rapid City, and Richard (Darla) Sundance, WY; fourteen grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and four sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws; daughter-in-law, Sonia; five brothers; and two sisters.

Visitation was Wednesday from noon to 6:00 p.m. at Kinkade Funeral Chapel.

Funeral services were held Thursday, September 26, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at Kinkade Funeral Chapel with Chaplain Randy Bradley officiating. Burial followed at Mountain Lawn Cemetery near Lead.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be in memory of Darrell Taggart to Hospice of the Northern Hills.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

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Ronald Smith

Ronald Duane Smith, 59, of Vermillion, South Dakota, passed away at Sanford Vermillion Hospital on September 24, 2013.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 28, 2013, at Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Trisha Boese officiating. Visitation will take place two hours prior to the service. Burial will be at Bluff View Cemetery immediately following the service.

Ron was born on February 16, 1954, in Hudson, South Dakota, to Gordon and Opal (Wold) Smith.

After graduating from high school, Ron spent most of his life working as a sales representative for various businesses in the area. In his free time he loved wood-working and raising his dogs. He was a giving man who spent much time caring for his mother, Opal.

Ron is survived by his mother, Opal Smith of Vermillion; his sisters, Janet (Dean) Voss of Loretto, Minnesota, and Patricia Smith of Yankton, South Dakota; his nephews, Kevin (Heidi) Voss, and Scott (Amy) Voss; his great-nephews, Sam Voss, Jack Voss, and Ben Voss; and his great-nieces, Megan Voss, and Allison Voss.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gordon Smith; and his sister, Carol Smith.

Services have been entrusted to the Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion.

Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com.

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Danny Poppe

Funeral services for Danny Poppe, 55, of Niobrara, Neb., are pending at Brockhaus Funeral Home, Niobrara.

Danny died Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013, at Alpine Village in Verdigre, Neb.



Smith

Franklin James

Franklin James, 81, of Englewood Colorado passed away on September 24, 2013 in Swedish Hospital of cancer.

The funeral services will be held at 11:00am on October 1, 2013 at the Englewood United Methodist Church located at 3885S. Broadway, Englewood.

Visitation will be held from 5:00-8:00pm at the Aspen Mortuary located at 1350 Simms St., Lakewood where funeral arrangements are being handled. A luncheon will be held at the church after the service with burial being held at the Ft. Logan Cemetery at 2:30pm following the luncheon. Ft. Logan is located at 4400 W. Kenyon Ave., Denver.

Frank was born in Yankton, South Dakota on November 4, 1932. He graduated from Yankton High School in 1950. Frank was a favorite on the local baseball team before going into the Army.

Frank married Sylvia (Carm) Smith on February 19, 1956. They have been married for 57 1/2 years.

Frank farmed in the Yankton area before moving to Wyoming, Montana, Leadville, Colorado. They then settled to Englewood, Colorado where he continued working in the carpenter trade.

Frank is survived by his wife Sylvia (Carm) James, his daughter Kristi Anderson and granddaughters Amber and Autumn Anderson. Frank is preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Leona James as well as his sister JoAnn and his brother Rodney.

The family is requesting donations to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers since flowers were just not Frank's thing.

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