

Shooting By Security Guard Investigated

RAPID CITY (AP) — Rapid City police are investigating after a private security guard shot and wounded a person. KELO-TV reports police responded to a convenience store on Mt. Rushmore Road for a weapons call early Sunday. Authorities discovered that a private security officer from Black Hills Patrol had responded to a disturbance in the area.

Police say the security officer came across a subject near an intersection and ended up shooting the subject. The wounded person was taken to Rapid City Regional Hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

UNL Helps Farmers With Climate Change

HASTINGS, Neb. (AP) — Experts from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are trying to help farmers prepare for the possibility of prolonged dry weather and more severe storms without focusing on the climate change that might be causing them.

The *Hastings Tribune* reports the experts offered farmers several strategies for dealing with climate extremes at last week's Husker Harvest Days in rural Hall County.

"We try hard to keep politics out of it," said UNL Extension educator Tyler Williams, but that can be hard to do at times.

University officials see their role as helping farmers and ranchers figure out how to deal with the changing climate.

"We're hoping people can come to us for that quality information without having to decipher it for themselves," Williams said. "It's very challenging."

The event highlighted ways to plan irrigation systems so they will be resilient, and forage alternatives in beef systems. There was also education on the benefits of using cover crops to protect and enhance soil.

Cover crops are planted between growing seasons to limit erosion and replenish nutrients in the soil, which can reduce the need for fertilizer.

And farmers might be able to plant a cover crop after harvesting their wheat or corn to create feed for calves to graze on, said Mary Drewnoski, a beef specialist for UNL Extension. It is an economical way for calves to gain weight before they go to the feedlot, Drewnoski said.

The university plans to focus on the challenges of climate change at next year's event as well, said Ronnie Green, who leads UNL's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

"This is such an important topic on so many levels that we will examine it from many angles," Green said.

Flights From SF To Seattle In The Works?

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A federal grant may soon make it possible for travelers in the southeast South Dakota region to get to Seattle without the hassle of a layover.

The *Argus Leader* reports the Sioux Falls Regional Airport has been awarded a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation that officials plan on using to jumpstart the nonstop flight.

Executive director Dan Letellier says airlines approached the airport months ago about running the route to Seattle, but the airlines need a risk-abatement program to offset potential losses during the first year of service.

Letellier says the airport will notify airlines about the grant in hopes of reaching an agreement over the next few months.

Flights currently offered from Sioux Falls to Seattle include stops in Minneapolis and Denver, among other cities.

Neb. High Schools May Soon Allow Transgender Athletes

By The Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — The group that governs Nebraska high school sports is drafting a policy on allowing transgender athletes to compete because there has been some interest in it.

The Nebraska School Activities Association's board has asked staff members to draft rules for transgender athletes, the *Omaha World-Herald* reported Sunday.

At least 38 other states have already adopted such policies, although they vary widely. The Nebraska School Activities Association had been waiting until there was clear demand for such a policy.

NSAA Executive Director Jim Tenopir said at least two transgender students have expressed interest in participating in winter sports this year.

Currently, transgender students in Nebraska can participate in sports only

on a team that matches the gender on their birth certificate, not the gender they identify themselves as.

Jay Bellar, who leads NSAA's board, said it's too soon to know what Nebraska might allow. Two years ago, the board had some preliminary discussions about the topic, but tabled the issue.

"To tell you what we're thinking right now is premature because we haven't been that far yet," said Bellar, who is the superintendent of the Battle Creek school district. "We want to do what's best for everybody."

Some states, such as Georgia and North Carolina, have adopted restrictions that require students to compete in sports that match with the gender on their birth certificate.

But several states, including neighboring Iowa, have more permissive rules that let transgender students participate in

teams of a different gender if the student consistently identifies as a gender different from the one they were born as.

The ACLU of Nebraska has said that transgender students should have the opportunity to participate in sports and activities in public schools.

"Participation in extracurricular activities, including athletics, is often an important part of a student's existence," said Amy Miller with the ACLU of Nebraska.

"It is clear that a school which does not allow transgender students to participate in athletics is in violation of Title IX."

Tenopir said the NSAA will likely spend several months researching the issue before bringing a proposal back to the board, but a policy is likely needed at this point because of the potential for litigation.

Corn Farmers Could Be Looking At Losses

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Corn farmers in the Dakotas will likely face per-acre losses this season as high seed, land and fertilizer costs eat up any potential profits from low commodity prices, farm management specialists in the region said.

Jared Hofer, director of the South Dakota Center for Farm/Ranch Management at Mitchell Technical Institute, said some grain farmers either broke even or faced small losses last year, but this year's spread between input costs and sale prices will likely widen.

"So your revenue is half but your expenses are still as high as they were three years ago," Hofer said. "The math doesn't work very well."

Farmers in the Dakotas experienced historically high net farm incomes from 2010 through 2012 as corn, soybean and wheat prices skyrocketed while input costs trended higher but at a lesser rate. Since then, South Dakota corn prices decreased more than 50 percent while soybean and wheat prices each slipped by about 25 percent, according to the most recent farm trends report from SDSU Extension.

Andrew Swenson, a North Dakota State University Extension Service farm management specialist, said the total production cost for a bushel of corn in North Dakota will likely be about \$4, though this year's excellent growing conditions could likely boost yield and bring that cost down to about \$3.80. The current sale price in the state is about \$3.10, he said.

"It will be tight, for sure," Swenson said. "The Impacts are going to vary from farm to farm."

Swenson said farmers with little or no land debt might have a better shot of breaking even or turning a small profit.

Hofer, whose center aims to help South Dakota farmers

and ranchers become better business managers, said landlords, crop insurers and those who sell seed, fertilizer, chemicals and machinery will all make a profit, so they should consider working with farmers so they, too, can profit.

"Everybody in that cycle is making money except for the farmer," Hofer said. "Why should the farmer be the only one to have to bear that burden? So I guess what I'm trying to get at is if you're

truly a friend of agriculture, you'll give a little bit to help keep the farmer going."

Hofer said a diversified agriculture operation can help. For a farmer and rancher selling livestock and grain, livestock sales might help offset grain losses. Diversification could also include having a side job.

"Being a diversified operator is a great way to manage risk," he said.

OBITUARIES

Elva Ries

Elva Selma Ries was born May 19, 1915 to Jonath and Ida (Graber) Preheim. She died Sept. 18, 2015 at the Oakview Terrace in Freeman. Elva was 100 years old.

Funeral Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at the Salem Mennonite (South) Church of rural Freeman. Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. on Tuesday with the family present from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Walter Funeral Home in Freeman.

Elva was a lifelong member of the Salem Mennonite Church. She attended Freeman Public School and graduated from Freeman Junior College. After graduation she worked in several general merchandise stores in Freeman.

On Feb. 8, 1945 she married Edward J. Ries in Gulfport, Mississippi where Eddie was stationed. She worked in a department store in Gulfport until the

war ended. They then moved to Eddie's home place. Elva helped with the farming operation. They had two children, Keith, who died in infancy, and Pauline. Eddie passed away in 1970 from leukemia

Elva always had a large vegetable as well as flower garden. She had the gift of hospitality and cooked for and entertained numerous friends and relatives. Elva was an excellent quilter. She enjoyed traveling and went on numerous bus tours.

Her pride and joy were her two grandchildren, Britt and Kerry Hofer. She followed them in their sports and musical activities. They grew up on a farm and often "crashed" at her house after school, bringing their friends with them.

After Eddie died, Elva worked at Fensels Flower Shop and Greenhouse, the Village Toggery, and Carriage House. She made numerous friends through the stores she worked in.

In May of 2015 she celebrated her 100th birthday with her family. She was tickled to receive 85 birthday cards.

Elva is survived by

her daughter and son-in-law Pauline and Lynell Hofer; granddaughter Britt (Orlando) Franklin, and grandson Kerry (Lori) Hofer; four great-grandchildren, Cadence, Reeslyn, and Jamison Hofer and Kaleb Franklin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, sister Louise (Edwin) Graber, and brothers Leonard (Gladys) and Clarence (June) Preheim.

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Martha Melichar

Martha B. Melichar, 97, of Yankton and formerly of Tabor, passed away Friday, Sept. 18, 2015, at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, with the Rev. Steven Jones officiating. Burial will be in St. Wenceslaus Cemetery.

Visitations will be from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor with a 7 p.m. Wake Service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

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Oct. 12	Embracing the Uniqueness of Your Grief
Oct. 19	Exploring the Grief
Oct. 26	Experiencing Life Beyond

Presenter: Sheila Kramer, Aftercare Coordinator Sheila is the aftercare coordinator for the Wintz Funeral Homes. She received her Master's Degree in School Counseling with an emphasis in Community Counseling and has over 24 years of counseling experience.



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