

UNL Gets \$50M Gift For Water Research

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LINCOLN, Neb. — An irrigation pioneer will give the University of Nebraska one of the largest donations in its history to create what officials say could be the world's premiere institute for studying the use of water for agriculture.

The \$50 million gift from the Robert B. Daugherty Charitable Foundation, announced Tuesday, will help the university be a global resource for developing solutions to challenges including poverty, hunger, agricultural productivity and water management, said NU President J.B. Milliken.

"By 2050 the world's population will increase by 40 percent and demand for food, produced with finite amounts of land and water, will double," Milliken said. "We have the experience and opportunity to build a global center in Nebraska ... to help alleviate human suffering and food insecurity."

The institute will focus on research, education and policy analysis relating to the use of water for agriculture.

Daugherty, a Nebraska native, is the founder of Omaha-based

Valmont Industries. Valmont is perhaps best known for being a worldwide leader in irrigation systems, but it also makes equipment for urban infrastructure.

Nebraska native Frank Zybach is credited with inventing the center-pivot irrigation system that has been called the most significant invention in agriculture since tractors replaced horses on farms.

In 1954, Zybach agreed to license his patent to Daugherty, who owned a farm equipment company, Valley Manufacturing. It later became Valmont, and engineers with the company perfected Zybach's invention and sold center pivots to farmers around the world.

Now 88 years old, Daugherty is interested in how to grow food for an ever-growing population with finite resources, said Mogens Bay, CEO of Valmont and chairman of the Robert B. Daugherty Foundation Board of Trustees.

Nebraska sits atop the thickest part of the Ogallala Aquifer, the largest aquifer system in the world, and has more acres of irrigated farmland than any other state.

The \$50 million gift, which will be spread out over 15 years,

gives the university the chance "to make a lasting impact on global poverty and hunger," Jeff Raikes, CEO of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, said in a statement. The Gates' foundation is the world's largest charitable foundation.

An official with the University of Nebraska Foundation said the gift from the Daugherty Foundation is among the five largest donations ever to the university.

University officials have been plotting a water-for-food institute for a couple years, feeling they were well-positioned because of existing expertise on water issues at the university. Also, water centers across the country tend to focus on state and regional, but not international, issues.

"There's no one occupying this space in a leading role," Milliken said.

Officials want to hire a director for the institute within the next year and establish an advisory board. After that, faculty will be hired, a strategic plan developed, and educational programs established. Fellowships, professorships and scholarships are expected to be offered by the institute.

Neb. Considers Letting Booze Back Into Parks

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska authorities have scheduled a public hearing on a proposal to let booze back into state parks.

The proposal would ease a ban that took effect in 1995 after alcohol fueled rowdy parties and violence, especially at Lake McConaughy near Ogallala in western Nebraska.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the proposal at its meeting May 28 in Gering.

Backers of the alcohol ban say it has cut rowdiness and noise while increasing safety at the parks. Opponents say it penalizes responsible adults and costs the Nebraska revenue lost to other states.

At a hearing on a similar legislative proposal last year, senators were told that 50,000 fewer park permits were sold in 2008 than in 1994, the year before the ban went into effect.

At the same hearing, Dick Turpin, the former head of law enforcement for the commission, reminded the committee of alcohol-related deaths, including a young boy who was run over by a vehicle driven by his father.

The new proposal includes some restrictions:

- no alcohol consumption in designated swimming areas and on roads and parking lots;
- banned in any area marked by commission signs;
- no drinking between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., which are the quiet hours at public campgrounds;
- no beer kegs or any container bigger than a gallon.

The proposal would apply to Nebraska's parks, recreation areas and wildlife management areas.

Convicted For Kidnapping, Castaneira Sues Insurer

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Eric Castaneira, who went to prison for kidnapping a Midland National Life Insurance Co. executive in 1991, has filed a lawsuit seeking more than \$500,000 from the company, plus punitive damages that would be given away.

The lawsuit alleges in part that Midland has failed to abide by a settlement agreement that includes a \$166,500 payment to Castaneira and language that they've settled "all disputes and differences."

Midland has not yet filed its answer in court but said in a prepared statement Tuesday that it's the latest of several lawsuits Castaneira has filed against the company.

Castaneira was an independent insurance agent in Pennsylvania who said the Sioux Falls-based company canceled his sales contract and withheld thousands of dollars in bonuses after he began questioning the

company's sales practices in 1989. The lawsuit says the company ignored his requests to acknowledge and correct problems and that he drove to Sioux Falls in September 1991 planning to commit suicide in Midland's headquarters "to draw attention to Midland's behavior."

An armed Castaneira holed up in an office with a company vice president who was released unharmed after eight hours. Castaneira surrendered four hours later.

Castaneira filed the federal court complaint April 16 as his own attorney. It asks for \$166,500, plus \$500,000 for other real and emotional damages. He also wants a jury to award punitive damages that he says would be given to the United Services Organization and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

OBITUARIES

Raymond Foiles

Raymond S. Foiles, age 89, of Yankton, SD, formerly of the Clark and Raymond, SD communities, died on Thursday morning, April 15, 2010, at the Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton following an extended illness.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 23, 2010 at 11 a.m. in the United Methodist Church at Clark with the Reverend Warren Rhodes officiating. Casketbearers will be Dave Heinrichs, Steve & Dan Mach, Tom & Mitch Barr, Dean & Riley Hosman and Dale Foiles. Honorary casketbearers are Jennie (John) Warden, Kate Mach, Logan, Brady and Miranda Barr. Burial will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Clark.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 22 from 5-7 p.m. with the family present at the Furness Funeral Home at Clark and visitation will continue after 9 a.m. at the Church on Friday morning.

He was born Raymond Stenning Foiles on January 25, 1921 on a farm in Logan Township, south Raymond, SD, the son of Oscar and Jennie (Stenning) Foiles. He grew up attending the Logan Methodist Church and went to school in Logan Township, graduating from Logan High School in 1939. He then attended South Dakota State University.

On September 19, 1942 he entered the United States Navy and served his country honorably until December 23, 1945. He served most of his time aboard the U.S.S. Intrepid.

Raymond was united in marriage to Carol Faye Pierce on September 23, 1956 at the Clark United Methodist Church. To this union, three daughters, were born: Carmen, Laura and Amy. Following their marriage the couple lived and farmed on the original Foiles place in Logan Township. They continued living their after retirement from farming in 1984. They moved into a home in Clark for a time before relocating to Yankton in June of 2006, to be closer to their daughters.

Preceding him in death were his parents, wife Carol in December of 2008, daughter Laura Lea Hosman, siblings, Verna Foiles, Mabel (Marvin) Logan, Alice (Curtis) Yates and their children Ron & Linda, a nephew, Larry Logan and a niece, Barbara Brown.

Grateful for having shared in his life are his children, Carmen (Steve) Mach of Yankton and Amy (Tom) Barr of Sioux Falls, 5 grandchildren, Jennie (John) Warden, Dan (Kate) Mach, Riley Hosman, Logan and Brady Barr, a great-granddaughter, Ella Warden and a son-in-law, Dean Hosman of Brandon, SD. He also leaves his brothers, Delmar (Hazel) Foiles of Clark and John (Alvira "Vi") Foiles of Raymond and 2 step-grandchildren, Miranda and Mitchell Barr.

Funeral services are announced by the Furness Funeral Home of Clark where there is an on-line reg-

istry at <http://www.furnessfuneralhome.com/>.

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Dawn Starlin

SANTEE, Neb. — Dawn LaVere Starlin (Mahpiya To Win), age 46, of Santee, NE, passed away on Sunday, April 18, 2010.

Prayer services start at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20th and continue Wednesday, April 21st, 2010 at the Oyate Oyanke Community Center, Santee, NE. Her Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at the Oyate Oyanke Community Center, Santee with Ron Thomas as the officiate. Burial will follow at the Congregational Cemetery in Santee.

Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements.

Casketbearers are Milton Denney, Jaron RedOwl, Mato Kiukanpi, Alonzo Denney, Tommy Goodteacher, and Dakota Yellowcloud. Honorary pallbearers are ALL HER BABIES — Malaya, Wanbdi, Tasunka, Starr-Lyn, Akesha, Garfield Trudell, Everette Poorthunder, Marvin Helper and her friends-4-Plex Friends.

Dawn LaVere was born to Albert and Linda (Lawrence) Thomas in Wagner, SD on March 27, 1964. She attended St. Mary's Niobrara, Santee, and Flandreau Indian School. She loved playing sports. She also loved spending time and hanging out with her grandkids, daughters, friends and family.

Those who will cherish her memory forever are her two daughters: LindaRae Starlin (Milton Denney) and Roni Jo Starlin (Mato) Kiukanpi; six grand babies: Malaya Whispers, Wanbdi Hota-In, Tasunka Wiyumpi, Akesha Valentino, Starr-Lyn Amari and one on the way. Her

siblings: Rick Thomas, Ron (Thelma) Thomas, Martha and JC Campbell, George Thomas, Gary Thomas, and Danny Thomas.

Those who preceded her in death are her parents, two brothers, three nephews, a niece, and a grandson.

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Funeral service are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee, Neb., with the Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial will be in the Aten Cemetery, Aten, Neb.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

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MIDWEST DIGEST

Officials Discuss Multi-Cultural Center Report

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — City and Minnehaha County officials are raising concerns about a report critical of the Sioux Falls Multi-Cultural Center. The chairwoman of the center's board of directors has downplayed the report.

Chairwoman Mary Medema acknowledged there are "concerning things" in the report but that it was only one of many information sources the board must consider as it shapes the center's future. She also said the board has been too busy to discuss it.

"We're anxious to do that. We just haven't had the opportunity," she said.

Four board members have resigned in recent months, and the board suspended director Qadir Aware for three weeks in March for undisclosed reasons.

Kenny Anderson Jr., a city councilman who also sits on the Multi-Cultural Center board, said the board focused on keeping the center running while Aware was away.

"It does take time and we do have to prioritize," he said. The report dated Feb. 10 was based on a series of focus groups and interviews conducted by the University of South Dakota Government Research Bureau as part of the center's strategic planning. It was not released to the public but the *Argus Leader* obtained a copy.

The report says the center has "serious shortfalls" including concerns about its leadership. It has prompted city officials to expand a routine audit of the center.

County Commissioner Jeff Barth said he has heard stories on topics ranging from "ethnic intolerance to client exploitation."

"It doesn't look good," he said at a joint meeting Monday of the City Council and County Commission. "This report really gives the current operation a failing grade."

Another Sexual Assault In Brookings

BROOKINGS (AP) — Brookings Police Chief Jeff Miller is cautioning women not to go out alone after dark, after a 24-year-old woman was kidnapped, raped and robbed at knifepoint.

The early Tuesday incident followed two recent assaults on the South Dakota State University campus.

Miller says the description of the attacker is the same — a black man of average to slim build, between 5-feet-8 inches and 6 feet tall. No suspects have been identified.

Miller says the latest assault did not occur on campus. The victim was treated at a hospital and released.

S.D. Highway Safety Director Appointed

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota's 911 coordinator has been appointed director of the state Office of Highway Safety.

Lee Axdahl's new position was announced Tuesday by Col. Dan Mosteller, superintendent of the South Dakota Highway Patrol.

Axdahl will replace James Carpenter, who recently was appointed director of the state Office of Homeland Security.

Both offices are within the state Department of Public Safety.

Harley-Davidson Moving Sturgis Operations

RAPID CITY (AP) — Harley-Davidson is moving its base for the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in western South Dakota.

The motorcycle company has set up shop for more than 20 years at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City during the rally, showing its motorcycles and other products. The company has decided to move the operation to Sturgis.

Harley-Davidson's director of consumer events marketing says the middle of Sturgis seems like "the ideal place" for the company because it will provide an opportunity to reach more people. Steve Piehl says Harley-Davidson made a similar move to an outdoor rally experience for Daytona Bike Week this year.

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<p>Gary D. Steinbach 2:00 PM, Friday Wintz & Ray Funeral Home Yankton</p>	
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