

Restaurants Raise Nearly \$6K For Crash Victim

MITCHELL (AP) — Taco John's restaurants in Mitchell and Sioux Falls' Empire Mall have raised nearly \$6,000 for a memorial fund for a 9-year-old girl killed last month in a car crash.

KSFY television reports that cars on Wednesday night lined up for blocks at the Mitchell restaurant in support of Isabella Morgan. The restaurants donated 50 percent of their sales from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., signing over a check for \$5,775.23.

Operations manager Ted Miller says the lines were the craziest thing he's seen in 26 years.

A Mitchell man has been charged with first-degree manslaughter, drunken driving and eluding in the March 24 crash, which killed Morgan and injured two adults and three children in a sport utility vehicle.

Lawmakers Approve Neb. Sales Tax Bill

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A bill that would let Nebraska cities increase their sales tax rates by as much as a half-cent, with voter backing, has won final approval from lawmakers.

The bill by Omaha Sen. Brad Ashford advanced out of the Legislature on Thursday, 30-15. Gov. Dave Heineman has vowed to veto the bill, saying it could lead to higher taxes in Omaha and other cities.

The proposal would allow cities to raise their sales tax rates to as high as 2 percent, up from the current 1.5 percent lid, with voter approval.

Any proposed increase would require 70 percent majority support from a city council before it could appear on the ballot, and the question could only be presented to voters during a primary or general election.

Man Indicted For Plane Full Of Pot In Neb.

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A California man accused of landing a plane loaded with 175 pounds of pot in Nebraska has been indicted on federal drug charges.

The U.S. attorney's office in Omaha says 29-year-old Justin Woodcock, of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., is charged with intent to distribute more than 50 kilograms of marijuana. The indictment was unsealed Thursday.

Prosecutors say Woodcock was arrested after he landed a small plane in Alliance in the Nebraska Panhandle on March 9.

If convicted, Woodcock faces up to 20 years in prison, a \$1 million fine and forfeiture of the airplane.

Online records for the U.S. District Court don't list an attorney for Woodcock.

Turmoil At Hutterite Colony Leads To Arrest

ABERDEEN (AP) — A dispute over hogs at a Hutterite colony in South Dakota led to a colony resident being arrested for allegedly chasing a man with a loader.

The *American News* reports that officials with the Brown County Sheriff's Office were at the scene for about 24 hours Tuesday and Wednesday. The 21-year-old man who was arrested allegedly drove a front-end loader at a worker for a private security firm hired by one of two disputing factions at the Hutterville Colony.

The two groups have been battling in recent years over control of the colony near Stratford. They are at odds over which branch of the Hutterite religion to follow. A judge in November 2010 ordered dissolution of the colony but the state Supreme Court earlier this year overturned the decision.

Lawmakers Approve Neb. Gov.'s Tax Cut Plan

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska lawmakers have approved Gov. Dave Heineman's plan to cut personal income taxes.

The slimmed-down proposal advanced through its final required vote on Thursday, 39-9.

The package that Heineman pitched in January would have included cuts to individual and corporate income taxes, as well as the elimination of a county inheritance tax. But opponents said the proposal would threaten the state's long-term financial strength and take money from schools and social services.

The original plan would have cost the state \$327 million over three years. The version now heading to Heineman's desk would only cut individual income taxes, at a cost of \$97 million over that period.

2 Cited For Thefts From Boy Scout Donations

YORK, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say items donated to the Boy Scouts have been stolen from outside the city auditorium in York.

The *York News-Times* reports the items were supposed to be auctioned as part of a fundraiser for the Scouts.

York Police Chief Don Klug says some larger items were placed outside the auditorium over this past weekend, before the auction.

Klug says the items were stolen around 1 a.m. Sunday. They included a bicycle, a scooter, a child's pedal cart, a lawn statue, a yard chair, a hose reel and a smoker. The value was estimated at \$300.

He says two people have been given misdemeanor citations for the thefts.

Neb. Lawmakers OK Bets On Old Horse Races

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Avid horse-race watchers may soon be able to test their memories in Nebraska, where lawmakers approved a plan Thursday that would allow machine bets of old horse races.

The measure has been praised by supporters as a job-saving plan but assailed by opponents as expanded gambling. It now heads to Gov. Dave Heineman, who opposes expanded gambling but has said he would carefully review the bill. It passed the Legislature 26-18, four votes shy of what would be needed to override a veto.

The legislation would allow bets at licensed Nebraska race tracks from a library of tens of thousands of races chosen at random. The screens wouldn't identify the horses or say when or where the races took place.

Omaha Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh said he introduced the bill to help Nebraska's long-standing horse racing industry, which has struggled for years, and as a critical lease for a track at Lincoln's State Fair Park is about to expire. Horse racing advocates have said the loss of Lincoln's track would effectively kill the industry in Nebraska.

At least two other states, Arkansas and Kentucky, have allowed race tracks to offer the consoles as a way to boost business. The slot-like racing machines are being installed at Ellis Park in western Kentucky to offset its slowing business, said Bob Jackson, the track's operations director.

Nebraska

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A bill that would allow Nebraska to restart a review of the Keystone XL pipeline project's route inched closer to final passage Thursday, with a requirement that the state's environmental agency hold at least one public hearing before releasing its recommendation.

The bill that advanced through a second-round legislative vote would also force pipeline developer TransCanada to reimburse the state for the cost of the study, which could reach \$2 million.

Gov. Dave Heineman would have final say on the route, and his approval would give TransCanada eminent domain power before they receive a federal permit. If he doesn't certify the route, the proposal would go to an independent state commission that regulates utilities.

Thousands of Nebraska pipeline opponents filled an auditorium and a high school gymnasium last year during two U.S. State Department hearings when the project was under a federal review. Political pressure from Nebraska ultimately helped derail the project, out of concern that a pipeline leak would contaminate a massive state groundwater supply.

The changes came in response to criticism of an earlier proposal that would allow the stalled state review to proceed. TransCanada had agreed to submit to the state analysis in

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November in the midst of a special session, but the process halted when President Barack Obama denied a federal project permit after congressional Republicans tried to force his hand.

“We have demonstrated our willingness to address these issues,” Papillion Sen. Jim Smith, the bill's sponsor, said during floor debate. “Once again, we’ve demonstrated that we want to work with all of our colleagues to get them on board so we can advance this very, very important piece of legislation.”

The Calgary-based company agreed to submit to a Nebraska state environmental review in November, in the midst of a special session aimed at the Canada-to-Texas oil pipeline. Environmentalists and landowners had protested the Keystone XL pipeline's original path through Nebraska's environmentally sensitive Sandhills region and the Ogallala Aquifer, a massive groundwater supply.

College Students Pick S.D. For Spring Break

BY KRISTI EATON
Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — Forget Florida, Hawaii or Mexico. Some college students are choosing South Dakota for their spring break destination.

Instead of sipping Mojitos by the beach in their swimsuits, hundreds of students from more than a dozen colleges and universities are taking part in service projects aimed at helping the state's many American Indian reservations.

The trips are part of the universities' alternative spring break programs designed to promote service and citizenship among college students. The students are responsible for paying for the trips or taking part in fundraisers to cover the travel expenses.

Brian Alosco was one of nearly a dozen students from Vanderbilt University who traveled to South Dakota's Pine Ridge reservation from Nashville, Tenn., last month for spring break to volunteer at a local school. Vanderbilt has offered an alternative spring break trip to the reservation for 25 years.

“Our main objectives of the trip were to experience Lakota culture and learn more about the problems that their community faces,” said Alosco, an economics senior who plans to attend law school in the fall.

Alosco, who knew very little about the reservation, Lakota culture and South Dakota before the trip, spent his days working

in a first-grade classroom at Porcupine Day School. At night, he and the other students met with local elders and participated in cultural events. They also saw the site of the Wounded Knee Massacre, Badlands National Park, Mount Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial.

“(The kids) were so interested in us and why we were there, so passionate about trying to learn, and so open with us that it was impossible not to fall in love with them,” he said, noting that he also saw firsthand some of the problems on the reservation, such as alcoholism and violence.

Clayton State University in Morrow, Ga., also hosted a trip to the reservation last month. Students built bunk beds for children, installed “skirting” around mobile homes and built shelters.

On the Cheyenne River reservation in north-central South Dakota, a local nonprofit youth organization has hosted students from a handful of schools such as Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine and Dartmouth College. Groups from the University of Michigan and Northern Kentucky University are scheduled for volunteer stints soon.

The college students help with planning, organizing and executing events at The Cheyenne River Youth Project and help with maintenance work and gardening, said Megan Guiliano, director of Youth Programs at the organization, which offers programming and family services to members of the reservation.

The student volunteers, which number close to 100, are an integral part of keeping The Cheyenne River Youth Project in operation, Guiliano said.

“We always tell them that in March we don't have very many long-term volunteers, so we really wouldn't be able to be open if we didn't have these groups. They really, really support what we're doing,” she said. “All the students I've met have just been super helpful. You might expect with their spring break they might just want to relax, but for them to take that break they have to help us ... we feel really just grateful they want to be here.”

Guiliano said seeing and meeting a diverse group of college students is helpful to the local teenagers, many of whom are just a few years younger than the volunteers. Recently, a Hawaiian

native who is a medical student at Northwestern University spoke to the group about her struggle to pursue her education after her parents died and she was placed in foster care.

“She was really able to connect with them,” Guiliano said. “She talked to them about how she didn't think she'd be able to go back to college. She really served as an example that anybody can do it.”

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Chairman Kevin Keckler, Sr. said the tribe is appreciative of the student volunteers.

“They do a lot of activities with the children. The kids are always looking for adult figures to interact with. To me it's a win-win situation,” he said, noting the impact the experience has on the college students, too. “I'm guessing it exposes them (the college students) to a variety of cultures that they may not have known anything about and opens their eyes. I classify us as a nation within the United States, so they're seeing another government in operation.”



VOTE
Lola Harens
Candidate for
City Commission
On April 10th

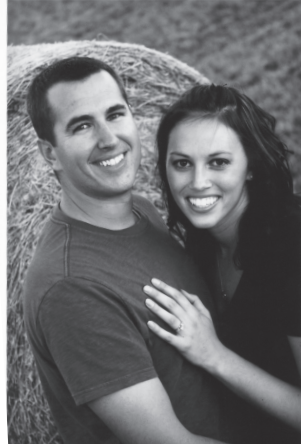
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Steve and Bette Keiser of Fordyce, NE announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenny, to John Hanssen, son of Jim and Rondi Hanssen, Emery, SD.

Jenny is a 2003 graduate of Crofton Community High School and a 2007 graduate from Augustana College. She is employed at Costello Property Management as an accountant.


John is a 2004 graduate of Emery High School and a 2008 graduate from South Dakota State University. He is employed at AgStar Financial Services as an Ag Loan Officer.

The couple is planning a June 23rd wedding at Lewis & Clark Lake, Yankton, SD.



Roger & Tammy Stock

Mr. and Mrs. Roger & Tammy Stock of Yankton, SD, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on April 10th, 2012. Their family requests a card shower. Cards may be sent to 1902 Bradley St., Yankton, SD, 57078. Tammy Halva and Roger Stock were married on April 10th, 1987, at St. Johns Lutheran Church, Yankton, SD. They have 1 child: Stacey Grimme of Yankton, SD. The couple has 2 grandchildren, Rylan who is 4, and Rayce who is 3.



Bergstrom - Ankeny

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin and Claudette Ankeny, of Yankton, SD, would like to announce the engagement of their son, Aaron Ankeny, to Kelsey Bergstrom, daughter of Tim and Sandy Bergstrom, of Aberdeen, SD.

Kelsey graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2007, and will be a 2012 graduate of the Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota. Kelsey will start her residency in pediatrics this summer at the University of Minnesota.

Aaron graduated from the University of Nebraska in 2007, and will be a 2012 graduate of the Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota. Aaron will start his residency in emergency medicine this summer at Regions Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota.

They are planning a May 19, 2012 wedding in Sioux Falls, SD.





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