

Recovery Center Opening In North Sioux City

NORTH SIOUX CITY (AP) — A federal and state disaster recovery center is opening in North Sioux City on Wednesday for people affected by this year's floods. Mark Neveau with FEMA says residents should first register with the agency. They can then come to the center at 1246 River Road, next to a Taco John's, for information, help with tasks such as filling out the application for a loan from the Small Business Administration, checking on the status of their cases or to seeing what other aid might be available. State agencies will also be on hand. Hours this week will be 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The center will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the Labor Day weekend, then open next week from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Cause Of Unusual Problem At Oahe Dam Found

PIERRE (AP) — The Army Corps of Engineers says a missing chain is to blame for a stuck-open gate on one of the six emergency outlet tunnels underneath the Oahe Dam on the Missouri River in South Dakota. Officials inspected the problem on Monday. Eric Stasch with the corps tells KCCR radio that one of four chains that lifts and drops the gate is missing, likely washed away by heavy water releases this summer. He says if the 8-foot-long chain that weighs upwards of a ton can't be found downriver it will have to be replaced. The unusual problem was reported a week ago. The corps says it does not affect the stability of the dam.

S.D. Day Care Loses Registration After Death

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A Sioux Falls woman whose day care registration was revoked after the death of an infant in her home is appealing the city's decision. A hearing for Connie Edwards is scheduled Sept. 13. A man who answered the phone at her home Tuesday and identified himself as her husband told The Associated Press that she would make no comments until the process is complete. Four-month-old Meredith Ulmer was found unconscious and not breathing on June 30 at Edwards' day care and later pronounced dead at a hospital. Authorities shut down the day care and monitored the home while they investigated. The city revoked Edwards' registration on Aug. 9, even though a group of parents sent letters to the city on her behalf.

Better Business Bureau Warns About Scam

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The Better Business Bureau is warning consumers about loan scammers who appear to be trading on the name of a Lincoln credit union. The bureau says the advance-fee loan scam is falsely claiming an address and name similar to the established and reputable Liberty First Credit Union. A consumer from Georgia recently called the bureau to file a complaint about the scam company, which goes by Liberty First FG. The scam company reportedly asked the consumer to wire \$651 for insurance related to a \$3,000 loan. After the consumer paid the \$651, a Liberty First FG representative then said an additional \$341 was needed to get the loan.

NEBRASKA

High Court Asked To Deem Games Illegal

BY MARGERY A. BECK
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The Nebraska Attorney General's office is taking its case against a barroom jackpot video game to the state Supreme Court, seeking to have the machines declared illegal gambling devices. The attorney general's office is appealing a Lancaster County District Court decision that declared while two of the ways the Bank Shot game can be played are illegal, the video game is legal when played under a third mode. The game is a complex variation of tic-tac-toe, with the nine places on the video "board" containing billiard balls of various numbers and colors. The object is to get three like pool balls — either by number or color — in a row. Different numbers and colors are awarded different values and, therefore, different payouts. For example, getting three No. 5 pool balls in a row would pay out more than getting three No. 7 balls in a row. The legal fight over the game began shortly after the video game developed by American Amusements Co.'s John Fox — following consultation with the Nebraska State Patrol on its legality — was distributed in 2008. Some state officials began questioning the legality of the machines, and in 2010, the Nebraska State Patrol confiscated one of the games from a McCook bar and threat-

ened to prosecute the bar owner for operating a gambling device. American Amusements and the game's distributor, Greater American Distributing Co., then sued and sought a restraining order against Attorney General Jon Bruning, the State Patrol and other agencies to keep them from taking more video games. The maker and distributor of the machines argued that Bank Shot is a game of skill, while Nebraska officials argued that it is one of chance. In a ruling last year, District Court Judge Steven Burns noted that Nebraska law bans jackpot games where the outcome predominantly is determined by the element of chance. He found that, played in "spin" mode, the game is one primarily of skill, but in "slow" and "fast" modes, it was a game of chance. Jackpot payouts can be as high as \$12,000. Following the lower court ruling, Greater America Distributing said it would reprogram the game to comply with the ruling and thereby make it legal to play in Nebraska. In its appeal, the Nebraska Attorney General's office wants all modes of the game to be deemed illegal, arguing state law bans games if there is any element of chance in its outcome. It is asking the state's high court to permanently prohibit the video game from being developed, constructed or distributed in Nebraska and to direct that the

nearly 500 games located around the state be removed. "The plain language of the statutes defining 'gambling' and 'gaming device' means that a device is unlawful if it is used or usable to bet something of value on the outcome of a future event which is determined by an 'element of chance,'" wrote assistant attorney general Jay Bartel in a brief before the Nebraska Supreme Court. "There is no requirement in the statutes that chance be the 'primary' or 'dominant' factor in outcome determination." Thomas Locher, an Omaha attorney for Greater American Distributing, counters in his brief that the state's interpretation of the element of chance in state law is absurdly narrow. If state law "requires only that a game involve an element of chance, then every game at the State Fair in which a player throws a dart at a balloon, a bean bag at a bowling pin, or shoots water into a clown's mouth is an illegal gambling device because chance — such as a gust of wind, a distracting but, a faulty dart, a wet bean bag — is involved in each of these games," Locher wrote. "Likewise, every arcade that has skeeball machine or Wal-Mart store that has a crane machine would be in possession of an illegal gambling device because each involves an element of chance." The Nebraska Supreme Court is set to hear arguments in the case on Sept. 7.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Former Midland Utilities Operator Sues Town For Discrimination

BY DIRK LAMMERS
Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS — The former utilities operator in Midland has filed a federal age discrimination lawsuit against the town, saying he was not rehired after he resigned in order to take part in a state program that allows public employees to collect retirement benefits and a salary. Reuben Vollmer Jr., 60, said in the lawsuit that town board members encouraged him to take advantage of the South Dakota Retirement System "retire-rehire" program that allows public employees to receive their salary and retirement benefits at the same time. He said he resigned,

reapplied and was interviewed, but the town hired a 24-year-old instead. A call Tuesday seeking comment from Nicole Nelson, the council chairwoman, was not immediately returned. The lawsuit was filed earlier this month. Vollmer, the city's utilities operator from October 1982 through November 2009, said in the suit that he met with the town's three-member board in October 2009 and presented the retire-rehire information. He said board members encouraged him to proceed with the process. But, he said, the board "wanted a younger person who

may work more years in the future than Reuben would work, and the board wanted to hire a young person with a family and school age children," according to the lawsuit. Vollmer said he also filed an age discrimination complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Midland, a Haakon County town of 129, sits about midway between Pierre and Wall on U.S. Highway 14. South Dakota lawmakers in 2010 put some restrictions on the program that lets public employees retire and then go back to work in a government job. The Legislature passed a bill

to cut retirement benefits by 15 percent for the period retired people return to work in government jobs. The bill, signed into law by then-Gov. Mike Rounds, was part of a package intended to improve the financial condition of the South Dakota Retirement System, which covers employees of state government, counties, cities and school districts. The Retirement System at the time said that those who retire and return to work in public jobs were costing it more than \$5 million a year. Vollmer said in the suit that he is seeking to be rehired and awarded back pay and benefits.

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Young Journalist Wins Interview with WNBA Star
This past year, Sydney LA Ricks finished third grade and also won the Kid Scoop Foundation Healthy Hometown Heroes essay contest!
Winning meant she had the opportunity to spend her summer as a writer. She got to select and interview a nationally recognized healthy hero. She selected WNBA All-Star and two-time Olympic winner, Tamika Catchings. Below is part of her article. Read the rest at www.kidscoop.com/kids.

CATCHINGS DROPS ASTHMA, SLAM DUNKS LIFE

By Sydney LA Ricks, Kid Scoop Hometown Heroes Essay Contest Winner

WNBA All-Star and two-time Olympic winner, Tamika Catchings has asthma, but asthma doesn't have her. Although her father _____ in the NBA, basketball was not the first sport to interest her.

Soccer was her first love and _____ followed. In 7th grade, she began to play basketball and eventually _____ her asthma. In 2001, Catchings was drafted by the Indiana Fever and showed her true _____ for the game.

Catchings is not shy about success; however, she _____ she did not always have healthy habits. To stay one step ahead of her asthma, she eats healthy foods, gets plenty of rest and listens to her body. "I didn't like fish when I was growing up, but I eat it now because it's _____ for you," she said.

Fighting Asthma
She started noticing changes in her body. "I started to feel _____ all the time, so I went to get checked," said Catchings. She learned that her asthma had returned.

Her _____ is to talk to your parents about how you feel and go to the doctor. Now that she knows about her condition, she makes sure her albuterol pump is within _____ in case she feels short of breath during a game.

Healthy Habits
She considers her time important and doesn't want it to be _____ over by basketball. Catchings encourages others and leads by _____ as an athlete who plays with a _____ condition. She has not let asthma take over her social activities either, as she still makes time for friends and family.

Replace each of the missing words in Sydney's article.

TAKEN MEDICAL EXAMPLE ADMITS REACH **TALENT PLAYED TIRED SOFTBALL OUTGREW ADVICE**

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Star-Studded Words To find out what each of these words is "worth," change each letter into a number using this code: A=1, B=2, C=3 and so forth until you get to Z=26. Which word on each jersey adds up to the highest number? The first one is done for you.

Words Add Up
Select five words from the newspaper and use the number code to find out what each of them adds up to. Which word's value is highest?

Standards Links: Number Sense: Add using regrouping.

Kid Scoop Pizzler
Circle the ball that should come next to complete the pattern in each row.

Standards Links: Investigation: Follow and complete patterns.

Online Scoop Find out more about Tamika's "Catching Stars Foundation" by visiting www.kidscoop.com/kids

Double Double Word Search
Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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E A N C R Y V C T E
R T I R I D E T E H
O A C D E T F A R D
L W R I T E R C K S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing, Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY www.kidscoop.com

What is a hero?
List several actions Tamika has taken that show she is a hero. Then look through the newspaper for articles about other people who are working to make your community a healthy place to live.

Standards Links: Civics: Understand the role an individual plays in civic responsibility.

Write On!

Healthy Hero
Who do you think is a *Healthy Hero* in your hometown? Explain why.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Understand how to monitor and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical fitness.

Kid Scoop FIT & FUN
Can you do something physically active for one hour every day of the week?
Complete the circle charts below, one for each day of the week. Each wedge in the charts equals 10 minutes. If you dance for 20 minutes, color in two wedges. If you play basketball for one hour, fill in an entire circle.

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TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY

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