

Sturgis Rally-Timed Tattoo Fest Runs Out Of Ink

STURGIS (AP) — Tattoo artists gathered for an inking festival to coincide with the Sturgis motorcycle rally in South Dakota report dismal attendance that prompted many to go home early.

The Immersed in Ink Tattoo and Arts Festival ended \$65,000 in the red. Coordinator Amy Gutierrez tells the *Rapid City Journal* that this week's rally brought in the least money of any she has coordinated in seven years through her company, G Force Event Productions.

Gutierrez blames poor location and marketing for her company's loss. The event had been scheduled through Friday.

Tattoo artist Michael Matlock says he recouped about one-third of his expenses to travel from Ohio to Sturgis.

Michigan tattoo artist Justin Garcia says he'll never come back to Sturgis, though he acknowledges he's "never met more interesting people."

West Nile Case Reported In Lancaster County

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Health officials in Lancaster County have received their first report of a human case of West Nile virus in 2012.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department announced Friday that the case was discovered in a rural part of the county. Health workers have also found mosquito pools that tested positive for the virus.

Water quality program supervisor John Chess says it's common to see infected mosquitoes this time of year, but the extremely hot weather in recent months may increase the risk. He says there are few mosquitoes because of the heat, but they're more likely to carry the virus.

Health officials say residents should limit their time outdoors during dawn or dusk, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants if they are outside and use insect repellent.

S.D. Town Of Britton Chosen 'Capital For A Day'

PIERRE (AP) — The northeastern South Dakota town of Britton will be the state's "Capital for a Day" in October.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard said Friday that Britton had been chosen to host the event on Oct. 3.

The governor and a group of state officials plan to tour the community and meet with citizens, business and community leaders.

Britton has about 4,600 people. It is the county seat of Marshall County.

Mayor David Kleinberg says the town is excited about the chance to be South Dakota's Capital for a Day.

Police: 30-Year-Old Lincoln Man Fatally Stabbed

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say a 30-year-old Lincoln man has been fatally knifed.

Police found Benjamin Miller shortly after 6 a.m. Friday in northeast Lincoln. He was pronounced dead at a Lincoln hospital.

Neighbors say they heard screams in the area just before 6 a.m., and one resident said she heard someone outside pleading for help. Police found the stabbing victim collapsed on pavement at the end of a trail of blood.

Lincoln Police say 27-year-old Joshua Albright was found at the scene of the stabbing. Albright was arrested on suspicion of second-degree murder.

Neb. Schools Must Recite Pledge Of Allegiance

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — All Nebraska public schools will soon be required to recite the Pledge of Allegiance daily, but students and teachers can opt out if they choose to.

The state Board of Education voted unanimously Friday to require schools to begin making time for the pledge each day beginning sometime this school year.

Districts must comply in order to keep their state accreditation and funding.

Reciting the pledge will be voluntary for students and teachers, but anyone who won't participate must respect the rights of others.

The state board decided to pass this rule after Nebraska lawmakers failed to advance a law requiring the pledge.

The rule is modeled after a 2002 New Hampshire law that federal courts upheld.

S.D. Town Trying To Solve Water Mystery

HECLA (AP) — People in the small South Dakota town of Hecla have a question: Where the heck is the water going?

The northeastern community of about 225 people bought 7.7 million gallons of water from a rural water system in the first six months of the year, but only 3.6 million gallons reached residents. Officials have no idea what happened to the rest, and they are asking residents to help solve the mystery.

The problem goes back several years but has been getting progressively worse. City data show that the town lost 1.6 million gallons of water in 2010 and about 3.3 million gallons last year, costing Hecla a total of more than \$7,400, the *American News* reported. The water that seems to have evaporated into thin air this year has cost the town \$6,150.

"We are receiving the water, but we are not metering out the equivalent amount of water," Mayor Lloyd Trautmann said.

Trautmann told residents during a community meeting Wednesday night to talk about the problem that water rates might be raised if the problem doesn't get fixed soon. He asked residents to look for places where the grass is greener or where the ground is soggy, which could indicate a leak somewhere in the distribution system.

But residents also are perplexed.

"I think they're hoping that somebody comes to tonight's meeting, saying 'I have water in my yard,'" said Betty Freudenthal, who has lived in the Hecla area for 78 years. "I don't know. I don't have any at my place."


SAC: No Open Swim During RB Days

The Summit Activities Center pool will not have open swim available on Friday, Aug. 17, through Sunday Aug. 19.

In addition, the 5:30 p.m. water aerobics classes on Friday, Aug. 17, and the 9:15 a.m. water aerobics class on Saturday, Aug. 18, have also been cancelled for Riverboat Days. The pool will be available for lap swimming.

The Summit Activities Center pool will resume regularly scheduled programming on Monday, Aug. 20.

For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street, Yankton.



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WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY

Monday, August 13

7:40 am Yankton City Manager (Al Viereck)

8:15 am Yankton School Board (Chris Specht)

Tuesday, August 14

7:20 am Patsy Cline Show (Becky Leapley)

7:40 am The Center (Christy Hauer)

8:15 am Vanguard Air Show (David Myers)

8:45 am Dakota Territorial Museum (Crystal Nelson)

World's Best Jugglers Compete In Sioux Falls

BY KRISTI EATON
Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — Hannah Baran learned to juggle like children learn to do most things in today's technology-driven world: online.

Bored over winter break last year, the 12-year-old began watching YouTube tutorials about juggling and started practicing an hour a day. She mastered juggling with three balls and then with rings and clubs before moving on to more intricate skills.

This week, Baran was crowned the World Juggling Federation's international champion in the beginner's division.

"Some of the tricks look really cool, even though they aren't that difficult to do. I like the illusion of them," said Baran, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, minutes after she was named champion of her division.

Baran joined jugglers from around the world in South Dakota's largest city this week for the competition that's often referred to as the Olympics of juggling.

But don't look for carnival knives, blazing torches or clowns riding unicycles at this event. The competition is about pure, unadulterated juggling using just three props: balls, clubs and rings.

Fancy uniforms are banned. Technical routines are mandatory, and competitors are scored on a range of events that tests their

agility, endurance, technique and coordination.

"The thing about the World Juggling Federation and this competition is that it's a different class of jugglers," said Bob Maier, the local coordinator for the event. "What you're used to seeing is called entertainment juggling — the guy riding the unicycle eating an apple or some fool juggling chainsaws. Juggling knives, torches, things like that are not dangerous or hard. They make a big deal out of it so somebody will give them a couple of bucks on the corner of the street. But these gentlemen are Olympic-rate athletes."

This is the first year the event has been held in Sioux Falls. Past competitions have been in Las Vegas and Springfield, Ill. Maier hopes to bring the competition back to South Dakota next year.

During the junior level competition, Jonah Botvinick-Greenhouse, 13, dazzled the crowd with his dexterity as he juggled as many as seven balls in the air. In another event, Botvinick-Greenhouse, from Highland Park, N.J., and two other competitors stood on chairs and juggled rings high above their heads.

"This has always been kind of my dream to come here. It's just really cool. And now that I'm here, I'm really happy," Botvinick-Greenhouse said shortly after being named the junior division winner.

For competitors like Baran and Botvinick-Greenhouse, the World Juggling Federation's yearly international competition gives them a chance to test their skills with other individuals serious about juggling from all over the world, said Darrell Baran, Hannah Baran's father.

That's just what Jason Garfield had in mind when he created the World Juggling Federation in 2000 as a way to expand public awareness of juggling as a sport. Using gymnastics as a guide, Garfield created the scoring system and competition rules for World Juggling Federation events.

But Garfield, who is performing Friday night to raise money for the renovation of Sioux Falls' State Theatre, also realizes that to increase its popularity, juggling needs to appeal to a large audience with a short attention span. That's why he created Major League Combat, a fast-paced event in which two teams of five juggle three clubs as they try to destroy the other team's pattern. That can literally mean whacking the clubs from an opponent's hands.

"That will appeal to a larger audience, if they're not interested in the technical difficulty (of juggling). That's just people attacking other people. It's pretty straightforward and easy to understand," Garfield said.

The Major League Combat will be televised live on ESPN3 on Sunday.

Iowa Agent Hired To Help Chase Voter Fraud

BY RYAN J. FOLEY
Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — An Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation agent has been assigned to work full-time with Secretary of State Matt Schultz's office to look into allegations of voter fraud, the Republican election chief's top cause, state officials confirmed Friday.

Schultz's office said it will spend up to \$280,000 in tax dollars over the next two years for the services of Special Agent Daniel Dawson, who has been reassigned from the major crimes unit to work exclusively on voting and election fraud issues. DCI assistant director Charis Paulson said Dawson is already looking into about 2,000 possible voter fraud violations identified through data matching performed by Schultz's office.

The appointment took county auditors, who run elections and work with local investigators on voting-related crimes, by surprise when they were introduced to Dawson during a training meeting Wednesday in Cedar Rapids. They complained they had little information about what Dawson was investigating and how the 2,000 potential violations were identified.

"I don't know ever of a DCI investigation into county auditors' business. I've been here since 2008, but I don't think it's probably ever happened before," said Scott County Auditor Roxanna Moritz, who was told Dawson is looking into 180 voters in her county.

Schultz, who took office last year, has vowed in recent months to prove that voter fraud exists, as he relentlessly pushes lawmakers to pass a law requiring voters to show photo identification, which he says would safeguard elections. Many Democrats and some local officials say that requirement is not needed because of Iowa's history of clean elections.

Schultz spokesman Chad Olsen said Friday that the secretary of state asked for a DCI agent's full-time help after its work to identify voting irregularities returned a large "volume of data" to investigate.

"The Secretary felt that DCI per-

sonnel were best qualified for that task," he wrote in an e-mail.

Olsen said Dawson's appointment calls for Schultz's office to reimburse the Department of Public Safety up to \$140,000 per year for his salary, benefits and related expenses. He would not comment on how many cases were under investigation, saying many would likely turn out to be data mistakes, such as people who had similar names.

Paulson said that Dawson's position in DCI's Council Bluffs office, where he investigated major crimes such as shootings and deaths, would be left open. She said she believed his work could be absorbed without impacting public safety, and the arrangement with the secretary of state's office will be reviewed after two years to determine whether it should continue.

Paulson said Dawson's new assignment would involve "a lot of

leg work," given that Iowa has 99 counties, but he is well-suited to the role, with strong communication and leadership skills. She emphasized that DCI would review all available information before making recommendations on whether to file charges to county attorneys, who will continue to have the power to decide whether to prosecute.

"He's excellent at interviewing and looking at all the evidence to weigh it and evaluate it," Paulson said of Dawson.

The appointment comes after Schultz's office has taken steps to identify previous cases of improper voting, which now need further investigation. They've compared the voters in Iowa's 2010 election against names of voters from 14 other states in the same election to see if individuals voted multiple times. They've also hired an outside vendor, In-

foGroup, at a cost of \$5,500 to identify potentially deceased individuals still included in Iowa's voter registration database of 2.1 million names.

Auditors removed about 2,700 of 4,000 potentially deceased individuals from voting lists in recent days, Olsen said, adding letters will be sent to their addresses to confirm they are not still alive.

The office has also used driving records to identify more than 1,000 registered voters who may not be citizens and are seeking access to a federal database to check their citizenship status before taking steps to remove them. Rules enacted last month require auditors to compile any voting histories for those individuals, along with election registers they signed and absentee ballot envelopes, documents that could be used in criminal investigations.

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