

## Nebraska Sees More Whooping Cough Cases

FREMONT, Neb. (AP) — More cases of whooping cough have been reported in Nebraska.

The *Fremont Tribune* says the Three Rivers District Health Department say several new cases have been confirmed in its three-county region that includes Dodge, Washington and Saunders counties in eastern Nebraska.

Officials say the ages of those who've been diagnosed range from an infant to a man in his 60s or 70s.

There has been as spike in cases of whooping cough, or pertussis (per-TUH'-sis) this year, with more than 20,000 cases so far.

Nebraska has had about 70 confirmed cases. Wisconsin and Washington have reported over 3,000 cases.

Whooping cough is highly contagious and is spread when infected people cough or sneeze. It starts like the common cold, but can progress into violent coughing spells.

## Nebraska A.G. Bruning Violated Disclosure Law

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A state panel has ruled that Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning violated a campaign disclosure law when he failed to report his ownership stake in a \$675,000 lake home.

The Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission approved a settlement Friday with the Republican attorney general. Bruning could have faced a \$2,000 fine, but the commission voted 8-0 not to assess a penalty.

Bruning bought the home through a time-share agreement with two executives from the student-loan company Nelnet. The arrangement drew criticism from Democrats last year, before Bruning was defeated in his Republican primary bid for the state's U.S. Senate race.

The commission ruled that Bruning didn't properly disclose his ownership in the house in 2009, but it dismissed charges that he failed to report it in 2008 and 2010.

## Permit Approved For S.D. Small Placer Mine

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — The state Board of Minerals and Environment has unanimously approved the permit for a small placer mine near Spearfish Canyon.

The *Black Hills Pioneer* reports that mine owners Bob and Teresa Fox of Whitewood plan to mine gold, silver and other heavy minerals on the five-acre site.

The proposed operation will remove a maximum of 11,000 tons of material per year throughout the six-year life of the project.

Mine owners are required to post a \$4,650 bond for the site, which will not be released until the mine closes and the land is reclaimed.

## State, Defense Rest Friday In S.D. Rape Trial

HURON, S.D. (AP) — Lawyers in the trial of a South Dakota bar owner who's accused of raping three girls after serving them alcohol have wrapped up their closing arguments. Werner Fajardo's fate is now in the hands of a jury.

Prosecutors say the 35-year-old Fajardo (fa-HAHR'-doh) assaulted a 12-year-old girl and two 14-year-old girls at his El Cuervo bar in Huron. He pleaded not guilty.

KOKK radio reports three witnesses testified Friday before prosecutors finished their case. The defense called two witnesses, Fajardo's brother and a 20-year-old friend of one of the girls. She claimed the girls made up the rape story.

Fajardo's lawyer says there are inconsistencies between the girls' testimony and what they told police.

The judge dismissed a charge of sexual exploitation of a minor, saying there wasn't enough evidence.

## Daugaard Appoints 4 To S.D. Tourism Board

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has appointed four new members to the South Dakota Board of Tourism.

The new members announced Friday are: Ivan Sorbel of Kyle; Kristi Wagner of Whitewood; Mark Schilling of Mitchell; and Ted Husted of Wall.

Sorbel is Executive Director of the Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce; Wagner is owner of the Rushmore Center for Civic Leadership; Schilling is Director of the Corn Palace; and Husted is President of Wall Drug.

Daugaard also reappointed Frank Smith of Gettysburg, James Entenman of Sioux Falls, and Jim Schade of Volga to the board.

## Saunders County Attorney Fined \$2K

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A state commission has fined Saunders County Attorney Scott Tingelhoff \$2,000 for using his public office for personal financial gain.

The *Lincoln Journal Star* says the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission issued the fine on Friday. It stems from a complaint by the state auditor over alleged discrepancies in Tingelhoff's personal expense reimbursement claims.

The accountability commission found one violation and dismissed nine other allegations.

Tingelhoff has said the payments were the result of clerical errors. He reimbursed the county and fixed his office's accounting policies.

No criminal charges were filed.

## Gov: Neb. Will Deny Benefits To Illegal Immigrants

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Gov. Dave Heineman says Nebraska will continue to deny driver's licenses to young illegal immigrants who are now eligible for U.S. work permits under a new Obama administration policy.

Heineman said Friday that the state will not issue licenses, welfare benefits or other public assistance to the immigrants unless otherwise required by Nebraska law.

The federal policy that went into effect this week allows an estimated 1.2 million illegal immigrants to apply for a work permit and a temporary stay, if they were brought to the country as children and have no criminal background.

Republican Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer ordered the state this week not to issue driver's licenses to those who take advantage of the new policy. Others states, such as California, already issue driver's licenses to illegal immigrants.

# Ceremony Marks 50 Years Since Dam Dedicated

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Associated Press

PIERRE — Exactly 50 years after President John F. Kennedy dedicated the Oahe Dam, several hundred people gathered at the same spot Friday to marvel at how much the massive dam has changed life along the Missouri River.

Pierre Mayor Laurie Gill said the dam and its reservoir flooded hundreds of thousands of acres of good farm land, but it has also helped prevent devastating floods, generated electricity, provided fishing and other recreation activities and helped spur growth in Pierre and Fort Pierre just a few miles below the dam.

"It's difficult for me to imagine Pierre and Fort Pierre without the Oahe Project," Gill said during the one-hour ceremony that was held at the visitor's center atop the dam. Fishing boats moving through the reservoir served as a backdrop.

At least 18 men who worked on the dam's construction attended the ceremony. Former U.S. Sen. George McGovern of South Dakota, who attended the 1962 ceremony, had planned to speak Friday, but was unable to attend because he has a bad cold.

Eric Stasch, operations manager at Oahe Dam, noted that Kennedy said the dam would not only help the Missouri River basin but also boost the nation's economy and security.

"You can hear the message of hope and

commitment in JFK's words, and the Oahe Dam was a catalyst for the tapestry of a brighter future he painted that day," Stasch said.

Oahe Dam is one of the world's largest rolled-earth dams, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which operates the Missouri River dams. The reservoir is 231 miles long with 2,250 miles of shoreline, stretching from the South Dakota capital of Pierre to the North Dakota capital of Bismarck.

Kennedy said in 1962 that the Oahe Dam and the other five built on the Missouri River would reduce flooding, create reservoirs for recreation, generate electricity and provide regulated water for irrigation, drinking and downstream barge traffic. He noted that President Franklin D. Roosevelt took an idea from President Theodore Roosevelt to promote legislation that authorized construction of the Missouri River dams.

"Too often we take for granted these miracles of engineering and milestones in river development. Too often we see no connection between this dam and our nation's prosperity, our national security and our leadership of those nations who cherish their freedom," Kennedy said.

Kennedy was also prophetic in noting that the water in the river could not meet all demands all the time.

In dry years, upstream states have fought to keep more water in the reservoirs in Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota to support fish reproduction and the economics of

a huge sport fishing industry. Downstream states have urged higher releases of water to support downstream barge traffic and water supplies for cities and industries.

The dams have mostly prevented the uncontrolled flooding of the past, but extensive flooding occurred last year in the Dakotas, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri because of record releases caused by a deep mountain and prairie snowpack and heavy spring rains in the upper basin.

However, Stasch and others noted last year's flooding would have been much worse without the dams.

Pierre lawyer Jamie Damon said at Friday's ceremony that she got Kennedy to come to South Dakota because of a fourth-grade project, in which each student had to write a letter to someone. She invited the president to dedicate the dam, which her father helped build as a bulldozer operator.

"I wanted the president to come to Pierre to see the dam my dad built. While I knew other people worked on it, I was 9. My dad built it," she said.

Russ Nyhaug, 84, of Baltic, said the ceremony brought back memories of his work as a mechanic on the tunnels that deliver water to the power generators.

"It feels good to be a part of something like this. There was a lot of hard work, but there was a lot of fun, too," Nyhaug said.

## OBITUARIES

### Dean Bruening

Dean Bruening, age 67 of St. Helena, Nebraska, died on Thursday, August 16, 2012 at the Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, August 20, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the Holy Family (Immaculate Conception) Catholic Church in St. Helena with Rev. Eric Olsen officiating. Burial will be in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in St. Helena.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Monday at the church.

The Wintz Funeral Home in



Bruening

Hartington is in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Craig Bruening, Mitchell Bruening, Chris Bruening, Matt Bruening, Jody Pinkelman, Colton Thomas, Kevin

Bruening and Jeff Tramp.

Dean was born on August 14, 1945 at Yankton, South Dakota to Paul and Helen (Schmidt) Bruening. He grew up and lived and farmed on the Bruening home place all of his life. He attended Yankton High School. Dean and Laurie Kennedy were married on November 18, 1978 at Yankton. He enjoyed fixing all kinds of machinery for his

friends and neighbors and spending time near the river. His true enjoyment came from spending time with his family and his 4 grandkids. Dean was a member of the Holy Family (Immaculate Conception) Catholic Church in St. Helena.

Dean is survived by his wife, Laurie of St. Helena, 4 children, Sara and Oscar Garcia and their son Andrew Dean of Gretna, Nebraska; Jessica and Darren Retzlaff and their children, Kobie, Alecia and Madalynn of Columbus, Nebraska; Bryan Bruening of St. Helena; Joseph Bruening of St. Helena; 3 brothers, Robert and Mary Bruening of Yankton; Richard and Sue Bruening of St. Helena; Duane and Donna Bruening of St. Helena; 3 sisters, Carol Thomas of Omaha; Sharon

Tramp of Yankton; Sandra and Jerry Pinkelman of Yankton and a sister in law, Renae Bruening of Crofton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Gary Bruening and a nephew, Scott Bruening and two brothers-in-law John Tramp and Gary Thomas.

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### Elizabeth Schroeder

Elizabeth Joan (Jo Ann) Schroeder, 87, Vermillion, SD, went to be with the Lord, Thursday, August 16, 2012, following a brief illness.

Joan was born January 6, 1925, to Leo and Susan (Holliday) Carraher in Stamford, NE. She graduated from Stamford High School, received a teaching degree from the University of Nebraska, and taught a year in Beaver City. In 1945 she married Raymond Schroeder in Orleans, NE. They resided in Stamford and Lincoln, NE before moving to Vermillion in 1953. Joan was a homemaker and raised eight children.



Schroeder

Joan enjoyed participating in prayer groups, bible studies, and funeral choir. She was a special needs advocate and a volunteer at the Dakota Care Center. She especially enjoyed her family, friends, crossword puzzles, and her dog Gracie. Her family travels included trips to Australia, Kenya, France, and Ireland. She was a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church, Catholic Daughters, Emeritus Club, and USD Faculty Women's Club.

Grateful for having shared her life are her 8 children, Richard (Kristen) Schroeder, Tacoma, WA; Susan (Al) Agrimson, S. Sioux City, NE; Steven (Mary) Schroeder, Lincoln, NE; Randy (Jeanne) Schroeder, Cincinnati, OH; Chris (Maragwa) Schroeder, Austin, TX; Rachel (Bill) Ouellette, Sioux City, IA; Maureen (Tim) Hedeon, Beresford, SD; and Corinne (Mike) Rath, Vermillion, SD; and 23 grandchildren.

dren and 13 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond, her brother Edwin, and her parents.

Visitation is from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19 with a prayer service at 7pm at St. Agnes Catholic Church. The funeral mass will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, Aug. 20, 2012, at St. Agnes with burial to follow in the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion. hansenfuneralhome.com.

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### Ronald Nysven

Ronald R. Nysven, 65, of Yankton died Thursday afternoon, August 16, 2012, at his home as a result of an accident.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with the Rev. Rod Veldhuizen officiating.

# Fight Cancer Poker Run Slated For Yankton

The second annual Austin Anderson "Fight This Cancer" Poker Run will be held at Kozy's Bar on Highway 50 west of Yankton beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8.

Austin Anderson is a 5-year-old Yankton native that was diagnosed July 7, 2011, with a rare cancer, Rhabdomyosarcoma. He has undergone five surgeries, multiple rounds of chemo and radiation and still has a battle ahead of him to become a normal boy again.

This poker run is set up to help raise money to assist in the transportation costs to and from the hospital for Austin so he can keep fighting this aggressive battle he faces and to help the family with the mounds of medical bills they face.

The poker run registration is from noon-1 p.m. at Kozy's Bar. The poker run will leave Kozy's at 1:30 p.m. to the following stops:

First stop — Bunyans in Vermillion; second stop — Waddy's Bar and Grill in Hudson; third stop — My Bar in Beresford; fourth stop — Buckhorn Bar in Viborg; fifth stop — Wild Bills in Gayville; and then back to Kozy's for barbecue, at which point participants will draw and turn in poker cards.

Starting at 8 p.m., there will be

live music with Circle of Phycos, Tetnis Flesh and Midwest Punks.

All are welcome to bring tents and small campers to camp out to listen to the bands safely. Motorcycles, classic cars and just everyday vehicles are all welcome to join the poker run.

For more information, contact Heather Jensen at 605-760-4673 or

heatherkjensen@gmail.com.

## S.D. Man Pleads Not Guilty In Daughter's Death

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a Waubay man has pleaded not guilty in the January death of his 2-year-old daughter.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says Mario M. Contreras pleaded not guilty on Thursday to second-degree murder, voluntary manslaughter, child abuse and assault resulting in serious bodily injury.

The *Argus Leader* reports that his daughter, Aleeyah Cook of Sisseton, died Jan. 11 at a Fargo, N.D., hospital.

No court date has been set for Contreras.

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