

### Omaha Man Dies After Being Shot

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say a 28-year-old man has died after being shot outside an apartment building in northeast Omaha. Omaha police identified the victim as Kevin McIntyre. Officers who were sent to the area about 6:45 p.m. Sunday found McIntyre near a porch outside the building. Police say he died later at Nebraska Medical Center. No arrests have been reported.

### Missing Boater's Body Recovered In SD

PIERRE (AP) — Searchers have recovered the body of a boater who went missing in the Missouri River in northern South Dakota. The Moberly-area man was thrown into the water during a boating accident west of the city Friday night. Pierre Deputy Fire Chief Ian Paul tells KCCR radio that the body was recovered Sunday afternoon. The victim is in his 60s. Authorities did not immediately release his name.

### Council Bluffs Man Sentenced In Killing

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A judge has sentenced a Council Bluffs man to prison his part in a 2011 killing in Omaha. The Omaha World-Herald reports Douglas County District Court Judge Joseph Troia sentenced 42-year-old Corey Brooks to a minimum of 56 years in prison in the shooting death of 50-year-old James Asmus. The sentence means Brooks will be eligible for parole in 28 years. Brooks was convicted of manslaughter in the killing as well as drug and gun charges. Before he was sentenced, Brooks apologized to the Asmus family and asked the judge for leniency. Two other men were charged in the shooting. Asmus was found shot to death on Sept. 2 in a south Omaha garage. Prosecutors say a plan by Asmus to rob Brooks may have prompted the shooting.

### Jogger Dies After Being Hit In Lincoln

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A jogger who was struck by a car in northwest Lincoln has died. Lincoln Police Capt. David Beggs said Monday that 30-year-old Jesse Meints died after 7 p.m. Sunday. Meints was taken to a Lincoln hospital after he was hit around 11 p.m. Thursday in the Air Park neighborhood. Police say the Lincoln man was on a late-night run when he was struck by the car driven by 25-year-old Joshua Kelso. Kelso told officers he didn't see Meints until it was too late to stop in time. Police said no citations have been issued.

### Dakotans Among Top Beer Drinkers

RAPID CITY (AP) — The Dakotas like their beer. The Beer Institute trade organization that represents the industry says North Dakotans drink the highest amount per person and South Dakota ranks number four nationwide in beer consumption. The Rapid City Journal reports that works out to nearly 46 gallons of beer annually for every North Dakotan 21 year old and over and just under 39 gallons for every South Dakotan of a legal drinking age. Montana ranked third, with 41 gallons of beer per person.

### Centenarian Wins Gold At Senior Games

HIGHMORE (AP) — A 100-year-old Highmore man has brought home three gold medals from the National Senior Games in Cleveland. The Capital Journal reports that John Zilverberg won his age division in the hammer throw, javelin and singles bowling. He also won silver in the shot put and discus. He was 99 when he competed and turned 100 on Friday, the day he returned home. Zilverberg credits much of his longevity and energy to the decades he spent ranching. He's been competing in the Senior Games since 1985, and plans to compete in the next games in Minneapolis in 2015.

### Auction To Raise Funds For SDSU Facility

BROOKINGS (AP) — An auction will be held during this year's Dakotafest farm and ranch show to help raise money to build a new Cow-Calf Education and Research Facility at South Dakota State University. The auction will be held Aug. 22 at Dakotafest in Mitchell. About half the current SDSU Cow-Calf Unit was destroyed last year by fire. Officials say the new facility will cost an estimated \$4.1 million. A little more than half that has been raised already from donations. People who want to donate items for the auction can contact the SDSU Foundation. SDSU animal science professor Cody Wright says the auction will give supporters of South Dakota's cattle industry a chance to help raise money for a facility that provides valuable research and educational opportunities.

### Pierre Man, 84, Claims Lottery Prize

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota lottery officials say an 84-year-old Pierre man has claimed a Wild Card 2 jackpot worth nearly a half-million dollars. Duane Delaney lives within walking distance of the South Dakota Lottery office, and he turned in his ticket for \$499,694 on Monday. He bought it at a Pierre convenience store. Officials say Delaney's ticket matched all five numbers and the Wild Card in the Saturday drawing. The odds of winning the prize are one in about 1.9 million. Wild Card 2 is played in the Dakotas, Montana and Idaho. Delaney says he purchases two Powerball, two Hot Lotto and two Wild Card 2 tickets for each drawing.

### Man Sentenced For Sexual Abuse

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A Mitchell man is going to federal prison for more than 24 years for sexually abusing a girl. Thirty-year-old Terace Castaway was sentenced in Sioux Falls on Monday after earlier pleading guilty to sexual abuse. Prosecutors say it happened between August 2008 and May 2009 and involved a young girl who was under his care.

### Nebraska

# Report Shows Dentist Shortage

BY JOSH FUNK  
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OMAHA, Neb. — It can be difficult to get a cavity filled in rural parts of Nebraska because more than half of the state's 93 counties are short on dentists, according to a new report. The Center for Health Policy at the University of Nebraska Medical Center says 20 counties don't have any dentists and another 31 counties have only 1 or two dentists. And the shortage could get worse: 39 percent of Nebraska's dentists are nearing retirement. One of the report's authors, Kim McFarland, says the state needs to figure out ways to encourage more dentists to set up shop in underserved areas. "We just need to make sure we're recruiting dental students from rural areas and giving them incentives to practice in rural areas," said McFarland, who teaches at the University of Ne-

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braska's dental college. The state does have programs to give dental students up to \$20,000 a year in tuition reimbursement if they work in underserved rural areas, but those incentives lag behind the typical cost of dental college. "It's not unusual to have \$200,000 or more of student loan debt when dental students get out," McFarland said. "So they face tremendous pressure to get out and earn." McFarland estimates that out of the

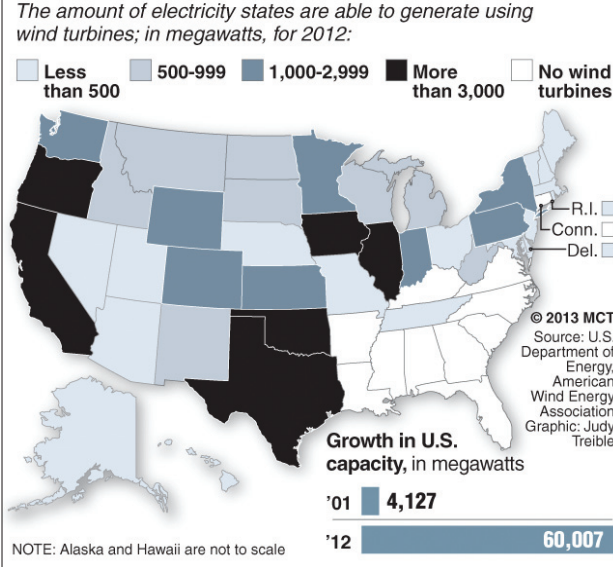
45 new dentists entering practice in the state each year, about five or six now go to rural areas. About 164 million work hours and 51 million school hours are lost because of dental problems every year, according to the American Dental Association. Jim Stimpson, Ph.D., director of the Center for Health Policy in the UNMC College of Public Health, said it's not easy for some Nebraskans to schedule the kind of preventive care because the closest dentist may be two hours away. But it will be difficult to change the rate of decline in dentists because the two dental schools in the state — at the University of Nebraska and Creighton University — are operating at capacity, McFarland said. Generally, the only counties in the state that aren't short on dentists are the ones that include sizeable cities and towns.

# Wind Power Has No Place To Go

BY TREVOR GRAFF  
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WASHINGTON — The windswept prairies of the Midwest are undergoing an energy transformation the electric grid can't handle. Wind turbines tower over rural vistas in the heartland, where the clean energy source is becoming increasingly popular with utility companies that face state-mandated renewable energy standards. Unfortunately, the nation's aging power grid is hampering those efforts. At the end of last year, installed wind-generation capacity totaled 60 gigawatts nationwide — 5 percent of the nation's production capacity — according to data from the U.S. Energy Department's National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Another 135 gigawatts of potential wind production awaits development and connection to the grid, according to industry data. "There hasn't been a lot of investment in the grid for the last two decades," said Michael Goggin, a senior analyst at the American Wind Energy Association, the industry's main trade group. "We just don't have a strong grid that's built out in the parts of the country where there are a lot of wind resources."

### Wind power capacity by state



president at Duke Energy, wouldn't comment on the level of congestion, but he said the bottleneck was noticeable. "Because it's new and because there's variability in wind versus a traditional gas-fired unit, there's been a learning curve here," Wolf said. "Not to mention the fact that we've added a large number of new megawatts at a quick pace." Wolf said deficiencies in the grid and differing state policies on the placement of transmission lines were prime causes of congestion. The Southwest Power Pool, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regional transmission operator in the area, said it experienced four to five transmission curtailments — periods of high congestion that shut down wind units — per week. Over the past eight months, those curtailments have affected up to seven sites. "They've connected to the system in our region ahead of planned transmission upgrades," said Southwest Power Pool's director of system operations, Don Shipley. "Some of the wind farms have seen fairly significant impacts of up to 50 percent of their projected production." In other words, a lot of the power those farms were expecting to generate isn't making it to the market. Shipley said the electric market and the wind farms were losing money because of

the curtailments, as the pool is unable to sell power that the grid is incapable of transmitting. A report last year from Synapse Energy Economics, a Cambridge, Mass., consulting firm that specializes in energy and environmental issues, highlighted 17 grid-expansion projects that it said were needed within the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, which oversees the upper Midwest's power grid; that would help address congestion and grid reliability and also satisfy state clean-energy mandates. The projects could increase wind energy production by an additional 41 million megawatt hours, enough to power about 3.5 million homes annually. Opponents of wind energy say that even a nominal increase in transmission costs will mean higher utility prices for consumers. The industry counters that

any rate increase would be small. "It's not a considerable impact," said Natalie Hocken, an official at PacifiCorp, a power company in the Northwest. "A large transmission investment will have some impact on our rates just like any other capital investment would." In the Synapse study, models show that the average one-megawatt-hour-per-month consumer in the upper Midwest might save as much as \$17.50 per year with 20 gigawatts of wind production on the grid by 2020. According to the Synapse study, "Since wind energy 'fuel' is free, once built, wind power plants displace fossil-fuel generation and lower the price of supply — thus lowering the energy market clearing price." Along with infrastructure, the policy on building transmission lines to service new markets has fallen behind. Utilities and policy makers often blame transmission policy for delaying grid expansion. For PacifiCorp, permitting takes at least three years at the federal level alone. Including the permitting process, constructing transmission projects can take up to eight years. As with the grid, the policies were developed when utilities owned the generation and transmission infrastructure required to deliver electricity. "We've transitioned to a kind of market structure with competitive markets for electricity, and the same company doesn't own both the transmission and generation," said Goggin, of the American Wind Energy Association. "The policies that were able to build transmission under the old system don't work under the market system."

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