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Lewis And Clark Lake

More Mussels Found

Zebra Mussels Discovered In L&C Lake; Boats To Be Inspected

From P&D Staff Reports

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks officials confirmed Thursday that more zebra mussels have been discovered in Lewis and Clark Lake.

The mussels were of multiple sizes, indicating that zebra mussels are reproducing in Lewis and Clark Lake.

Back in November, a single adult mussel was found by the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks

(GFP) staff on a dock removed from the lake. That discovery, along with the discovery of larval quagga mussels at Angostura Reservoir in western South Dakota, prompted GFP officials to put new rules in place prompting boaters to remove all drain plugs from watercraft prior to leaving boat ramp areas. While officials believe that most boaters are complying with the law, the now confirmed presence of these invasive mussels makes compliance even more critical.

"Boaters will see an increase of GFP staff at

all Lewis and Clark Lake boat ramps," said GFP assistant director of the Division of Wildlife, Arden Petersen. "We want to make sure people are aware of the regulations and the importance of draining all water from their livewells, baitwells and hulls."

Zebra mussels are a small, invasive mollusk (clam) that originated in Eastern Europe and first

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El Nino To Remain Strong Into Next Spring

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF

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Thanks to the El Nino weather system, look for cooler, wetter conditions than normal this winter.

That's the word from both South Dakota and Illinois meteorologists.

El Nino will continue to play a significant role in North America's climate for the next several months, according to the latest temperature and precipitation outlooks, released Thursday by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

"The current El Nino is forecast to increase in intensity through the winter season," said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist, in a news release.

"As a result, this fall we will continue to see the impacts of the warm tropical Pacific Ocean on our climate in the U.S.," she said.

With a strong El Nino, expect warmer conditions in the coming months, Edwards said.

"NOAA's Climate Prediction Center's outlook for September and the season ahead indicate a typical El Nino pattern, with warmer than average conditions expected in the west and southeast," she said.

For South Dakota, Edwards said that this should mean near average temperatures throughout the month of September.

"An area south of South Dakota - expanding from the Four Corners to the Great Lakes - is forecast to be cooler than average in September. This region just touches southern South Dakota in the updated maps."

Due to the projected El Nino, a large area of the nation is leaning

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Pooch Pool Party



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Suzanne Leonard of Yankton takes Waffles, her Pekingese dog, for its first-ever swim during the annual Pooch Plunge, held at the Memorial Park Swimming Pool in Yankton Thursday night. Several hounds got their first taste of swimming during the event, sponsored by Heartland Humane Society, Homeward Bound Rescue and the City of Yankton Parks and Recreation Department.

Legislators Want Gender Based On Birth Certificate

BY BOB MERCER

State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE - The battle over setting people's gender in South Dakota probably will carry into the 2016 legislative session.

The Legislature's interim committee dealing with the issue Thursday requested a draft of a potential state law.

The proposal from Rep. Roger Hunt, R-Brandon, would rely on official birth certificates and

visual inspections for determining gender rather than people deciding their own.

He said gender is determined at conception and the transgender debate is riding the gay marriage wave.

"This is South Dakota. We haven't adopted the East Coast culture. We haven't adopted the West Coast culture. We maintain our own culture," Hunt said.

The committee vote was 6-5. The panel spent several hours

considering again the policy set last year by the South Dakota High School Activities Association board of directors.

The policy allows transgender students to participate in athletics as members of the opposite sex.

The association's board is reworking pieces of the policy after legislators repeatedly at-

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River City



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Former Crofton City Clerk Admits Actions

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF

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CROFTON, Neb. - The former city clerk has admitted she misappropriated municipal funds while working for city government.

Nancy Foxhoven, the former city clerk, issued a statement through Norfolk attorney Ron Temple. Her statement on the misappropriations appeared in the *Crofton Journal* weekly newspaper.

Foxhoven had served as city clerk for 26 years. However, irregularities surfaced earlier this year in the reporting of city financial operations. City Attorney Dan Hendrix and Interim City Manager Charlie Gail Hendrix met with Foxhoven about the irregularities, and she retired from office after the conversation.

Crofton city officials will hold closed interviews today (Friday) with candidates for Foxhoven's permanent replacement as city clerk, according to the *Crofton Journal*.

Meanwhile, Foxhoven has remained in negotiations with the city through her lawyer. Interim City Manager Hendrix has been appointed to negotiate on the city's behalf.

The following is Foxhoven's statement which appeared in the *Journal*:

"I take this opportunity to write to the citizens of the city of Crofton, Nebraska.

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Quilt Blocks Make Comeback At RBD 2015

BY REILLY BIEL

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The blocks are back!

After successfully participating in last year's Riverboat Days, the Yankton Dakota Prairie Quilt Guild is having a second Barn Quilt Block Tour starting today (Friday), going from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. It will run these same hours through Saturday and Sunday.

The self-guided Quilt Block Tour can help to

bring new members to the local Quilt Guild, which meets the fourth Monday of every month at the Yankton Community Library at 7 p.m.

"Quilting is an art form," said Sharon Heisinger, president of the local quilt guild. "It's also a history lesson about us and women."

For the tour, quilt blocks are displayed in

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COURTESY PHOTO

This Barn Quilt Block hangs on Sharon Heisinger's, president of the local quilt guild, garage. The block is called a Harvest Star.

Drowning Victim ID'd As USD Student, Dante Native

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VERMILLION - Authorities have confirmed the body found in the Missouri River near Elk Point is the 19-year-old swimmer missing since last Sunday.

The victim was identified Thursday as Brant Joseph Blaha of Dante. He would have been a sophomore at the University of South Dakota. He was a member of the Honors Program, majoring in history education and minoring in archaeology.



Blaha

Blaha's body was found around 3 p.m. Wednesday after an intense four-day search effort by crews from South Dakota and Nebraska. The body was found about 2 1/2 miles south of where Blaha was last seen.

Blaha's death has hit hard the USD community, which is

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