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Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Chief Engineer recommends APPROVAL of Application No. 7454-3 because 1) unappropriated water is available, 2) existing rights will not be unlawfully impaired, 3) it is a beneficial use of water, and 4) it is in the public interest. In accordance with SDCL 46-2A-23, the Chief Engineer will act on this application, as recommended, unless a petition is filed opposing the application or the applicant files a petition contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendation. If a petition opposing the application or contesting the recommendation is filed, then a hearing will be scheduled and the Water Management Board will consider this application. Notice of the hearing will be given to the applicant and any person filing a petition.

Any person interested in opposing or supporting this application or recommendation must file a written petition with BOTH the applicant and Chief Engineer. The applicant must file a petition if contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendation. The Chief Engineer's address is "Water Rights Program, Foss Building, 523 E Capitol, Pierre SD 57501 (605 773-3352)" and the applicant's mailing address is given above. A petition filed by either an interested person or the applicant must be filed by December 31, 2012.

The petition may be informal, but must include a statement describing the petitioner's interest in the application, the petitioner's reasons for opposing or supporting the application, and the signature and mailing address of the petitioner or the petitioner's legal counsel, if legal counsel is obtained. Contact Eric Gronlund at the above Water Rights Program address to request copies of information pertaining to this application. Steven M. Pirner, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Published once at the total approximate cost of \$27.80.

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Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Chief Engineer recommends APPROVAL of Application No. 7460-3 because 1) unappropriated water is available, 2) existing rights will not be unlawfully impaired, 3) it is a beneficial use of water, and 4) it is in the public interest. In accordance with SDCL 46-2A-23, the Chief Engineer will act on this application, as recommended, unless a petition is filed opposing the application or the applicant files a petition contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendation. If a petition opposing the application or contesting the recommendation is filed, then a hearing will be scheduled and the Water Management Board will consider this application. Notice of the hearing will be given to the applicant and any person filing a petition.

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Stories

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leaving both results."

The U.S.-focused slant of the top stories this year contrasted with last year's voting, when the killing of Osama bin Laden in Pakistan was No. 1, followed by Japan's earthquake/tsunami disaster, and the Arab Spring uprisings that rocked North Africa and the Middle East.

Here are 2012's top 10 stories, in order:

1. MASS SHOOTINGS: Armed with a high-powered rifle, 20-year-old Adam Lanza forced his way into Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., and shot dead 20 children — all ages 6 and 7 — and six staff members in the second-worst school massacre in U.S. history. Sadly, it was only one of several mass shootings, including the killing of 12 people at a movie theater in Aurora, Colo. After the Newtown tragedy, President Barack Obama and many others, including some staunch gun-rights supporters, said it was time to find ways to rein in gun violence.

2. US ELECTION: Mitt Romney out-campaigned an eclectic field of Republican rivals, and bested Obama in their opening head-to-head debate. But on Election Day, thanks in part to a vigorous get-out-the-vote operation, Obama won a second term with a large lead in electoral votes and a solid advantage in popular votes. The GOP hung on to its majority in the House, but lost two seats to remain a minority in the Senate despite early-campaign projections of gains there.

3. SUPERSTORM: As a prelude, the storm named Sandy killed more than 70 people in the Caribbean. Then its high winds and high waters slammed into more than 800 miles of the eastern U.S. seaboard, killing at least 125 more people, and causing damage calculated at well over \$60 billion — the second-costliest storm in U.S. history after 2005's Hurricane Katrina. New York and New Jersey were the worst hit, with several hundred thousand homes and businesses damaged or destroyed.

4. OBAMACARE: By a 5-4 margin, the Supreme Court upheld the core elements of Obama's much-debated health

Census: N.D. Is Fastest-Growing State

BY JAMES MACPHERSON
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — North Dakota is the leading nation in population growth and the number of residents in the state is at all-time high, according to figures released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The bureau's most recent estimate put the state population at 699,628 in July, up from 684,740 in July 2011. Census data show North Dakota's total population jumped 2.17 percent over the past year and the state's growth percentage is nearly three times faster than the national average.

Gov. Jack Dalrymple said he welcomed the growth in North Dakota, which had recorded decades of population decline. North Dakota's strong economy led by its booming oil patch in the western part of the state has attracted thousands of new residents in the past few years.

"It's good to see that our economic growth continues to keep North Dakotans home and that we are attracting new residents throughout the state who come for good jobs, a strong economy and our excellent quality of life," Dalrymple said in a statement.

The state's population has increased by almost 67,000 residents

from a decade low of 632,809 reported in 2003.

North Dakota has gone from the nation's ninth-biggest oil producer in 2006 to the second this year, behind only Texas. The state has some 22,000 more jobs than takers and the lowest unemployment rate in the nation, at 2.4 percent, Job Service North Dakota data show.

"We're growing because of the economy and jobs," said Rod Backman, chairman of the North Dakota Census Committee, a group consisting of representatives from several state agencies. "Obviously oil is a big part of it but it's not the only part. There is job growth in a lot of sec-

tors, and not just in the west."

North Dakota's population had peaked at 680,845 in 1930, and was surpassed only last year. The state still ranks 48th in total population, ahead of only Vermont and Wyoming, data show. Alaska, which has a population of 731,449, surpassed North Dakota in the past decade.

Backman said the most recent census estimate for North Dakota is low because many of the oil workers living in crew camps are likely uncounted and census data from the state tax records used in calculating population lags at least a year.

Drought

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epicenter for the drought in the region but also the country," he said. "Some neighbor states are not too far behind as far as drought intensity."

This year's drought has produced figures unseen since the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, Fuchs said. At the same time, four states have recorded their warmest temperatures of all time, fueling the dry conditions, he said.

The Missouri River is feeling the drought effects, as seen in the runoff forecast above Sioux

City, he said. Based on the Dec. 1 figures, officials expect the annual runoff for this year will stand at 19.7 million acre-feet (maf) compared to the annual average of 24.8 maf — a 20 percent drop.

"We have near record (low) flows on the Missouri River," he said. "This will continue to cause problems not only for shipping but water supply issues as well."

Agriculture will continue to feel the brunt of drought conditions through the winter, Fuchs said.

"Just because the end of the growing season has passed and we're into winter doesn't mean the impacts are going away," he said.

With the warmer fall temperatures, the soil remained open to receive moisture later than normal, he said. However, the region didn't receive much precipitation — well below one inch of moisture in many areas — during the last 90 days to take advantage of the situation.

"Even though the soils stayed unfrozen during this time frame, there was very little, if any, recharge," he said. "Some recharge is taking place in the shallower depths, the topsoil. ... The deeper depths of the soil did not see this replenishment taking place. Most of this (recharge) took place in the first foot of the soil."

Thursday's snowfall, the first significant storm of the season across parts of the Midwest, marked a noteworthy event, Fuchs said.

"In parts of Nebraska, this was the first snow in 308 days," he said. "The past year has been mild, dry and snow free."

The Great Plains snow could start mov-

ing things in the right direction, particularly when it comes to replenishing rivers and streams, Fuchs said.

"We're early in the snow season," he said. "It's off to a slow start, but the patterns are starting to be more favorable for accumulation in the Rocky Mountains and the Missouri River Basin headwaters in Montana."

Some major weather patterns are developing in the short-term forecast, Fuchs said.

"On the West Coast, the next storm system is starting and is moving ahead," he said. "There are some heavy precipitation amounts associated with this as it continues moving ahead from Oregon and northern California."

However, the January-March forecast calls for below-normal precipitation, he said.

At the same time, a cold front is starting to work its way out of Canada and into the United States, Fuchs said.

"The 8- to 14-day forecast shows a better-than-normal chance for below-normal temperatures, especially in the northern Rockies and especially with the snowpack that we have received during the last week or so," he said.

Those below-normal readings should continue throughout the winter, Fuchs said.

"For the season, January through March, it looks like the lack of an El Nino signal," he said. "We will see some cooler-than-normal temperatures over the northern reaches of Montana and the Dakotas."

Snowpack will also play an important role in holding down temperatures, Fuchs said.

"When you look at the seasonal temperatures this time of year, we aren't talking a warm-up by any means," he said.

The Great Plains would welcome any significant moisture in the coming months, Fuchs said.

"This winter, we don't expect to receive a lot of precipitation, but anything we receive would be helpful moving forward," he said.

However, it will take much more than an average season to overcome current precipitation shortfalls as much as 20 inches below normal, he said.

"This amount of moisture deficit won't be made up in a hurry," he said.

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Gifts

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side fundraising, but we do get donations from people in the community. The Y Club has graciously donated to us this year to help us buy hams and turkeys and milk for the families, and the National Honor Society has given us money to help us fill in the blanks."

Faith Jessocat, Olivia Jessocat, Kourtney Erickson, Eileen Mullican and McKayla Thieman also made three quilts for families this year.

For Ekroth, the best part about being involved with the organizations is seeing the kids who go above and beyond to help their families.

"We have really cool kids in Yankton," she said. "It makes me so sad when people out in the community only hear about the bad things and kids who are making poor choices, when most of our kids are amazing kids. To see that they do this, and sacrifice their own money, time and talent to do this, is pretty amazing."

Ekroth and Tasa both said they choose to keep the organization going because students ask to keep participating.

"When we started this, the kids and I decided we weren't doing this for other people to notice, we do it because we want to," Ekroth said. "I've watched kids who didn't have any money, but still felt it was important to give, and asked to help. They wrap presents,

they go shopping with me to help me pick stuff out — that's what's cool."

Senior Theresa Barnes has been involved with Gift Givers since she was a freshman, and said helping families is something she looks forward to every holiday season.

"It's been really nice to be a part of this all four years of high school," she said. "It's really easy to help people in the community through the school without having to figure out a different way."

"When I started, I wanted to get involved with the community more than I was previously. I wanted to be able to hang out with everyone in the different grades in a way that brings everyone together."

Barnes said she enjoys coming back from Thanksgiving break and working on the projects right away in order to get everything ready for the families before the semester ends.

Senior members of Gift Givers will help deliver the baskets to the elementary schools if they have open campus, but don't get to see the families they are helping.

"It is so cool to see the principals' faces, and they're not even the ones getting the gifts," Tasa said. "If you come in and you see six boxes of stuff, it's pretty overwhelming. That's one thing I wish the kids could see — then end result. But that's part of Gift Givers."

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