

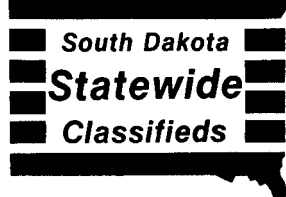
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## SD Veteran Donates Military Blankets

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A U.S. Air Force veteran in eastern South Dakota is recognizing his peers with homemade blankets sewn from donated military uniforms.

Retired Master Sgt. A.E. Casey Hermanson donates the blankets to veterans through his Still Serving Blanket Project, the Argus Leader reported. The project's staff includes Hermanson, his daughter and his son-in-law. But his wife, Paula, said Hermanson is the real genius behind the operation.

Although he realizes it doesn't sound very "manly" when he tells people he's "going to his man cave to do some sewing," Hermanson forged his relationship with a needle and thread a long time ago.

"When I was in the service, I put on all of my own stripes," he said.

Now he spends most of his retired life piecing together bits of old uniforms to create a special blanket for other former members of the armed forces. Some of the donated uniforms he uses date back as far as World War II, Hermanson said.

"I had this idea even before I retired from the serv-

# Nebraska Officials Look To Expand Broadband

BY GRANT SCHULTE  
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska state officials have released a plan that aims to have faster Internet service available to more households by 2020.

The goals in the "Broadband in Nebraska" report include having broadband service of at least 25 megabytes per second available to 90 percent of homes, and having 90 percent of Nebraska households subscribe to broadband service.

Rural areas are more expensive for carriers because the service has to cover greater distances and even then reaches relatively few paying customers.

The infrastructure for high-speed Internet is costly in rural areas, but could be achieved by stringing fiber-optic cables along the same power poles maintained by Nebraska's public power districts, said Sen. Paul Schu-

macher of Columbus.

"In rural areas, we're a long way away unless you're willing to pour a lot more money into it or let the public power companies do it," said Schumacher, a co-founder of Community Internet Systems, one of the state's first Internet companies.

The report by the Nebraska Information Technology Commission calls for on the state to use the state's universal service fund to create new infrastructure, and to partner with libraries and colleges to help teach Internet skills to those who aren't frequent users. Money from the fund comes from a state fee tacked onto consumers' telephone bills.

A survey of Nebraskans earlier this year found that 90 percent of Lincoln homes and 87 percent of Omaha households have broadband access, but the percentage in other regions ranged from 72 percent to 77 percent.

A University of Nebraska

Lincoln economist told lawmakers last year that his research has shown a correlation between broadband service in small towns and business activity. The research found that smaller towns with broadband services also tended to have more 18- to 34-year-olds and residents with college degrees.

Medical experts also note that broadband has helped reduce health care costs in Nebraska and made it easier to monitor a patient's recovery in a remote area through video conferencing.

Lt. Gov. John Nelson, chairman of the information technology commission, said Nebraska needs to encourage more youth to pursue careers in information technology.

"Broadband has been a notable factor in Nebraska's economic growth," Nelson said.

## Immigrant Students Helping Others In Their Shoes

BY ERIN GRACE  
Omaha World-Herald

OMAHA, Neb. — Inside the tiny Benson apartment, in a kitchen filled with boxes of donations, stood two teenagers washing dishes.

Side by side, the pair of immigrants — a girl from Mexico, a boy from Thailand — worked through the piles of plates, mugs, glasses and silverware. They washed, they dried and they put them into once-empty cabinets while their friends in a unique high school club ran the vacuum, filled the fridge with fresh cabbage and made signs that said "Welcome."

The Omaha Northwest Thrive Club was preparing Apartment 11 for a refugee family due in that night, the *Omaha World-Herald* reported.

The setup work was just part of a larger commitment the students, nearly all of them foreign-born, are making to the newcomers. And it is a measure of how far the students have come since their own arrivals to America.

The Northwest students know all too well the challenges ahead: adjusting to a sometimes-frigid climate, a new language and even creature comforts like a bed.

"I wasn't used to a mattress at all," recalled 19-year-old Hei Blut Htoo, an Omaha Northwest senior, about his first night in America seven years ago. "I slept on the floor. The carpet was warm and soft."

Hei Blut Htoo is president of his school's Thrive Club, an after-school group at five Omaha public high

schools. The club is aimed at migrant students who are either new to Omaha or who work or have parents working in an agricultural field such as meatpacking. Generally such students are from other countries, many of them refugees who had come from meager conditions without a lot of modern conveniences or consistent schooling.

Once they get to America, the learning curve is steep. Many refugee students, insecure about their broken English, tend to clam up in the classroom and not get involved in activities where they could make friends and build stronger school connections.

That's where Thrive comes in. The club meets weekly and uses a leadership curriculum that teaches students about character traits and service and encourages them to branch out beyond their ethnic groups. The four-year-old club also encourages students to do more than merely survive — they are pushed to thrive. A number of former club members are now in college.

Club participation requires a service project, and past projects have involved generic acts of kindness, like picking up litter. This year, the Northwest Thrive Club wanted to do something more personal.

So the club teamed up with Lutheran Family Services, a refugee resettlement agency, and spent a few days helping transform bleak, empty Apartment 11 into a warm, welcoming home — with help from an Omaha firefighter who had collected furniture, hauled it

in and set it up.

Some students went grocery shopping, choosing the fresh, familiar fruits and vegetables that the incoming family from a Thai refugee camp would appreciate. Some went to Family Dollar to buy new towels and a shower curtain.

Others, like Hei Blut Htoo and Fernanda Compean, unpacked boxes. Each had a unique immigrant story.

Hei Blut Htoo's parents, members of a persecuted ethnic minority in Burma called the Karen, had fled to Thailand. Hei Blut Htoo was born in a Thai refugee camp. He lived in a bamboo hut with no electricity, though he could go to a common area to watch American movies. Schooling was spotty. Fire was a constant risk: The refugee camp where he was born burned down, and his family had to go to a different camp.

When his family landed in Houston, a sponsor drove them to an apartment. What Hei Blut Htoo remembers is how hungry he was. After two days of travel, he hadn't had any rice and he really, really, really wanted rice. Instead, waiting for him in America was a strange meal: a box of Walmart chicken.

It took a week for a case-worker to show up. No one got the boy, then 11, enrolled in school for several months. It was hard for his father to find work at first. They moved several times: to a remote Texas town called Cactus, to Amarillo and finally to Omaha last year. His father, a meat-packer, recently had a stroke.

## Tea

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thing," she said. "It was very helpful and entertaining. I definitely would attend again."

Schneider said her favorite part about the tea party was the "Layers of Victorian Dresses" presentation that Crystal Nelson of the Dakota Territorial Museum presented.

"I couldn't believe how many layers they wore, and that they only had two or

three dresses that they would have to wear over and over," Schneider said.

The presentation at the tea was a small teaser of a large program that Nelson will do at noon Friday, Dec. 5, at the Dakota Territorial Museum.

"I will have a mannequin and put on all the different layers and explain all the transitions then," she said.

Schneider said she also enjoyed the variety of foods — such as truffles and finger sandwiches and three teas — that the ladies where served on Victorian china. "Everything was delicious," Schneider said. "The

## Hunters Register For Depredation Hunts

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota wildlife officials are encouraging residents to sign up to participate in potential winter depredation hunts.

Officials with the Game, Fish and Parks Department say these hunts allow individuals to help manage wildlife during winter months. Registration opens Monday for potential deer, antelope and turkey hunts.

Residents who register for the program are put into a random drawing to determine eligibility once a depredation hunt is authorized. Hunters can register to participate in up to 10 counties.

Keith Fisk is the state's wildlife damage program administrator. He says depredation hunts are used in some instances to alleviate wildlife damage to landowners' stored-feed supplies.

Fisk adds that the hunts depend largely upon the severity of the winter, snowfall accumulations and the number of animals involved.

## SD Dino Tooth On Display At Smithsonian

RAPID CITY (AP) — A cast of a Tyrannosaurus rex tooth belonging to the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology is now on display at a museum in Washington, D.C.

The Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History is displaying the dinosaur's tooth as part of the exhibition "The Last American Dinosaurs: Discovering A Lost World."

Michelle Pinsdorf is a technician with the museum and a Mines alumna. She says the tooth is unusual in that it is complete from root to tip. Pinsdorf adds that most T. rex teeth in fossil collections are either still in the sockets of the skull or jaw or they broke and fell out of the dinosaur's mouth.

The fossil was found in the Hell Creek Formation in 1981.

The exhibition runs through 2018.

## SD Man Charged In Sex Abuse Case

ABERDEEN (AP) — A South Dakota man accused of having sex with an underage girl on multiple occasions has been sentenced to 30 months in prison.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says 26-year-old Corey Flying Bye has also been ordered to register as a sex offender. Flying Bye earlier pleaded guilty to sexual abuse of a minor.

Authorities say the incidents occurred between December 2013 and January 2014. Prosecutors say Flying Bye engaged in a sexual act with the girl after meeting her at a party. They add that the Little Eagle man then met with the victim two more times and engaged in a sexual act with her on both occasions.

Flying Bird has been turned over to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

## Spearfish Teacher Receives Award

SPEARFISH (AP) — A retired South Dakota teacher has received a distinguished service award after 40 years of teaching music.

The *Black Hills Pioneer* reports Sharon Gugel of Spearfish received the 2014 Distinguished Service to Music Award from the South Dakota Music Education Association. Gugel taught high school and junior high music and was involved in musicals, madrigals and variety shows. She also instructed at Black Hills State College and retired as a choir director in 2004.

Gugel says her mother and four older sisters were all teachers. She received her master's degree in education with an emphasis in music and art from Northern State College.

Eric Nies graduated from Spearfish High School in 1998. He says Gugel's love of music was "very infectious" and she was an "excellent" teacher.

## Three Hospitalized In Omaha Shooting

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Three men have been hospitalized following a shooting at a nightclub in west Omaha.

The Omaha Police Department says officers responded to a report of a shooting early Saturday at Rehab Lounge.

Two men were found outside the nightclub with gunshot wounds. They were transported in critical condition to CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center. A third man was taken by private car to another hospital, but was eventually taken to CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center.

It's unclear how the third man was injured. Authorities have also not released additional information about the men's conditions.

The shooting remains under investigation.

## Record-Setting SD Pilot Plans Flight

ABERDEEN, (AP) — A South Dakota teen who was the youngest person to fly solo around the world is celebrating his birthday with a short airplane flight.

The *Aberdeen American News* reports that Matthew Guthmiller turned 20 years old on Saturday.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology engineering student says he plans to make a quick flight from Boston to perhaps New York on Saturday. He'll take the same airplane that he circumnavigated the globe.

Guthmiller completed the more than 29,000-mile journey in a single-engine airplane on July 14 when he touched down in California. Guthmiller made about two dozen stops in 14 countries during the journey that began May 31.

strawberry blush tea was the best."

Board member Susan Lauck said she considers the event an overall success and would love to have another Victorian-style tea party in the spring.

"The gazebo outside the house is where I would like to do it again," she said.

The next event held at Cramer-Kenyon will be the Christmas Open House. Scheduled dates for open house are Friday, Dec. 12, from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13-14, from 1-4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

"People are able to just

walk around this gorgeous house," board member Ruby Goeden said. "We get people from all over at the open house. We invite everyone to come see."

For more information about upcoming Cramer-Kenyon Heritage Home events, go to cramer-kenyon.webs.com.

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smallest of the Missouri River reservoirs that we have," Lott said. "Because it is small, the water stays in it the shortest amount of time. Because of this, there is a very good chance that whatever is in Lewis and Clark has the potential to move downstream as well. So we would not just be talking about the reservoir itself; there would be the potential that the species would invade below and down the Missouri River in South Dakota to have impacts as well."

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## Mussel

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tocks and boat motors. The invasive species can cause environmental and economic damage.

According to The Associated Press, Nebraska and South Dakota officials say they will be discussing what actions to take following the discovery of an invasive zebra mussel.

Lott said that he expects to have a plan ready by spring on how the states will address the occurrence.

"We will certainly be coordinating with the Corps of Engineers and the Nebraska

Game and Parks Commission and any local entities," he said. "The big thing to start with would be to improve the monitoring that we have between the various agencies and then work with those agencies on a plan of action. We need to really assess this and what all the potential impacts may be. We then need to design a monitoring and management plan around that. I assume that there will be other changes in the states' approach in aquatic invasive species management for next year."

Lott said that, in the meantime, intensified water samples will be taken from Lewis and Clark Lake. "We will also be checking boat hauls as they go in and out of the lake," he said.

"Boats at the marina are those who would be most susceptible for the attachment of zebra mussels because they would be in the water in stationary for a long period of time."

Historically, zebra mussels have impacted municipal and irrigation water intake.

"These mussels are able to attach onto a hard service and potentially damage boats and reduce water draw," Lott said.

The mussels feast on large amounts of plankton, which could affect the diets of native fresh water.

Perhaps the most troubling scenario is that the mussels could find ways to move down stream.

"(Lewis and Clark) is the