

## SDSU Engineering Group Headed To Bolivia

BROOKINGS (AP) — A group of engineering students at South Dakota State University is traveling to Bolivia next month as part of a five-year commitment to improve drinking water safety and sanitation in one village.

SDSU's student chapter of Engineers Without Borders will be heading to a university in Carmen Pampa, Bolivia, during the school's spring break next month to gather information about the local water system in order to construct and install treatment units for disinfection.

Several students from the group are planning a third trip this summer to install the chlorination units. They currently are in the process of trying to raise the \$25,000 necessary to cover travel and construction costs.

Professor Bruce Berdanier says the project provides SDSU with a chance to develop international learning opportunities.

## Dept. Of Tribal Relations Plans Capitol Event

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard plans to give opening remarks during State Tribal Relations Day at the Capitol building in Pierre.

The annual event of the South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations on Feb. 28 will honor tribal governments and members and will include discussion on economic development.

A listening session at the Visitor Center from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. will be followed by a ceremony from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. that includes a performance by Sisseton Wahpeton singers and dancers in the round.

Lunch will be served at 1 p.m.

Tribal leaders will have an opportunity to exchange ideas and strengthen intergovernmental relations.

## York Voters To Decide Keno Question In May

YORK, Neb. (AP) — York voters will decide in May whether to let keno be played in their southeast Nebraska city.

The York News-Times reports the council decided last week to put the issue on the primary ballot.

Owners of the Offides Tavern had raised the question with the council, with the backing of Big Red Keno.

No opposition to the proposal surfaced at the council hearing.

## Man Charged With Murder In Omaha Shooting

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Omaha police say a man faces additional charges, including first-degree murder, in an early-morning shooting in downtown Omaha that left one man dead and another injured.

Tillman Henderson is suspected in Saturday's shooting that killed 34-year-old Mathew Voss, of Omaha. Another man, 38-year-old Antonio Washington, of Omaha, was wounded.

Henderson was originally arrested on weapon charges on Saturday. Police say he was re-booked on Monday for first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder, two counts of use of a weapon to commit a felony and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Henderson's case is not listed on the online court system, and it's not known if he has an attorney.

## Man Waives Hearing In Child Sexual Assault

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) — A Grand Island man accused of sexually assaulting a child has waived his preliminary hearing in Hall County Court.

Twenty-six-year-old Abraham Richardson faces charges of first-degree sexual assault of a child, kidnapping and first-degree assault.

KHAS-TV in Hastings says Richardson waived his right to a preliminary hearing last Friday. His case was bound over to district court, where he faces an arraignment on March 13.

Hall is suspected of abducting a 4-year-old girl from a Grand Island apartment and sexually assaulting her in October. Authorities say someone walking by interrupted the assault, and the suspect fled through a cornfield.

Richardson was in custody on separate federal child pornography charges when he was charged in the Grand Island case in January.

## Fremont Mayor's Race Grows To 5 Candidates

FREMONT, Neb. (AP) — The number of people who want to be mayor of Fremont is growing.

The Fremont Tribune reports Monday that five candidates are now on the ballot, and there's still time to join the race. The deadline to file is March 1.

LaVern Kucera and Aaron Paden filed their paperwork at the Dodge County Clerk's office last Friday. They add to a ballot that already includes incumbent Scott Getzschman and challengers Vern Gibson and Craig Corn.

The field will be narrowed during the May 15 primary election with the top two vote getters heading to the general election in November.

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# Part Of Immigration Law Nixed

BY JOSH FUNK  
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OMAHA, Neb. — A federal judge on Monday rejected a portion of a Nebraska city's ordinance that would have denied housing permits to illegal immigrants but upheld a requirement that employers verify the citizenship status of people they hire.

U.S. District Judge Laurie Smith Camp found some of the housing provisions in Fremont's ordinance, approved by voters in 2010, are discriminatory in violation of federal law.

Both sides in the contentious immigration debate claimed victory after the ruling, which stemmed from a combined lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

## Efforts Started To Photograph And Preserve Old Barns

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Thousands of precariously leaning, rotting barns with peeling paint and missing boards dot America's rural landscape.

The aging relics hold a certain romance for many, and interest is growing in numerous states in saving or at least documenting the rickety barns before they become victims of age and urban sprawl, the cost of maintenance too high when they no longer have a practical purpose.

Barn surveys have been started in states including Colorado, Connecticut, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Vermont and Washington. With photographs and basic information about the architecture, historical character, use and condition of the barns, the surveys will give preservationists a glimpse of rural American and hints about how to save its bucolic landscape.

"There is a feeling that losing those kinds of structures means we are losing a connection to a really important part of our country's heritage," said James Lindberg, a field director for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "You would be hard pressed to find a more iconic symbol of rural America."

A 2007 U.S. Department of Agriculture census asked for the first time about barns built before 1960 and found there were more than 664,000 of them. Texas has the most, with more than 51,000, followed by Missouri with about 36,000 and Wisconsin with about 35,000.

In Missouri, awareness of the number spurred the formation last year of the Missouri Barn Alliance and Rural Network, which raises money to survey and find new uses

for aging barns. It also created a fund that farmers can borrow from to make repairs and a Facebook page with photographs of old barns grouped by county.

"We figured if we've got a lot, we've got a lot to lose," said Bill Hart, the field representative for the Columbia-based Missouri Preservation, a statewide nonprofit that was instrumental in the formation of the barn group. He added that the band of preservationists "pushed the panic button."

And maybe for good reason. From the outside, many of the barns make for pretty pictures. On the inside, they're often dilapidated and potentially dangerous messes.

Hart, who has fond childhood memories of catching feral cats in his cousins' barn in Ste. Genevieve County in far eastern Missouri, now spends part of his time photographing old barns. Several of the hundreds he has captured over the past three years have since succumbed to neglect.

It's hard to say how quickly the others are crumbling. But the next agriculture census begins later this year, and the results might give barn advocates some clues.

"It will give us a picture of what the change is and the rate of change is," Lindberg said. "It may be encouraging, and if it's discouraging, it may cause us to think a little harder about how we can save them."

Only a handful of Missouri farms have been documented thoroughly enough to allow them to be added to the State Historic Preservation Office database of rural farmsteads. Preservationists want to see more farmsteads added to the list and have offered to meet one-on-one with farmers to help them document what remains.

Fremont's attorney Kris Kobach, who is also Kansas' secretary of state, said 75 percent of the ordinance was upheld, including a requirement that Fremont employers use the federal E-Verify database to ensure employees are legal.

The judge also determined the city can still require anyone seeking to rent property to apply for a \$5 city permit and swear they are in the country legally. Kobach said the ruling simply prevents the city from revoking those permits, even if applicants are found to be illegal immigrants.

"This vindicates the city's position,"

Kobach said.

But attorney Shirley Mora James, who worked with MALDEF on the case, called the ruling a clear victory for the plaintiffs because the housing penalties were struck down.

"The court has gutted the ordinance, in my view. I do not see this as a victory for Fremont," Mora James said.

Fremont City Attorney Paul Payne said no decisions would be made on when to implement the upheld portions of the law until a city council meeting next week. The law had been on hold while the lawsuits were decided.

Once the ordinance goes into effect, employers in the city of 25,000 will have 60 days to get ready to use the federal E-verify database, so Kobach said that part of the ordinance likely wouldn't take effect until May. He said the other portions could be enacted next month.

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld an Arizona law that required businesses to use E-Verify or face losing their business licenses.

## Rapid City Schools Are Revamping Technology Policy

RAPID CITY (AP) — Officials at Rapid City Area Schools are reconsidering a change to the technology policy that would have made it tougher for district staff to contact students through social media, email and text messages.

The policy would prohibit staff from "friending" students on social networking sites like Facebook unless they are a relative. It also would have required teachers and coaches who communicate via text or email to send only group messages or copy their supervisor when a single message is necessary. The proposed policy change was presented to the Board of Education on Feb. 2.

But several staff members who work in nontraditional settings worried that the policy would hinder their ability to do their jobs, according to a story published Monday in the *Rapid City Journal*.

Superintendent Tim Mitchell said the policy has been sent

back to the school attorney after the concerns were raised by staff members. School officials are working to find a compromise, he said.

"We're willing to certainly have a dialogue ... and try to find a policy that finds that middle ground," Mitchell said.

He said schools must update their technology policy on a regular basis in order to protect students, teachers and the district.

Jared Vasquez, activities director at Rapid City Stevens High School, said staff members came to him with questions about the proposed policy change. Many of them use social media to get information like schedules out to students.

"I think not only coaches, but educators in general understand the sensitivity of that media and also how things can be misperceived if you're not speaking directly with someone," Vasquez said.

## South Dakota Health Officials Warn About Respiratory Disease

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A doctor with Sanford Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls says an outbreak of a respiratory disease has forced the hospital to find more beds for sick children.

Health officials say the number of cases of respiratory syncytial virus — or RSV — has been on the rise in recent weeks. They say this year's outbreak is particularly severe.

State epidemiologist Lon Kightlinger says two people have

died from it so far this year in South Dakota.

Joe Segeleon is a pediatrics critical care physician with Sanford Children's Hospital. He tells *The Argus Leader* that the hospital has seen an "extraordinary jump" in the number of RSV cases.

He says the hospital had to open up an auxiliary wing in the main part of the hospital because of the outbreak.

## OBITUARIES

### Wayne Kreun

RAPID CITY — Wayne Kreun, 82, of Rapid City passed away on Monday, February 20, 2012 at a local nursing home.

He is survived by his wife Viola Kreun of Alcester; four children, Randy Kreun of Pleasanton, NE, Gary Kreun of Rapid City, Jeff Kreun of Black Hawk and Bonnie Baumberger of Northfield, MN; his sister Joyce Burrell of Polk, NE; 13 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Family and friends may sign Wayne's online guest book at [www.kirkfuneralhome.com](http://www.kirkfuneralhome.com).

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### Mason Vig

GILBERT, Ariz. — Mason Patrick Vig, 26, of Gilbert, Ariz., and formerly of Yankton, died Friday, Feb. 17, 2012, at Gilbert.

Funeral services are pending with Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

### David Grant

WAGNER — David Grant, 52, of Wagner, died unexpectedly on Friday, Feb. 17, 2012, at the Community Memorial Hospital, Wagner.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Marty. Burial is in the church cemetery.

Wake services began Monday

### Leona Reckow

Leona A. (Forman) Reckow, age 103, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Saturday, February 18, 2012 at her home at Walnut Village in Yankton.

A graveside service will be held at a later date when her cremated remains will be laid to rest beside her parents and brothers at the Eagle Presbyterian Cemetery near Academy, South Dakota. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

Leona was born on October 20, 1908 at Academy, South Dakota in Brule County to James and Emma (Schoenberger) Forman. She received her Teaching



Reckow

and farmed near Hector, Minnesota. Following Otto's death in 1959, she worked at a children's home in Fort Dodge, Iowa and at Vasa Children's Home in Red Wing, Minnesota until she retired in 1973 and moved to Yankton.

Leona is survived by one sister, Lois VanderVoort of Buffalo Lake, MN; one step daughter,

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner, is in charge of arrangements.

### Kenneth Eggers

NORFOLK, Neb. — Kenneth E. Eggers, 74 of Norfolk, Neb., and formerly of Tilden, Neb., died

Irene (Paul) Erickson of Surprise, AZ; one step son, Lester (Vonnice) Reckow of Apache Junction, AZ; nieces and nephews: Jim (Rhoda) VanderVoort of Comstock, MN, Judy (Don) Meisel of Magnolia, TX, Jerry VanderVoort of Hector, MN, Jeanette Long of Brigham City, UT, Paul (Judy) Nielson of Yankton, Elaine (Howard) Perry of Spearfish, SD, Susan (James) Metzger of Hot Springs Village, AR, George (Nancy) Miller of Platte, SD and Donus (Lovila) Roberts of Watertown, SD.

Leona was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Otto Reckow; one step daughter, Marlene Fluher; two brothers, Karl and Robert Forman; five sisters: Lila (Magnus) Nielson, Alice

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012, at Tilden Community Hospital, Tilden.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tilden. Pastor Michael Awe will officiate, with burial in the Lutheran Cemetery at Tilden. Military Honors will be conducted by V.F.W. Post 7603

(Leon) Miller, Esther (Dan) Roberts, Alma (Frank) Lloyd and Neva (Iver) Peterson.

A special thank you to the management and staff of Walnut Village Senior Apartments in Yankton for their special care of Leona.

To send an online sympathy message, please visit [wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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Online condolences at:  
[www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com)

and American Legion Post 170, both of Tilden.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today (Tuesday) at Brockhaus-Harlan Funeral Home, Tilden.

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