

## House Votes Down On Campus Weapons

PIERRE (AP) — The state House has voted down a measure that would allow people 21 years or older to carry a concealed weapon on South Dakota's six public university campuses.

House lawmakers voted 48 to 20 to dismiss the proposal, which was opposed by student groups who lobbied lawmakers to deny the proposal.

Republican Rep. Jim Stalzer says his plan comes at the request of students who want to carry concealed firearms on campus.

The proposal would have allowed banning weapons in student housing. Changes made on the House floor would have allowed restrictions in other areas such as near sensitive equipment.

South Dakota Student Federation Executive Director Jess Peterson says a group of students urged lawmakers Thursday to defeat the proposal.

Peterson says the measure would have made students feel uncomfortable.

## Sioux Steel Workers Still Grieving

LENNOX (AP) — Employees at Sioux Steel in Lennox are gradually getting back to work, after a shooting incident a week ago that killed one worker and injured two others.

The company reopened Monday and has been letting employees come back to work whenever they feel ready, CEO Scott Rysdon told the *Argus Leader* newspaper.

Sioux Steel also is offering counseling and other assistance to workers who want it.

"They're traumatized by those events and they need time to heal," Rysdon said.

Sioux Falls truck driver Jeffrey DeZeeuw got into an argument over a delivery Feb. 12 with a supervisor at a Sioux Steel location called ProTec and fatally shot Jon Richter and wounded worker Kathy Steever before killing himself, according to authorities. DeZeeuw also injured another employee who confronted him, Brian Roesler, authorities said.

Richter's funeral is scheduled for Friday afternoon at Chancellor Reformed Church in Lennox. Sioux Steel is encouraging employees to attend.

Recovery will be a long-term process that will involve regular plant meetings to gauge how people are feeling, Rysdon said.

## Neb. Drivers May Avoid Iowa Traffic fines

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska lawmakers are considering a bill that would protect residents from having to pay tickets generated by Iowa traffic cameras.

Sen. Bill Kintner of Papillion presented the measure Thursday to the Judiciary Committee. It's modeled after a new South Dakota law that prohibits officials from releasing information about the state's registered drivers.

Without that information, camera operators can't send a bill to the owner of a car caught speeding or running a red light. South Dakota's law has drawn the ire of police in neighboring Sioux City, Iowa.

Kintner says vehicle owners who receive tickets aren't given the chance to confront their accusers, and his bill would prevent outside governments from "using our citizens as ATMs" to generate revenue.

## USDA: Farm Numbers Decline By 500

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture says in a new report that the number of farms and ranches in Nebraska continues to slide.

In an annual report released Thursday the USDA says Nebraska farms fell to 49,100 last year, 500 fewer than the year before. The small farm category, those with annual sales of less than \$100,000, fell by 800 farms while larger farms exceeding \$100,000 in sales increased by 300.

Land in farms and ranches in Nebraska totaled 45.2 million acres, down 100,000 acres from 2013. The average size of operation, at 921 acres, was up 8 acres from the year earlier.

Nationally, the number of farms fell by 18,000 to 2.1 million. Total land in farms is at 913 million, down from just over 1 billion acres in 2013.

## Tribe Asks For US Civil Rights Probe

PINE RIDGE (AP) — The tribal president from Pine Ridge has asked for a federal civil rights investigation into reported harassment of Native American students at a hockey game at the Rapid City Civic Center.

Oglala Sioux Tribe President John Yellow Bird Steele sent a letter to the U.S. attorney general and president on Thursday asking for the inquiry.

He says the charging of one man with misdemeanor disorderly conduct when several others were involved in the Jan. 24 incident "sends the wrong message."

# Federal Judge To Rule Later On Nebraska's Gay Marriage Ban

BY JOSH FUNK  
 Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The same sex-couples challenging Nebraska's ban on gay marriage hope a federal judge will block it, but that won't be the end of the fight because the state has promised to appeal.

At a hearing Thursday, the American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska highlighted ways the seven couples who sued in November are harmed by the ban, especially when it comes to death benefits and health questions.

One of the lead plaintiffs, Sally Waters, has been diagnosed with terminal breast cancer. Unless the law changes, Waters and her spouse, Susan Waters, worry about losing Social Security benefits and having to pay an 18 percent inheritance tax.

"There are many other families that

are suffering the same or worse," ACLU lawyer Leslie Cooper said.

But the Nebraska Attorney General's office said the court should respect the decision 70 percent of Nebraska voters made to enact the gay marriage ban in 2000.

"The ability to define marriage is uniquely given to the states," state Attorney General Doug Peterson said.

The state's attorney also said Nebraska has a legitimate interest in defining marriage as only between a man and a woman because the state wants to promote procreation.

U.S. District Judge Joseph Bataillon asked for both sides to submit additional information Monday, and he will rule sometime after that.

Previously, Bataillon struck down Nebraska's gay marriage ban in 2005 because he said it deprived gays and lesbians of participation in the political

process. But that ruling didn't stand because a federal appeals court reinstated the ban in 2006.

The state plans to appeal any decision blocking or overturning the voter-approved ban on gay marriage.

Nebraska's lawyer asked Bataillon to delay the effect of any ruling blocking the ban for at least 14 days, so the state will have an opportunity to appeal.

But any rulings in the Nebraska case are likely to be affected by a different case before the U.S. Supreme Court. The nation's high court announced Jan. 17 that it would decide whether same-sex couples have a right to marry everywhere in the U.S. under the Constitution. A decision is expected by late June.

Gay marriage is currently allowed in 37 states and the District of Columbia.

# State Debt-Collection Office Is Non-Starter With Senators

BY BOB MERCER  
 State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — The Daugaard administration wants authority from the Legislature to create a state office for debt collection.

So far, it's still a no-go. That's despite estimates of additional recoveries totaling \$15.9 million to \$34.8 million over the next five years for state government, and additional restitution for crime victims and their families totaling \$7.9 million to \$16.9 million over the next five years.

The original proposal from state Revenue Secretary Andy Gerlach met unexpectedly strong and broad opposition from various groups.

A Senate committee tabled one version of the plan Thursday at the request of Jason Dilges, the governor's commissioner of finance and management.

He said a completely rewritten version would be presented instead to a House of Representatives committee.

"We've reworked the entire concept," Dilges told the Senate panel's members.

He acknowledged the administration is still trying "to get some traction" in the House.

Dilges said after the Senate committee meeting Thursday that he's whittled the list of opponents through amendments intended to relieve their concerns.

The main opponent remains the professional debt companies, whose umbrella organization is the South Dakota Collectors Association.

The decision to back away from the Senate version of the legislation, and focus on finding a compromise in a House committee, suggests political conditions might be more favorable for the Daugaard administration on this topic in the House.

The original version of the legislation, Senate Bill 59, was 20 pages. The proposed rewrite for the House version totals five pages.

There aren't any senators on the sponsor list for House Bill 1228, which is unusual.

The prime sponsor is Rep. Justin Cronin, R-Gettysburg. He is chairman for the House Appropriations Committee, where the bill was assigned.

The House co-sponsors are House Republican leader Brian Gosch of Rapid City; House Speaker Dean Wink, R-Howes; House Speaker Pro Tem Mark Mickelson, R-Sioux Falls; and Rep. Dan Dryden, R-Rapid City.

State government currently contracts with a Rochester, Minnesota, company named The Affiliated Group for debt-collection services. The current contract expires Feb. 28.

State records show payments so far this fiscal year to The Affiliated Group total \$12,963.81 since July 1, 2014. The company received \$23,486.83 last fiscal year and \$44,541.85 in the fiscal year before that.

The governor's original proposal called for the debt collection office to be part of the state Revenue Department. The new proposal would use a different name — obligation recovery center — and attach it to the Bureau of Finance and Management.

A 20 percent surcharge would be added to debts referred to the recovery center. The center in turn could refer uncollected debts to private debt-collection services.

Those services could add a 20 percent surcharge for their purposes.

The current contract with The Affiliated Group allows the company to keep 15 or 22.5 percent of the amount collected, depending on circumstances, and 35 percent if the matter goes to court.

## House Defeats Plan To Allow All-Night Drinking In Deadwood

PIERRE (AP) — The state House has voted down a measure that would have authorized the city of Deadwood to allow liquor to be served all the time except for Christmas Day.

House lawmakers voted 39 to 29 to dismiss the proposal, which supporters called the

"Destination Deadwood" bill.

Republican Rep. Tim Rounds of Pierre says his measure would have helped Deadwood attract conventions, especially in off-peak months. He says the proposal would have allowed for local control over whether the expanded

drinking hours would have been implemented.

Rounds says people simply go to their hotel rooms in Deadwood to drink after establishments close, so allowing expanded bar hours would offer a more controlled atmosphere.

## Beheading Ban Removed From Anti-Abortion Legislation

BY BOB MERCER  
 State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Neither side in South Dakota's long fight over legalized abortion seemed to want to have to vote Thursday on a proposed state law that would have banned beheadings of unborn children.

So Rep. Burt Tulson showed the escape.

Tulson, R-Lake Norden, offered an amendment that removed the original content of the beheading bill and replaced it with one sentence: "The State of South Dakota recognizes the sanctity of human life."

Almost all in the state House of Representatives could agree to that — and did, voting 65-3 to approve the Tulson version of HB 1230.

The original bill's sponsor, Rep. Isaac Latterell, R-Tea, had used the measure to criticize Planned Parenthood.

His lack of support on the beheading ban became evident Thursday when he requested a roll-call vote on the amendment and fell short.

Latterell continued to attack Planned Parenthood with a Twitter message afterward, accusing the abortion provider of committing "thousands of beheadings every day."

The Tulson version of HB 1230 heads to the Senate next.

## OBITUARIES

### Cleadues Hovorka

Funeral mass for Cleadues Hovorka, 93, of Tyndall, South Dakota will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 20, 2015 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall with Fr. Joe Forcelle officiating. Organist will be Cindy Luidens and special music provided by Lisa Knoll. Burial will follow in the St. Leo Catholic Cemetery, Tyndall. Casketbearers will be Jackie Vaith, Corey Vaith, Paul Hovorka, Whitney Hovorka, Tim Hovorka, Chuck Hovorka, Ron Hovorka, and Bob Cuka.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall with a 7:00 p.m. wake service at the church that evening.

Cleadues passed away on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at the Good Samaritan Society of Tyndall.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com/.

Cleadues Norman Hovorka was born on the family farm southeast of Tyndall, Wednesday, May 18, 1921 to Ambrose and Amelia (Blaha) Hovorka. He went to McCrea country school district #60.



Cleadues Hovorka

He entered the Army Air Corps in April 1942 during WWII and served in the European Theatre as an Army Medic. He was discharged in August 1945. Cleadues then farmed by Tabor for 22 years. He married Margie Cuka on February 19, 1952 and the couple had 2 children, Jerome and Joanie. They bought a farm northeast of Tyndall in 1964 where they lived until he retired in 1986. They then moved to Tyndall until 2012 when he became a resident of the Good Samaritan Society of Tyndall after an accident.

For 70 years, he was a proud and active member of the American Legion Kortan-Hatwan Post 183 of Tabor and the VFW Simek-Ptak Post 6895 of Tyndall where he was also a charter member.

Cleadues served on the school board for Clear Lake School District #18. He was a long time member for the NFO, drove the school bus for several years, was on the County Weed Board, and was a janitor at St. Leo Catholic Church.

Cleadues was gentle, loving, and caring. A man of few words. He loved his country, family, the land he worked, and the MN Twins. Cleadues' children and grandchildren loved listening to grandpa play the accordion, which he played for 80 years. He learned to play while listening to his mother sing the songs in Czech. As a member of the Tyndall Accordion Club, he enjoyed playing for numerous occasions.

He had a strong faith and was a devout Catholic and member of St. Leo Catholic Church and honorary member of the Knights of Columbus.

Cleadues passed away on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at the Good Samaritan Society of Tyndall having attained the age of 93 years, 8 months, and 30 days.

Survivors include his wife Margie Hovorka of Tyndall; children: Jerome (Darla) Hovorka of Tyndall and Joanie (David) Auch of Tyndall; grandchildren: Amy

(Jack) Eckert of Tyndall, Jackie (Corey) Vaith of Menno, John Hofer of Yankton, Paul Hovorka of Tyndall, and Whitney Hovorka of Tyndall; step-grandson Jason (Tenille) Stahlecker; great-grandchildren: Peyton Eckert, Kaiden Hofer, Mirik Vaith, Parker Vaith, and Abbie Eckert; step-great-grandchildren: Deacon, Dylan, and Latasha Stahlecker; brothers: Herman Hovorka of Tabor and Richard (Sharleen) Hovorka of Tabor; sister Geneva (Melvin) Delzer of Mitchell; and sister-in-law Irene Hovorka.

Cleadues was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Lloyd, Willard, Alvin, and Lester; sisters: Eleanor Kiehbauch and Loreen Novak, and great-grandchild Mallory Vaith.

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### Christopher Bailey

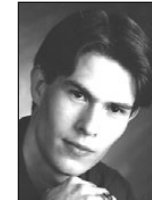
Christopher James Bailey, age 38, of Sioux Falls, SD, formerly of Yankton, SD died February 17, 2015 in Sioux Falls, SD.

Memorial Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 20, 2015 at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD, with Rev. Dave Gunderson officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will be at a later date.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Christopher was born January 31, 1977 in Yankton, SD to Larry L. Olson and Jolene McCloud. Christopher attended school in Yankton, SD. On March 24 2001 he married Elizabeth LaBahn and to this marriage one child, Kylan James was born. At the time of their marriage, Elizabeth also had a daughter, Kassondra Marie.

Chris was previously employed by Karl's TV & Appliance, Fullerton Lumber Company and Larry's Heating & Cooling, all of Yankton, SD and also Dey Appliance in Sioux Falls,



Bailey

SD. He was currently employed by Stan Houston Equipment Company in Sioux Falls, SD. He is survived by his son, Kylan James of Sioux Falls, SD; step-daughter, Kassondra Marie of Mesa, AZ; his parents, Larry Olson of Yankton, SD and Jolene McCloud of Yankton, SD; sisters, Tara Capps and Nikki Warren, both of Olathe, KS; grandparents, Bill Bailey of Sioux Falls and Ana Bailey of Yankton, SD; uncles, Craig & Bruce Bailey, Harold Olson and aunt, Connie Bitsos, all of Yankton, SD.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Oscar and Dorothy Olson.  
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 www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

### Dorothy Holman

Dorothy M. Holman, 96, of Yankton passed away Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services will 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Vangen Lutheran Church, Mission Hill with the Rev. Velma Larson officiating. Burial will be in Vangen Cemetery, Mission Hill.

Visitations will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral

Home & Crematory, Yankton with the family present from 6-8 p.m. The visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

### Emil Travnicek

Emil J. Travnicek, 92, of Yankton passed away Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Memorial Service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral

Chapel, Yankton, with Msgr. Carlton Hermann officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton. Visitations will be Friday

evening with the family present from 5-7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the funeral chapel.

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