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In the Wednesday edition of the Press & Dakotan, a story about the salary increase given to South Dakota Human Services Center Administrator Cory Nelson stated the wrong salary for the administrator of Nebraska's three regional mental health facilities. The Nebraska administrator receives approximately \$116,513.

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Weather forecast for 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. showing 70° and 82° with plenty of sunshine.

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Dems Chide Rounds On Ethanol Use

Say Governor Has Not Done Enough To Promote E85

BY CHET BROKAW Associated Press Writer

PIERRE — A South Dakota Democratic Party official criticized Republican Gov. Mike Rounds for not doing enough to promote ethanol use in state government vehicles, but state officials said Wednesday the fleet is rapidly increasing its use of the fuel distilled from corn and other crops.

In a written statement, Democratic Party Executive Director Erin McCarrick

criticized Rounds and Republican Lt. Gov. Dennis Daugaard, who is running to succeed Rounds as governor, because only three of the state government's fueling sites include pumps for E85, a blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline.

McCarrick also said only 40 percent of state government vehicles are flex fuel, which means they can use varying blends of ethanol. She said nearly half the gasoline bought by state government does not contain ethanol.



Rounds

However, state records show more than 80 percent of the gasoline used by state vehicles in the past year has included ethanol.

Mike Mueller, spokesman for the state Bureau of Administration, said the state buys gasoline based on price, and E10, or 10 percent ethanol, is nearly always the lowest price.

In May, for example, the state used nearly 164,000 gallons of E10 and only 18,000 gallons of gasoline without

ethanol, he said.

In the first 11 months of the 2010 budget year, from July through May, 49 percent of all fuel used by state vehicles was E10 ethanol and 3 percent was E85 ethanol, Mueller said. Another 12 percent was gasoline without ethanol, 35 percent was diesel and 1 percent was bio-diesel, he said.

Rounds last week noted that use of E10 and E85 for the year amounted to 52 percent of all fuel put into state vehicles, up from 34 percent the previous budget year. "That's pretty good when

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Drugs To Perform Lethal Injections

BY NATE JENKINS Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska prison workers now have the training needed to conduct executions under the state's new lethal injection protocol, officials said as they unveiled the state's execution chamber Wednesday. But it isn't expected to be used anytime soon.

The state is still waiting for an anesthetic used during lethal injections because of a worldwide shortage of the drug. Plus, legal challenges could put capital punishment on hold for several years in Nebraska, which hasn't executed an inmate since 1997.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Director Robert Houston discussed the state's readiness for an execution on Wednesday, shortly after state officials showed reporters the Nebraska State Penitentiary's new execution chamber for the first time.

"It's important for the public to see ... so the public knows that should a date (for an execution) be set by the courts, the department of corrections is well prepared to carry out its responsibility," Houston said.

Houston and Dennis Bakewell, the prison warden, said officials exceeded training requirements necessary to carry out the protocol, which was crafted by the department and approved by Gov. Dave Heineman in February.

Lawmakers approved lethal injection last year, following the state Supreme Court's ruling in 2008 that the electric chair amounted to cruel and unusual punishment. Nebraska had been

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SIGN OF THE TIMES



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The south entrance of Tabor has a new look, thanks to a new sign that was erected along Highway 50 at the intersection with Lidice St. last month. The sign was inspired by a castle in the village of Tabor, Czech Republic, and was crafted from the remnants of an abandoned chalkstone home in rural Tabor. Planning for the \$7,000 sign began in February 2007, with work commencing in August of that year. The sign — which is 18 feet high, 20 feet wide and four feet thick — was made possible through all-volunteer labor and donations. Some of those donating to the project were: B-Y Electric, Tabor Lumber Co-op, the Tabor Chamber of Commerce, the City of Tabor, Kronaizl Farm, John Bentzen, Koch Insurance, Gary Kortan, CorTrust Bank, Greg Kronaizl (an engineer at Ferris Engineering, Omaha, Neb.) and Bob Hanson. Spearheading the project were Daryl Feilmeier and Mark Kronaizl, the latter of whom cut about 90 percent of the rock with a chainsaw. The land was donated by Tabor Co-op, and the signs were painted by inmates at Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield. The sign came online June 16 in time for the annual Czech Days celebration.

Man Admits To Jumping Off Discovery Bridge

BY NATHAN JOHNSON nathan.johnson@yankton.net

Authorities have called off the search for a man who jumped off the Discovery Bridge after confirming that he is alive and well.

Yankton County Sheriff Dave Hunhoff said Wednesday that a Kansas City man called his office Tuesday night and told a deputy that he had jumped off the bridge Sunday after-

noon. The name of the individual is not being released at this time.

Hunhoff said he is satisfied that the caller was the man seen jumping off the bridge around 5:15 p.m. Sunday.

"We talked to some people who we tracked down who we felt knew who did it. They didn't want to give us a name, but they

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County Looks At Lease Buy-Back For Hwy Shop

BY NATHAN JOHNSON nathan.johnson@yankton.net

The Yankton County Commission was told Wednesday that at least one local bank is willing to loan money for a proposed highway shop.

County Auditor Paula Jones said she recently spoke with Larry Ness of First Dakota National Bank, who said he would be willing to lend the estimated \$1.8 million for the project at a variable interest rate that would begin at 1.5 percent. Other community banks would be invited to participate in the lease buy-back option, Jones stated.

The same funding avenue was used to build the Yankton County Government Center.

The consensus of the commission is that it would like to pursue the 10-year loan and attempt to budget for the annual payments rather than use a property-tax opt-out to fund the project. However, commissioners decided not to agree to the payment option until bids are received for the proposed 24,000-square-foot facility would be located on land the county owns about a mile west of Highway 81 along Highway 50.

Speaking with Yankton architect Marquis Erickson Wednesday, the commission hopes to open bids on the project by the end of August. They anticipate that concrete could be poured before cold weather sets in so construction of the building could proceed through the winter.

"We know which direction we're going with the financing. Once the bids come in, we'll see what the costs are," Commission Chairman Bruce Jensen said. "I think the bids are going to come

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Nesselhuf Aims For Secretary Of State Role

BY NATHAN JOHNSON nathan.johnson@yankton.net

Sen. Ben Nesselhuf of Vermillion has always believed in giving back to the community. After 10 years as a South Dakota legislator, he is ready to take it to the next level.

Last October, the Democrat filed his petition to run for secretary of state.

When Nesselhuf was elected a decade ago as a representative for Clay and Turner counties, he was the youngest individual ever sworn in at the capitol.

Visiting the Press & Dakotan offices this week, the District 17 senator said he wants to continue serving the public. Its something that was instilled in him from a young age, as his parents, Ed and

Diane, both founded nonprofit organizations in which he has been involved.

"This is a continuation of growing up in that mindset of giving back to the community," he said. "This is how I'm able to give back and serve. I believe in the servant part of public servant, and I think I've proven that in my 10 years in the Legislature."

In November, Nesselhuf will face off with Republican Jason M. Gant of Sioux Falls and Constitution Party candidate Lori Stacey of Sioux Falls for the position.

Nesselhuf said he believes the secretary of state's office is important in ways that many people don't really consider. One area he believes the department has a role to play is economic development.

"The first point of contact for any new business coming to South Dakota is the secretary of state's office, because it is in charge of corporate filings," Nesselhuf said.

The department now collects that information but it doesn't make it available in ways that could truly help economic development entities, he stated. A database can be searched using the name of a company, but you cannot search by location. That's something Nesselhuf would like to change.

"We don't start businesses the way we used to," he said. "Very seldom does a business come onto Main Street and open up a storefront. Now, we have businesses starting in kitchens, garages and online. I had a gentleman tell me,

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After 10 years in the South Dakota Legislature, Sen. Ben Nesselhuf is running for Secretary of State.

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