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**Only 40 Gay
Couples
Apply For
Marriage In
First Month**

BY KEVIN BURBACH
Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS — Forty gay couples in South Dakota applied to be married during the first month following a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized such unions across the country, according to data provided by the state Department of Health.

The number of marriage licenses issued to gay couples in South Dakota represents about 5 percent of the 839 licenses issued to all couples from June 26 to July 27, The Associated Press found in its analysis of the data.

Although the numbers pale in comparison to bordering Minnesota, where more than 1,600 licenses were issued in August 2013 when same-sex marriage was legalized there, gay rights advocates called the statistics reflective of the barriers the gay community still faces in South Dakota and other conservative states.

Nancy Rosenbrahn, a Rapid City woman who became the public face of the fight against South Dakota's ban on same-sex marriages last year, said she was amazed that 40 people had already been married, but noted that there are likely many more South Dakotans who haven't applied because of concerns about being discovered in their communities.

Billy Mawhiney, treasurer for The Center For Equality in Sioux Falls, said he thought the lower numbers were appropriate and attributed them to the fact that neighboring Iowa and Minnesota legalized same-sex marriages years ago and that South Dakota law doesn't include sexual orientation when prohibiting discrimination in employment and housing.

By comparison, gay couples in Minnesota made up almost a third of all licenses issued in August of 2013, the first month gay marriage was legal in the state after it was passed by the state Legislature in the spring.

Unlike South Dakota and other

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A Changing Tide

Two JRDWW Board Members See Districts Shift

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Two James River Water Development District (JRWD) board members have seen changes in their Yankton County representation areas following recent redistricting.

Small portions of the City of Yankton will shift from District 8 director Dan Klimisch of Yankton to District 9 director Clinton Bauer of Freeman.

Klimisch currently serves as the JRWD vice chair and will continue to represent most of the City of Yankton. Bauer will continue to represent Hutchinson County and the rest of Yankton County.

The redistricting resulted from HB1217 passed during the 2015 Legislature, said JRWD chief financial officer/associate manager Judy Smoyer.

"A handful of townships in Marshall County

left the JRWD because their respective areas do not drain into the James River," she said. "Water development districts are only required to be redistricted every 10 years, but the populations are revisited after legislative changes such as this."

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Blowing Through Town



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LEFT: The sign at the Fox Run Village strip mall on North Broadway in Yankton was twisted by strong winds associated with a thunderstorm that rolled through town early Tuesday morning. Some wind gusts were estimated to be more than 60 miles per hour. ABOVE: Several trees were uprooted on the former Human Services Center campus at the corner of 31st and Broadway. Besides the wind, Yankton received 1.66 inches of rain from the storm.

Storm Brings Damage To Yankton

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Many people in Yankton got a rude awakening Tuesday morning as a line of storms passed through the area.

The storms, which began hitting the town at approximately 3 a.m., dumped 1.66 inches of rain on the city while bringing some damaging winds along with it.

National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Fuhs told the Press & Dakotan a roadside sensor at Gayville reported a wind gust of 67 mph. Another sensor near Kimball reported gusts of 69 mph.

Yankton Public Works Manager Adam Haberman told the Press & Dakotan that his department had people out clearing roadways of downed tree branches throughout the day.

"Primarily north of 21st St. received quite a bit of tree damage," Haberman said. "There were a lot of limbs down and trees broke. ... The street crews went out and picked up what was in the streets. Any trees that landed in the streets, the street crews picked up."

Haberman said the city had two crews out working the streets Tuesday.

But some of the worst damage occurred on city-owned property on the northwest corner of the 31st St. and Broadway Ave. intersection — formerly part of the Human Services Center (HSC) campus.

Parks and Recreation Director Todd Larson told the Press & Dakotan that most of the damage they saw in town was concentrated to this area.

"We had one tree damaged in Augusta Park, which is just south of Walmart, but the majority of what we saw was on

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7 Cases Of Rare Infectious Disease Reported In South Dakota

PIERRE (AP) — Seven cases of a rare infectious disease that humans can catch from animals and insects have been reported in western South Dakota since June, state health officials said Tuesday.

The South Dakota Department of Health confirmed the cases of tularemia, sometimes called rabbit fever, have been reported in the area of the Black Hills. Six of the seven patients were adults over the age of 50, and one was a child under 5.

"Tularemia is a fairly uncommon but potentially severe disease that can be fatal," state epidemiologist Lon Kightlinger said in

a statement. "People can be exposed when they come in contact with infected insects and animals, particularly rabbits, rodents and cats."

Tularemia symptoms in humans vary depending on how the infection is acquired. They include swelling of the lymph nodes, and in severe cases, fever and a pneumonia-like illness that can be fatal. An ulcer may appear where the bacteria entered the skin.

Five of the seven people diagnosed with

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REILLY BIEL/P&D

An illumination of Moses in the Pentateuch volume of the Saint John's Bible. Mount Marty College will have all seven volumes on display until August 13.

MMC To Display All 7 SJB Volumes

BY REILLY BIEL
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Since December, Mount Marty College (MMC) has hosted two of the seven volumes of the Saint John's Bible, a masterful hand-written work of the Bible books ranging from Genesis to Revelations.

At the end of June, the rest of the volumes were brought to MMC and will be on display in the Scholastica Learning Center in the MMC Boardroom until Aug. 13. Viewing times are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Wednesdays 6-8 p.m. Exclusive group viewings have to be scheduled.

The Bible was commissioned by Saint John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota and headed by Donald Jackson, who created it along with a collaborative team of scribes and artists.

"It's really rare to have all seven volumes when you don't own them," said Andy Henrickson, MMC Director of

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Henrickson has taken advantage of this opportunity by having the volumes displayed for the recent MMC All School Reunion in June and presenting three of the volumes at the Mike Dufree State Prison last Saturday. All seven volumes will be displayed at the 125th Sioux Falls Diocese Legacy event held in Sioux Falls Aug. 14-16, after

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