

Pure Gas Options Fade In S.D.

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SIOUX FALLS — Sometime this summer, already-scarce blends of pure gasoline will become rarer in western South Dakota.

That's because the largest refineries that supply the Plains Rocky Mountain Pipeline terminal in Rapid City, and therefore much of western South Dakota, soon will begin piping shipments of subgrade gasoline that will have to be blended with ethanol before it can be sold.

Drivers who prefer not to burn ethanol because they see a drag in fuel mileage will have fewer nonethanol choices. Already, more than 95 percent of the motor vehicle fuel sold in the U.S. contains ethanol, according to estimates from the Renewable Fuels Association.

Ethanol groups, for their part, worry that consumers who have engine problems after using the fuel will blame the ethanol rather than the low-grade gasoline with which it's blended.

Refiners claim the move purely is a business decision to lower the cost of complying with the Renewable Fuel Standard, a federal law that requires oil companies to blend biofuels into their products.

In any case, both the Sinclair Oil Co. refinery in Casper, Wyo., and the Exxon Mobil refinery in Billings, Mont., will begin shipping 82 octane gasoline to the Rapid City terminal this summer.

The subgrade fuel then would be blended with ethanol to boost its octane content to 85. For years, that has been the minimum rating for fuel sold in mountain states and higher-elevation markets in western South Dakota.

But in the wake of an ongoing investigation into mislabeled fuel in South Dakota, the Department of Public Safety and the Office of the Attorney General have determined that it is ille-

gal to sell the 85 blend anywhere in the state.

Historically, anything east of Wall was supposed to have a minimum rating of 87, according to technical standards that have been incorporated into state law. The proposal that emerged from an April meeting between state officials and representatives of oil companies, wholesalers and fuel stations, however, would allow the sale of 85 octane gas statewide.

This would expand the refiners' market into the populous eastern side of the state and give supply-strapped wholesalers and retailers a new stock of fuel to tap.

The Rapid City terminal is building storage capacity for 82 octane and should be ready to accept shipments of the low-grade blend this summer, according to an April letter to Gov. Dennis Daugaard from Jack Barger, vice president for marketing and supply at Sinclair.

"The fact that Rocky Mountain Pipeline is altering its Rapid City terminal to accept 82 octane gasoline shipments ... indicates other Rocky Mountain refiners believe this course is the most cost-efficient way to deliver to (sic) finished gasoline to consumers in western South Dakota," Barger wrote.

Mark Holm, an economist at Exxon's Billings refinery, affirmed this.

"It's certainly the trend," he said. He referred further comment to a company spokeswoman, who said the company does not discuss its commercial agreements.

It's unclear exactly how much pure gasoline will be available in the western third of South Dakota once refiners start shipping the 82 blend. Messages left with Plains Rocky Mountain Pipeline were not returned.

Sinclair ships 30 million gallons of fuel each year to Rapid City. The Exxon spokeswoman declined to say how much its Billings refinery ships. A refinery in Newcastle, Wyo., owned by

Wyoming Refining Co. plans to continue shipping uncut 85-octane gasoline to Rapid City, but its capacity is one-half to one-third that of the larger refiners, vice president Bob Neufeld said at the governor's meeting.

"The Rapid City terminal, which is the main distribution point for western South Dakota, is a tiny little tail on a great big dog in the rest of the Rocky Mountain position," Neufeld said. "And that tiny little tail is not going to wag that dog."

Big refineries cite high blending cost. Because the big refiners already have committed to shipping 82 octane for larger customers in the mountain states, they say shipping batches of higher-octane fuel to South Dakota — a relatively small market — would require them to mix in premium blends, which would be prohibitively expensive.

"We just don't have the ability to sell a clear product without having to buy RINS," said Tom Taylor, Sinclair's regional manager in Denver, referring to the federal market for Renewable Identification Numbers.

The question also persists of how the refineries that supply East River terminals will react to this new subgrade blend flowing into Rapid City, especially if 85 octane fuel is allowed statewide.

Ron Lamberty, senior vice president at the American Coalition for Ethanol, said the introduction of a cheap, low-grade fuel in Rapid City could nudge eastern terminals to lower their standards to compete.

"There's always the possibility that the suppliers out here see what's happening at one terminal in the Black Hills, where the oil companies said, that's all we're going to make — take it or leave it," said Lamberty, who owns a retail station in Sioux Falls and one in White.

Driver Killed In Single-Car Crash Near Pender

PENDER, Neb. (AP) — An 18-year-old driver has been killed in single-car crash south of Pender.

The Cuming County sheriff's office says the man's car was heading north Sunday when it crossed the southbound lane, left the road and hit a guardrail.

The victim's name has not been released, pending notification of his family.

The sheriff's office in investigating the cause of the crash. An autopsy has been ordered.

Sioux Falls Man Injured When Pit Bulls Attack

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Authorities say a Sioux Falls man was transported to a hospital with numerous injuries Sunday morning after he was mauled by two pit bulls.

Police say the dogs bit the victim several times. The injuries are not believed to be life-threatening.

The incident took place about 7:30 a.m. while the victim was playing basketball on a river greenway.

Authorities say the dogs were discovered later and started to pursue someone on a bike path. Police intervened and one of the pit bulls was shot when it went after an officer.

The dog was located and transported to a vet.

Police say the owners of the dogs have been contacted. No other details were available.

Homestead Act Drives Visitors To Monument

BEATRICE, Neb. (AP) — More than 38,000 people viewed the original Homestead Act while it was on display this spring at the Homestead National Monument near Beatrice.

Park officials told the *Beatrice Daily Sun* that the display of the 1862 act drove heavy traffic to the monument. The four-page document was on display for the first time in its entirety from April 25 to May 30 in celebration of the 150th anniversary of its signing.

Park officials say the number of visitors during that time was about half its yearly average of 74,000.

The Homestead Act is considered one of the 100 most important documents in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Four million people filed for free land under the act. America gave away 270 million acres between January 1863 and 1976.

Dakotas Officials Warn: Be Careful In Water

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — As the weather warms and the waterways become more popular, municipalities across the Dakotas are telling residents to be careful when swimming, kayaking and canoeing.

Among the tips: Tell someone where you're going, when you'll return and whom to call if you don't come back. Always wear a life jacket. Make sure your skills and experience are equal to the river or lake, depth and conditions you're attempting.

Sioux Falls officials say on the city's website that people should carry a first aid kit — and learn how to use it. Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health officials warn that young children can drown in as little as 2 inches of water in less than 20 seconds. It takes an adult an average of just 60 seconds to drown.

Annual Warren Buffett Lunch Auction Begins

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — It's true that Warren Buffett hired the hedge fund manager who won the last two private lunches with him that are part of an annual auction, but he's not expecting the event to become a recruiting tool for Berkshire Hathaway.

Rather, Buffett says it's miraculous that he found one of Berkshire's two new investment managers through the lunch. He offered Ted Weschler a job after he'd paid nearly \$5.3 million over two years to dine with Buffett.

Buffett told The Associated Press that Berkshire is now perfectly situated with money managers.

Buffett says he just hopes the online auction will again raise a significant amount of money for the Glide Foundation, which provides social services to the poor and homeless in San Francisco. Bidding began Sunday and concludes Friday evening.

Nearly 7,000 Sign Up For Crazy Horse Hike

CRAZY HORSE (AP) — Officials say nearly 7,000 people signed up Saturday for a close-up view of South Dakota's Crazy Horse Memorial.

The Crazy Horse Volksmarch allows people to walk to the top of a mountain that's being turned into a sculpture of Oglala Lakota warrior Crazy Horse sitting on a horse. Work on the sculpture began in 1948.

The total distance is 6.2 miles and takes between two and four hours to complete. The two-day event typically draws up to 10,000 walkers, who are required to register for the hike.

It's the 27th year of the event, which is the only time the public is allowed on top of the sculpture.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the many cards, phone calls and best wishes we received for our 40th wedding anniversary. **Thank You** to our Children, Grandchildren, Mom, Sisters & Brothers for their gift and hosting the wonderful family dinner at JoDean's. **A Special Appreciation** to our children (Jason, Lisa & Cory) for their love and the fabulous gift. God has blessed us!

Mel & Nancy Rempfer

OBITUARIES

Inga Collar

VERMILLION — Inga L. Collar, 93, of Vermillion, South Dakota went to be with the Lord on June 1, 2012 at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Newell, Iowa.

Inga Louise Peterson was born November 12, 1918 in Menno, SD, the daughter of Bernhard and Durdei (Iverson) Peterson. She attended school in Yankton, SD.

She was baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Irene. She was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church attending in Yankton, Vermillion, and Gayville, SD. She enjoyed many years of singing in the choir. She was a member of the "Just-2-B" club in Vermillion and belonged to the Eagles Auxiliary.

Inga was united in marriage June 29, 1936 to Thomas Allen Brownie at Bethlehem Parsonage, Irene from this union came three boys, Leslie, Benny and Thomas.

On October 17, 1945, she married Nicholas F. DeRoos at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton and Nick adopted the three boys in 1946 and they raised them together. They lived in Yankton, Ballclub, MN, Elk Point, SD, Vermillion, and Gayville.

She married Virgil K. Collar September 5, 1975 at Gayville Lutheran Church and moved to Elk Point. Upon Virgil's passing on January 7, 1999, she moved to an apartment in Vermillion where she resided until moving to Well-Life Assisted Living in Alta, Iowa in October 1, 2007 to be closer to her oldest son. On May 15, 2008, she moved to Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Newell, IA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bernhard and Durdei Peterson, her three husbands, Tom, Nick and Virgil; her son, Leslie; step-son, Ronald DeRoos; as well as three of her siblings, Dorothy (Harold) Young, Josephine (Lloyd) Sorensen and Edward (Cleo) Petersen.

She will lovingly be remembered by those left to cherish her memory including her sons, Benny (Norma) DeRoos of Kennewick, Washington, Thomas (Karen) DeRoos of Dakota City, Nebraska; daughter-in-law, Carolyn (Leslie) DeRoos, of Alta, Iowa; step-daughter, Lorraine (Darell) Duke; grandchildren; Leslie (Catherine) DeRoos Jr., of Alta, IA, Lee (Gina) DeRoos, of McCook Lake, SD, Nick (Carla)

Dona Smith

Dona M. Smith, age 85, of Yankton passed away on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 9, 2012 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Ken Lulf celebrating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery, Chamberlain, SD at approximately at 4:15 p.m.

Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory in Yankton, SD is in charge of arrangements.

Honorary Pallbearers are her grandsons and great grandsons. Dona was born in Chamberlain, SD to Errol and Grace (Waugh) Farnsworth. She attended public school in Chamberlain. She married Beryl G. "Snuffy" Smith November 24, 1945 in Rapid City, SD where they resided. They moved to Miller, SD where their



Smith

three children were born: Patricia Diane, Sheila Kay and Jeffrey Lynn. They moved to Orient, SD in 1954 where they managed a restaurant/lounge. In 1955, they moved to Pettibone, ND where they lived until 1975. In 1975 they moved to Sturgis, SD, to manage a motel. They lived in Sturgis for five years. In 1980 they moved to Gillette, WY and ran "Grandma and Grandpa's Day Care" until Mr. Smith's death in 1987. Dona moved to Alpena, SD to be near her daughters.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1987, her son Jeff, in 2000, one granddaughter, Dalonna in 1975, her parents, three brothers, Leslie, Gerald and Jimmy, five sisters, Nellie, Mary,

Aileen Gregg

Aileen Gregg, 98, of Yankton died Saturday, June 2, 2012, at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

A memorial service is at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton, with the Rev. David Lund officiating. Burial will be Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at Gayville Cemetery, Gayville.

Visitation with viewing is from 5-7p.m. Tuesday at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton.

To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Phillis Krempges

Phillis J. Krempges, 84, of Yankton died early Sunday, June 3, 2012, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7 p.m. followed by



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Our care and concern does not end with the funeral service. This week we remember with family and friends the anniversary of the deaths of:

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who passed away on June 10, 2011

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a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Earl Sholey

June 7, 1924 – May 4, 2012

Earl Sholey passed away unexpectedly on May 4, 2012. His father, mother, and sister precede him in death.

Earl is survived by his wife of 58 years Mildred, his sister Carol, Daughter Diane, son Dennis (Lise), seven grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

A celebration of his life will be on his birthday, June 7 at 3 p.m. at the Roseville Memorial Chapel, 2245 North Hameline Ave, Roseville, MN 55113.

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Sholey

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