

DENR Lifts Boil-Water Order For Aberdeen

 $\label{eq:ABERDEEN} ABERDEEN\,(AP) \mbox{$-$ The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources has lifted a boil-water order for the}$

The department says it had issued the order Wednesday after samples showed the presence of total coliform and E. coli bacteria in the Aberdeen water supply. The order was rescinded because consecutive sets of samples from the city's drinking water distribution system came back "safe."

The source of contamination has not been determined. Aberdeen city officials say they'll continue to monitor and investigate to determine what caused the contamination.

The city has increased disinfection levels throughout the distribution system, super-chlorinated the system in the areas of concern and flushed the system several times.

Man Convicted In Deadly 2010 Omaha Crash

OMAHA (AP) — A Douglas County jury has convicted a man of motor vehicular homicide in a crash that killed another driver in

The jury found 36-year-old Samuel Corbitt, of Omaha, guilty on Friday after deliberating the case for about three hours.

Corbitt was accused in a crash that killed 18-year-old Amanda Meyers, of Bellevue, in September 2010. Police say Corbitt was driving drunk, and had a blood-alcohol level of nearly three times

Corbitt will be sentenced on Nov. 23.

Prison Officer Injured In Incident With Inmate

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A corrections officer at the South Dakota State Penitentiary is out of the hospital after being injured in an incident with an inmate.

Department of Corrections officials tell KDLT television that the officer was stabbed in the arm with a pen or pencil Thursday evening by an inmate during a cell entry.

Officials say the cell entry was being done to keep the inmate from hurting himself.

The officer was treated at an emergency room in Sioux Falls and released.

The Division of Criminal Investigation is investigating the inci-

Dead Carp Turning Up At Two Nebraska Lakes

NORTH PLATTE. Neb. (AP) — Dead carp have been making a stinky mess along the shorelines of Lake Maloney and Sutherland Reservoir in western Nebraska.

People have buried some of the rotting carcasses, but there are too many to handle that way. Nebraska Game and Parks Commission biologist Jared Lorensen told The North Platte Telegraph that the fish "don't smell too pretty."

Lorensen says the problem began almost two weeks ago at the reservoir and started Monday at the lake.

So far the kill is only of carp. He says there are a couple of diseases that affect only carp, so they're being checked. Test results could take a couple of weeks to return.

Water temperatures and oxygen levels have checked out within normal ranges.

Mitchell's Oldest Building Condemned

MITCHELL (AP) — The oldest building in Mitchell will soon be

The Daily Republic newspaper reports that the City Council voted this week to condemn the old Longhorn Bar that was built in 1879 and tear it down, likely this fall.

The council had declared the property a public nuisance earlier this month. Councilman Greg McCurry says people consider the building an eyesore and not worth saving.

Property owner Jason Bates had offered a plan to repair the building but Public Works Director Tim McGannon said he couldn't accept it.

Three Plead Not Guilty To Fed Wildlife Crimes

SIOUX FALLS— Three men have pleaded not guilty to federal wildlife violations in northeastern South Dakota's Marshall

and 51-year-old Vernon Renville face charges ranging from shooting more ducks than legally allowed to guiding unlicensed hunters. U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says the violations are alleged to have happened in the fall of 2008 and 2009.

Each of the men faces up to five years in prison and a \$250,000

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Noem: Attacks On Attendance False

BY CHET BROKAW

Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS — Republican Rep. Kristi Noem told party activists Friday that South Dakota Democrats are falsely accusing her of missing too many House committee hearings as a tactic to avoid talking about federal spending and other issues.

In a speech to the Republican State Convention, South Dakota's lone U.S. House member said she has answered criticism that she failed to show up at House Agriculture Committee, so Democrats are now complaining that she hasn't talked much at committee

"There is enough talk in Washington, D.C. What we need is more action," Noem said in a brief speech to the Republican State Convention. "I didn't run for office to give speeches. I ran to get things done, and I have."

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, mentioned as a possible running



speak later Friday. Noem said she has succeeded in her first term in blocking federal agencies from reg-

Romney, was to

Noem

ulating dust on farms and preventing young people from doing most jobs on farms. She said she also has led the effort to get federal agencies to do more to fight the mountain pine beetles that are killing trees in the Black Hills.

Democratic House candidate Matt Varilek, a former aide to Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson, repeated his criticism Friday that Noem has failed to show up at most Agriculture Committee meetings.

"I'm running because I think South Dakota deserves a leader who stands up for middle-class people, defends and strengthens traditional Medicare and aggressively and energetically advocates for South Dakota's interests in Congress, including in committees," Varilek said.

Varilek said Noem has voted to privatize Medicare and cut taxes for wealthy people. Varilek has said he would keep most of the tax cuts passed a decade ago, but would end tax cuts for people earning high incomes.

Noem has said she missed some Agriculture Committee meetings because of conflicts with other committees and meetings with South Dakota constituents.

She said Friday she has voted with House Republicans to overhaul Medicare because it will go broke in nine years unless something is done. Republicans have proposed to convert Medicare to a system that mainly relies on private health insurance plans to cover future retirees. Beneficiaries would get a fixed payment from the government, with lowincome seniors in poor health re-

ceiving more. Noem said she and the other Republicans elected to the House two years ago have started the process of cutting federal spend-

ing.
"Before, everyone was talking about how much more could we spend. We have changed that to how much do we need to cut, how much do we need to tighten our belt," she said.

Noem said she also is working to make sure the new farm bill will retain a livestock disaster program, encourage land conservation and cut red tape that has hindered efforts to fight the pine beetle infestations.

Noem, a former state lawmaker who defeated Democratic Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin two years ago, starts with an advantage over Varilek because South Dakota is a heavily Republican state and her campaign has raised more than Varilek.

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BY DEBRA JACOBSEN

Fremont Tribune

NICKERSON, Neb. — There's a Nickerson man with quite a tale. It all started when Floyd Boies' stepfather, the late William J. "Jim" Boies, saw an animal on Nov. 20,

1958, in Holt County near Ewing. "He was checking trap lines when he shot the lynx," Boies said. Floyd "Bud" Boies was only 16

and not a hunter. "But it was a big deal," Boies

He later researched and found that lynx sightings are very rare in Nebraska.

There are only a handful on

"Bobcats are more common," Boies added. "A bobcat has more spots and the tip of the tail is different. They don't have tufts on their ears.

The preserved and mounted lynx was put on display at a cousin's gas station in Ewing.

There, the smoky gray mount began to show signs of deteriora-

"That was the worst place for it to be — around gas fumes," Boies

The late Gail Boies kept the animal on display until he retired.

Then the lynx went missing. "I lost track of it," Boies said. A couple years ago, Boies

remember it."

Beelaert tried to get the lynx restored.

"It was in need of repair — it looked pretty tough," he said. "Ralph Tichota was a natural science teacher and I took it to Ralph to fix it up."

As it turns out, Tichota also found a place to display the animal at Clearwater High School.

"We had a showroom at the school," Tichota said. "People remarked that the paws were bigger than a bobcat — and it was more silver in color."

Eventually, Boies found a link he was looking for.

In 2010, he heard the missing lynx might be at the high school, so he called on the science teacher Jeff Mever of Tilden.

"We've got some stuffed critters," Meyer told Boies.

The lynx was nestled in a display case with other creatures including accidentally trapped river otters, a snowy owl and an albino mink.

"A freak show of sorts," Meyer said.

Boies had finally found his lynx. "It was there for 20 years, until Bud wondered where it was at and began investigating," Beelaert added.

Meyer, who graduated from Logan View High School in 1989, discovered other connections to the Boies family. The two men shared more stories over coffee.

Meyer checked with Beelaert,

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who was willing to return the lynx to the Boies family.

"It was a pretty rare animal for Nebraska, but it meant more to him (Boies) than to me," Beelaert

Once Boies found the animal, he is determined not to let its trail go cold again.

"I wanted to get it out where people could see it," Boies said. He's had it on view up high at the Nickerson Short Stop, under the watchful eye of manager Sandy Tucker of Nickerson.

"We had it displayed on the back freezer for about a year," Tucker said. "I thought it was nice up there overlooking the place. It was quite the conversation piece.'

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