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# Deadwood Casinos To Begin Offering New Games

BY JAMES NORD
Associated Press

DEADWOOD — Casinos are betting next week's introduction of keno, craps and roulette in Deadwood will help reinvigorate the historic Black Hills town and level its odds against gambling hotspots across the country competing to attract players.

competing to attract players. The new games, over-whelmingly approved by South Dakota voters in November and authorized by lawmakers during the 2015 legislative session, are set to begin July 1. Casino operators and gambling industry advocates believe the new games will bring a type of customer to the historic mining city who would otherwise have traveled to Colorado or Iowa in search of the popular games.

"It changes the image of Deadwood to being a fully-fledged gaming destination competing on a national level," said Mike Rodman, executive director of the Deadwood Gaming Association. "We're just excited about the games, and 8 o'clock on July 1, we'll be playing them."

Rodman said the gambling industry is optimistic about a boost from the new games after roughly flat gambling revenue in 2013 and 2014. So far, 2015 revenues have grown by about 4 percent or 5 percent, he said, which is "not anything to jump up and down about."

A rough estimate for the

amount of revenue the new games could add in Deadwood is about \$2 million a year, but that number doesn't account for a boost in other benefits from more visitors such as increased spending on other games,

Rodman said.

David Schneiter, general manager of Cadillac Jack's Gaming Resort, plans to offer the three new games, with roulette wheels and craps tables destined for a black-jack area on the casino's floor. Schneiter said casinos in Deadwood are missing out on earnings from people who would stop at a craps table to play if they saw one.

"It'll make a difference in Deadwood," Schneiter said. "It's not just a slot machine, blackjack, poker market anymore. We've got everything."

William Thompson, a gambling expert and professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, said the new games will likely have a positive effect, but said he doubts it will cause a national stir.

"I don't see any reason why they shouldn't be optimistic," he said. "I just don't see it as a big game changer."

Matt Smith of Casper, Wyoming, is a craps lover—just the kind of player Deadwood casinos are trying to reach. He said the decision to add the games has changed his perception of a "small little gambling town."

Smith, who took a trip to Deadwood in November, said he plans on returning in the fall with the same group of friends to see the new

"It definitely gives me incentive to want to go back quicker," said Smith, 29. "It's definitely by far the most exciting casino game there is."

Tom Rensch, managing partner at the Silverado-Franklin Historic Hotel and Gaming Complex, also plans on offering craps and roulette on July 1. Customers have been asking for the games for years, he said, adding that the games should encourage more people to travel to Deadwood and grow the market.

Rensch thanked South Dakota voters for embracing the new games. In November, 57 percent of voters approved constitutional Amendment Q, which gave the Legislature the authority to implement the games in Deadwood and at tribal casinos.

Tom Scheffert, of Dorchester, Nebraska, is planning a trip to Deadwood for the July 1 opening of craps. Scheffert, 61, said he travels across the U.S. playing the game, which he likes for the excitement.

He said he's been to Deadwood before and wished for craps.

"Every year we'll make a couple trips up there," Scheffert said, now that the games are opening. "Before, we were basically never going back."

### **Vigil Held To Honor Charleston Victims**

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A prayer vigil in memory of the nine people killed at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, has been held at a Sioux Falls church, where leaders called for an end to racial hatred.

The *Argus Leader* and KDLT-TV report the Saturday vigil drew around 40 to 50 people to the parking lot of First United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls. The victims' names were read aloud, with candles lit in their memory.

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The Sioux Falls church's worship leader, Taylor Johnson, said members "couldn't just be here in silence."

The Rev. Sara McManus says Sioux Falls has "a lot of racism in it, as much as we don't want to admit it." She says there's a lot of work to be done in the city.

#### **Ads Aimed At Death Penalty Petition**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A group that opposes Nebraska's death penalty petition drive has released two television ads urging voters not to sign a petition that seeks to put the issue on the 2016 ballot.

Nebraskans for Public Safety posted the ads on social media on Monday and said they will run on television starting Tuesday.

The ads feature Nebraska voters Martha Brown, Timorree Adams Klingler and state Sen. Colby Coash of Lincoln, a conservative who led the repeal effort in the Legislature this year

year.
Danielle Conrad, a spokeswoman for the group, says the death penalty is broken and should left in the past. Nebraska

last executed an inmate in 1997.

The group Nebraskans for the Death Penalty has until Aug. 27 to gather signatures.

## **Man Who Threatened Officer Sentenced**

ELK POINT (AP) — A South Dakota man who was shot in the arm after he pointed a rifle at a police officer has been ordered to spend 8 years in prison.

The *Argus Leader* reports the sentence against 21-yearold Christopher Heuer came Monday in Union County. Heuer was sentenced to 30 years in prison, with 22 of those suspended.

An investigation into the Jan. 15 shooting concluded that Heuer, of Sioux Falls, was suicidal and was shot when he pointed a rifle at Beresford Police Sgt. Dave Steckelberg after being told to put the weapon down.

The state Division of Criminal Investigation handled the probe, which found that Steckelberg's actions were justified. Neither alcohol nor drugs were found on Heuer's system. Heuer's attorney couldn't immediately be reached to comment on the sentence.

#### **NE Court Says Woman Can Sue Hastings**

HASTINGS, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska Supreme Court has ruled that the city of Hastings and Adams County are not immune from a lawsuit filed by a woman whose arm was partially amputated after a car accident on a slick road.

The *Hastings Tribune* reports the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled Friday that Hastings and Adams County are not immune to the lawsuit filed by Kaelynn and Wayne Kimminau in 2011. The two claim the city did not properly clean a corn mash spill from the previous day and that led to Kaelynn's accident.

According to officials, a state patrol officer saw the spill on Nov. 15, 2009 and asked the Hastings Rural Fire Department to clean it up. Firefighters moved the corn mash onto the unpaved shoulder and ditch, and the road was reopened for travel.

#### **NATO Working With SD Telemedicine Hub**

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — NATO leaders are working with a telemedicine hub in South Dakota on a plan to deliver medical services remotely during natural or manmade disasters.

The group is visiting Avera Health's telemedicine center in Sioux Falls this week to look at the technology and equipment options available for telemedicine services. The delegation includes representatives from Romania and the United Kingdom.

Romanian interior ministry official Dr. Raed Arafat is the NATO director for the project. Arafat says the project aims to develop a multinational telemedicine system that could assist nations during emergency situations.

Avera's 24-hour telemedicine hub provides medical services to at least 90 hospitals in several states.

### **Man Dies In Attempt To Rescue Children**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Divers have recovered the body of an Omaha man who relatives say jumped into the Missouri River in an attempt to save his two daughters and two other children.

Authorities say the body of 31-year-old Elias Salvador was recovered about 8:10 p.m. Sunday, a little more than five hours after the children were swept into the river at NP Dodge Park on the northern edge of Omaha.

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Relatives say the children were wading in shallow water when the sand gave way and the children were knocked off their feet. Salvador jumped in and other relatives and three nearby fishermen came to help as well. All four children were saved, but relatives say Salvador was unable to hold onto a tree branch that had been extended into the rushing waters.

#### **Juveniles Steal Minivan, Flee Police**

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Sioux Falls police are searching for several juveniles who allegedly stole a minivan and fled from officers after throwing fireworks at passing vehicles.

Officers decided not to give chase early Sunday due to high speeds, and say the driver of the van eventually lost control and crashed the vehicle into a tree.

All of the van's occupants then fled on foot. Officers caught one of them — an 11-year-old boy. He was charged with possession of stolen property, fleeing police and obstructing an officer, and released to his parents.

Authorities are working to identify the others who were

# **Consultant Expects Longer VA Hospital Funding Delay**

Left to right: Third runner-up, Madison Vanduch, first runner-up, Amber

up, Anneliese Taggart, and fourth runner-up, Marissa Cruse.

Hulse, Miss South Dakota's Outstanding Teen 2015 Cameron Schroder, second runner-

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ship. Jessica Benson, Rapid

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Falls, won Duke of Edinburgh

Bronze Awards, and Benson

Nicole Bartlett of Sturgis

was Madison Vanduch of

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Federal funding to build a replacement for Omaha's aging Department of Veterans Affairs hospital may be even further away than expected, according to a consultant's report released Monday.

Cameron Schroder, 17,

of Huron was crowned Miss

South Dakota's Outstanding

Teen Saturday night. She

sang "You Can't Get a Man

with a Gun" for her talent,

and was the winner of the

talent award as well as the

Yellow Balloon Award for

the top fundraiser for the

Her parents are Chad and

Jennifer Schroder.

Children's Miracle Network.

First runner-up was Am-

ber Hulse of Hot Springs. She

top interview award and the

An analysis by Omahabased Booz Allen Hamilton for the VA said funding now could be delayed until the late 2020s. The analysis points to a \$9 billion backlog of approved projects and VA infrastructure needs that could reach \$60 billion.

"There never really was any real chance there was going to be a new hospital here," said Democratic U.S. Rep. Brad Ashford.

A 2007 study found the hospital was plagued by problems in its electrical system, heating and cooling systems. In 2011 the VA unveiled plans for a 1 million-square-foot replacement in Omaha to serve Nebraska and western Iowa veterans. Congress approved \$56 million to start the project planning, and it tentatively was scheduled to open in 2018. Ashford said Monday

that he intends to spend the summer working with the VA and veterans and health care professionals to come up with a recommendation on how to move forward and in what direction, as guided by the VA consultant's report.

The consultant's report

said it boiled down 28 options and variations to six that vary from doing virtually nothing to address the hospital's problems to building a replacement structure on the same east-central Omaha site. Among the six options is

Alliong the six options is renovating Creighton University Medical Center, an idea that surfaced in September. CHI Health announced in August, when it was known as Alegent Creighton Health, that it would close the Creighton hospital, move inpatient services to Bergan Mercy Medical Center in 2017 and build a \$35 million outpatient and emergency services facility in north Omaha.

Renovating the Creighton hospital to meet the VA's needs could cost about \$250 million, an Omaha engineering firm has said, compared with the \$560 million estimated for a complete replacement.

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