

Oahe Reservoir Will Have Sufficient Water

PIERRE (AP) — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says there will be enough water available in the Oahe Reservoir for local use despite a continuing drought.

KCCR reports that less water is expected in the reservoir because of the drought and below-normal snowpack.

The corps' Jody Farhat says more water will be left in the Oahe Reservoir for the spring fish spawn.

Higher flows will be discharged from the reservoir later in summer, but Farhat says there will be enough left for recreation and irrigation.

Farhat says decisions made will be made on water management issues such as the extension of boat ramps.

The corps says winter runoff into the river above Sioux City, Iowa, will only be 80 percent of normal for this year.

One Of Mitchell's Oldest Homes May Be Razed

MITCHELL (AP) — One of Mitchell's oldest houses might be torn down after being declared a nuisance by the city.

The *Daily Republic* newspaper reports that the city has filed a lawsuit seeking a court order to raze the property known as the Goodykuntz House, which was built in the 1880s.

The complaint says damage caused by a 2002 fire has made the house uninhabitable, and that debris has accumulated both inside and outside the house.

The house is owned by Clarence and Lauretta Larsen, who deny the city's allegations.

Sexual Harassment Trial Under Way In S. Falls

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — The former co-owner of adult entertainment stores in Sioux Falls and Tea is on trial, accused of sexually assaulting and harassing employees.

Three women who worked for Annabelle's Adult Superstore in Sioux Falls and Olivia's Adult Super Store in nearby Tea sued David Eliason and the stores in 2009. Two of the women claim Eliason raped them, the third says the harassment stopped short of assault.

The women are seeking unspecified monetary damages from Eliason for pain, suffering and loss of enjoyment in life caused by his alleged harassment, and from the stores for failing to take proactive steps to prevent sexual harassment, the *Argus Leader* newspaper reported.

"These are adult book stores. There are no illusions about that. But it's still a job, and people still deserve to be treated fairly," Aaron Eiesland, one of the lawyers for the women, told jurors in opening statements Tuesday.

No criminal charges were filed against Eliason, who currently runs an adult entertainment store in Sturgis. He disputes the allegations and is representing himself in the civil case, in which the standard of proof is lower than the beyond-a-reasonable-doubt standard applied in criminal cases.

"You've heard some pretty horrible things about me today, but I can assure you that these things are not true," Eliason told jurors.

Attorney Michael Luce, who is representing the businesses, told jurors they will have to decide not only if the allegations against Eliason pass "the smell test," but also whether anyone who invested in the businesses should have suspected wrongdoing or acted to prevent harm.

"They did not know," Luce said.

The trial is expected to last through the week.

S.D. Man Found Dead In Burned-Out Home

NISLAND (AP) — A man was found dead in his burned-out mobile home in the western South Dakota town of Nisland.

Firefighters recovered the body of Gerald Streb on Tuesday afternoon. The cause of death was not immediately determined. The *Rapid City Journal* reported that Streb was thought to be sleeping at the time of the fire.

Another occupant of the home was away when the blaze broke out but lost all of her possessions. The fire also damaged two vehicles and destroyed a shed next to the house.

The state fire marshal will be investigating the cause.

North Dakota

Oil Industry Economic Impact Pegged At \$30B

BY JAMES MACPHERSON

Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — The economic impact of North Dakota's oil industry has increased nearly sevenfold between 2005 and 2011, from \$4.4 billion to \$30.4 billion, according to a study from North Dakota State University released Wednesday.

The study, sponsored by the North Dakota Petroleum Council, estimates each barrel of oil produced in North Dakota generates about \$150 in economic activity.

The oil industry accounted for nearly 41,000 full-time jobs in 2011, about 9 percent of the state's workforce, the study said. The oil industry accounted for only about 5,000 jobs in 2005, when North Dakota's oil boom was in its infancy.

North Dakota currently trails only Texas in oil output. The state has risen from the ninth biggest oil state just six years ago with improved horizontal drilling techniques in the rich Bakken shale and Three Forks formations in the western part of the state.

Gov. Jack Dalrymple said the study validates the contribution to North Dakota's economy. But the economic benefit has come with increased crime, shortages of housing,

greater costs for road repairs and other infrastructure improvements in oil-producing counties in western North Dakota, he said.

"Oil and gas has had a very significant impact on our state's economy," Dalrymple told The Associated Press. "No question, there are some challenges."

Dalrymple's \$12.8 billion budget proposes that \$532 million in oil tax revenues be given to oil-producing counties over the next two years for infrastructure improvements and other projects impacted by oil development. The Republican governor's plan also includes 171 new state employees, including more law enforcement, court, health and regulatory workers to monitor the growing energy industry. It includes about \$1 billion for road work in western North Dakota.

Dalrymple spokesman Jeff Zent said the governor's budget also allocates \$214 million in so-called energy-impact grants to communities affected by oil development.

Senate Minority Leader Mac Schneider, D-Grand Forks, said the governor's budget doesn't go far enough in addressing the impacts that have come with oil development.

"This welcome development has come with impacts in our communities that policymakers have yet to get a handle on," he said.

Minnesota

Gay Marriage Bill Survives GOP Move To Block

BY PATRICK CONDON

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A proposal to allow gay weddings in Minnesota survived several moves by Senate Republicans Wednesday to block it, an early signal the measure likely has enough votes to pass on the floor.

Both on the Senate floor and in a Rules Committee meeting, Democrats who control the chamber defeated a series of Republican motions to postpone its progress. Republicans said they were simply seeking more information about whether it would cost tax money to allow gay couples to marry — in court costs, state employee benefits and other areas.

While the votes were procedural, Republicans portrayed a final floor vote as a functional vote on gay marriage. That motion, which adds the bill to a long list of bills awaiting action on the Senate floor, passed 35-31. One

Republican senator joined all but four of the chamber's Democrats to keep the bill moving.

Sen. Branden Petersen, R-Andover, sided with Democrats after previously revealing he supports legalizing gay marriage. The Democrats who went against the majority of their party all represent largely rural districts where last fall's election results, as well as more recent polls, show support for legalizing gay marriage is considerably lower than in the Twin Cities area.

Those Democrats were Kent Eken of Twin Valley, Lyle Koenen of Clara City, Dan Sparks of Austin and LeRoy Stumpf of Plummer.

While the bill survived its first challenge in the full Senate, that's no guarantee of its ultimate passage there. At least one senator who sided with fellow Democrats, Rod Skoe of Clearbrook, said he did so out of respect for traditional procedure and didn't know if he'd vote for the bill on

final passage.

"I'm undecided and even if I wasn't, I wouldn't say yet," said Skoe, whose district covers a large portion of northwest Minnesota.

The bill also has to get through the House, where its opponents have said they see a better chance to defeat it. Senators aren't up for reelection until 2016, while House members face voters again in 2014.

House and Senate policy committees approved the gay marriage bill Tuesday on party line votes. Backers have said a final floor vote wouldn't come until later this spring, after both chambers have passed the state budget.

On Wednesday, Senate Republicans produced a document they said shows that authorizing gay marriage could cost the state's insurance fund over \$600,000 a year to provide coverage to spouses of gay state employees. They questioned whether it

could also increase court costs or have other ramifications on state spending, and said the bill should be reviewed by the Senate Finance Committee, which oversees spending.

"I think it's going to cost the state of Minnesota a bunch of money," said Sen. Scott Newman, R-Hutchinson. "I think that impact is going to be significant. If I'm wrong, so be it."

But Sen. Dick Cohen, the St. Paul Democrat who chairs the Finance Committee, said any costs would be tough to estimate and likely not very high. He said his committee has rarely viewed the fiscal impact of judicial policy changes.

Gov. Mark Dayton has said he would sign a gay marriage bill if the House and Senate pass it. Gay weddings would be allowed starting Aug. 1 under the current proposal.

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WATER WISDOM



Keep Pet Waste Out of Our Waterways!

Pet waste is not only a quick way to ruin your favorite pair of shoes, but can also cause big problems when it gets into our storm drains, creeks, and other waterways.

Pet waste contains harmful bacteria that can make people and animals sick. When it decays, it uses up oxygen which kills aquatic animals.

Standards Link: Environmental Science: Know how people affect the environment in negative and positive ways.

- Always pick up your pet's waste on walks, at the park, and at home.
- Always bring pet waste bags with you on outings so you are not caught unprepared without a bag.
- Throw pet waste in the trash. Do not put pet waste in the yard waste or recycling container.
- Do not hose pet waste into the gutter. By doing your part to make sure you pick up after your pet, you are helping the community and the environment.

How much water does it take?

Draw a line from each of these household tasks to the amount of water you think it requires. Check the answers. Then, talk with your family members about all the ways you can think of to use less water for each of these activities.

Brush your teeth.

Wash a load of laundry.

Use the dishwasher.

Flush the toilet.

Wash the car.

Take a shower or bath.

8 to 15 gallons

50 gallons

2 to 5 gallons

1.5 to 4 gallons

17 to 24 gallons

35 to 50 gallons

ANSWERS: Brushing teeth: 2 to 5 gallons; Washing laundry: 35 to 50 gallons; Dishwasher: 8 to 15 gallons; Toilet flush: 1.5 to 4 gallons; Shower or bath: 17 to 24 gallons; Laundry: 35 to 50 gallons.

Standards Link: Science: Understand relationships among organisms and their physical environment.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many gallons of water does the average family of four use every day in the United States? Color the even-numbered squares blue to reveal the answer.

39	15	29	33	7	3	17	37	15	21	53	7	9	71
3	16	5	6	69	9	4	34	66	93	2	46	50	95
9	20	81	24	13	23	40	65	80	43	8	11	2	15
11	12	53	32	9	61	76	23	2	9	20	35	8	3
91	4	22	8	12	77	38	5	52	1	36	81	72	9
75	67	1	48	43	49	2	1	6	5	10	99	90	17
37	3	63	50	31	5	10	90	16	25	4	88	56	49
49	9	15	33	5	7	9	13	27	45	21	73	13	3

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



Try these online games that teach you how to take care of the environment. Go to: www.kidscoop.com/section_fronts/kids/

Double Double Word Search

COMMUNITY
WATERWAYS
POLLUTION
SOLUTION
GUTTER
ALWAYS
FISH
DARE
PICK
HOSE
RUIN
KILL
YARD
SPOT
PET

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

A	L	W	A	Y	S	A	L	N	S
W	S	P	O	T	E	S	O	H	Y
A	Y	O	S	I	P	I	A	A	
K	I	L	L	N	T	C	R	K	W
R	E	T	T	U	G	D	U	K	R
D	P	P	L	M	T	F	C	E	E
T	A	L	T	M	N	I	U	R	T
E	O	R	S	O	P	S	O	W	A
P	A	S	E	C	T	H	E	N	W

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Headline Humor

Look through the newspaper and cut out headlines to news stories. Rearrange and add words to make the headline say just the opposite of what the original headline said. Is it funnier that way?

Standards Link: Writing: Produce writing appropriate to task.

Write On!

The Magic Berry

I found a ripe berry hanging on a bush. Just as I was about to pick it, it started to talk to me ...
Finish this story.

Deadline: April 7 **Published:** Week of May 5
Please include your school and grade.

Send your story to:

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Weekly Writing Corner

I Care!

Students describe the ways they care for the planet.

I can help the planet by not littering. I will find a trash can so no animals will eat the litter.

Aaron, 1st grade

I care about the planet because we need to have a clean atmosphere to live. I will help by recycling. I can make jam jars into storage jars by putting fresh picked rosemary from the garden into the jars. You can help by using fabric napkins instead of paper napkins. Also, you can recycle objects because, when you throw them in the trash, they get buried into the earth. Caring for the Earth helps plants, animals and us, too!

Clara, 3rd grade

A way to help the planet is to start warning people of the effects of waste. When you waste something like food that's been barely touched, you could have given it to someone who would like it. Also, when you throw away things, they could be recycled and reused, or used for art projects. To help the planet can seem hard, but it's not, and all it needs is one person and it could start with you.

Le'Tasha, 5th grade

I will clean up trash. I will plant trees. I will make people stop smoking. I will ride a bike. I can care for the planet.

J.T., 2nd grade

How I keep the earth clean is simple. First, I save water by taking short showers, turning off the water when I brush my teeth, and not throwing away good, drinkable water. Next, I turn off lights when my family and I don't need them. Also, I recycle things like newspapers, jars and boxes. Lastly, I reuse things like a shoe box. Wow, we can do a lot of things!

Maria, 4th grade