

'Significant Flood' Expected In N.D. This Spring

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Grand Forks says the area is expected to be in for a "significant flood" this spring.

Greg Gust tells *The Forum* that flooding this year could match levels seen in 2010 and 2011. He says it shouldn't be as bad as in 2009.

In 2010, the Red River crested at 36.99 feet. In 2011, it hit 38.75 feet, the fourth highest on record. The 2009 flood crested at 40.84 feet.

Gust says slow melting and record to near record cold temperatures are increasing the likelihood of a major flood.

An official updated flood forecast will be released Thursday.

S.D. Company Secures Silica Mine Claims

RAPID CITY (AP) — A South Dakota-based company says it has secured silica sand mining claims in three Black Hills counties.

The *Black Hills Pioneer* reports that if Cambrian Enterprises' claims are mined, South Dakota will be the westernmost producer of silica sands in the U.S. It would also be the closest to the nation's largest silica sand consumers, the Bakken and Three Forks oil fields.

Silica sands are used in hydraulic fracturing, in which combinations of water, minerals and chemicals are pumped into shale oil and gas formations at high pressure.

Cambrian Enterprises says it has secured more than 600 acres of claims in Custer, Lawrence and Pennington counties.

Co-owner David Ganje says the company has been researching and reviewing the potential in western South Dakota for roughly a year.

Bond Restriction Set For S.D. Murder Suspect

WATERTOWN (AP) — A judge has ordered a South Dakota man accused in a child's death to have no contact with the child's mother and other relatives.

Twenty-five-year-old Jay Barse, of Watertown, appeared in court on Tuesday. Judge LeeAnn Pierce kept his bond at \$50,000 but granted the request by Codington County State's Attorney Dawn Elshere that Barse have no contact with the immediate family of the child if he bonds out.

Barse is charged with second-degree murder in the death last week of 14-month-old Serenity Seaboy from head trauma. Authorities say Barse is the live-in boyfriend of the girl's mother.

He is due back in court April 2.

Spearfish Council Delays Sign Ord. Decision

SPEARFISH (AP) — The Spearfish city council has delayed a decision on how it wants to manage temporary business signs.

The *Black Hills Pioneer* reports that council members say they would like to see a proposal that addresses how to mount banners, the maximum amount of signage and what sizes are appropriate.

The ordinance initially came before the city council in January, when members said they wanted to find a balance between business owners' needs and a desire to enhance the visual landscape.

Public hearings have been put off as a taskforce continues its work on suggestions for a proposed ordinance.

Spearfish City Planner Jayna Watson says with the struggling economy the past few years, businesses want to use any additional advertising they can to boost their bottom lines.

Daugaard Vetoes Boost In Fertilizer Fee

BY CHET BROKAW

Associated Press

PIERRE — Gov. Dennis Daugaard vetoed a measure Wednesday that would increase a fee imposed to fund the state's inspection of commercial fertilizer, saying it is an unneeded tax.

The measure would have doubled the 15-cent-a-ton inspection fee paid by distributors on most fertilizer, with the extra money going to the Agricultural Research Station at South Dakota State University for research into fertilizer and soil nutrients.

The Republican governor said he supports the research station, but its budget is already being increased by more than 10

percent with the equivalent of eight new full-time employees. He said the fee increase would not offset the cost of fertilizer inspection, but instead would impose a tax to benefit a government agency.

"While I strongly believe that we should not raise or create any taxes while our economy recovers and stabilizes, the new tax in Senate Bill 115 is particularly objectionable," Daugaard wrote in his veto message to the Legislature.

The measure's main sponsor, Sen. Shantel Krebs, R-Renner, said she believes supporters can get the required two-thirds majorities in both the Senate and House to override the governor's veto.

Krebs said the increase is supported by

companies in the fertilizer industry. The research could help avoid some regulation by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, she said.

"We've got to make sure our producers and our farmers know exactly what they're putting on the ground and we're up to date so that we can avoid any interruption from the EPA getting involved in our livelihood," Krebs said.

Sen. Corey Brown, R-Gettysburg, who opposed the measure when it went through the Senate, said he hopes lawmakers uphold the governor's veto.

Companies in the fertilizer industry would not bear the burden of an increased fee because they would pass the added cost on to farmers who buy their products, Brown said.

Lawmakers Wade Into Debate Over Guns

BY GRANT SCHULTE

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Lawmakers waded into an intense gun debate Wednesday during a hearing on several bills, including two that would try to prevent the federal government from enforcing new firearms restrictions in Nebraska.

Supporters filled a hearing room at the Capitol to speak in favor of the measures, while each bill faced a heavy grilling from the Legislature's longest-serving member, Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha.

Sen. Charlie Janssen of Fremont said he modeled his bill after legislation introduced in Wyoming. Janssen, a Republican candidate for governor, pointed to other states that have defied federal laws, including Colorado, where voters recently legalized marijuana.

Nebraska lawmakers already have considered several proposed gun restrictions aimed at juveniles, introduced in the wake of the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. The 20-year-old shooter killed 20 students and six faculty members before committing suicide.

"These tragedies cannot and

should be not be used to abridge the rights of responsible Nebraskans," Janssen said.

Chambers called several of the bills "preposterous," saying the bills focused on nonexistent problems and were a futile attempt to trump federal law. Chambers said the measures could create a scenario in which a local sheriff would have to arrest federal agents who were confiscating illegal guns.

Chambers said the bills were introduced to exploit "naive, fearful" residents who falsely believe that Nebraska can trump federal law.

"To put it on the books doesn't mean anything except that the Legislature is foolish," Chambers said.

The bill drew support from two rural Nebraska sheriffs, Jerome Kramer of Lincoln County and Shawn Hebbert of Grant County.

The bill "at least tells the federal government how we feel in Nebraska," said Kramer. "We need to make our feelings known, and that's what I'm doing here today."

A third measure by Sen. Mark Christensen would require the Nebraska State Patrol to design a standard sign to be used in places where guns are prohibited.

A fourth bill would ban public disclosure of gun permit information. The measure came in response to a New York newspaper that published an online map of all gun-permit holders.

The sponsor, Sen. Bill Kintner of Papillion, said he was planning to introduce an amendment that would exempt the news media in cases where a crime was committed. Gun-rights groups argued that revealing gun ownership information could lead to invasions of privacy.

Kintner acknowledged under questioning that gun-permit disclosure hasn't been a problem in Nebraska but said he introduced the bill as a preventative measure.

"I think this is a measured, reasonable way to head (off) any problems," he said.

The bill is opposed by several news media groups, which argued that it denies access to public records based on isolated cases from other states.

"It's a record of our government, and it's bought and paid for by taxpayers," said Dave Bundy, editor-in-chief of the Lincoln Journal Star newspaper. The bill "isn't about keeping information from the news media. It's about keeping information from the public."

she made many friends.

Her memory will be cherished by her 2 daughters, Louise Matthies of Wakonda; Linda and Roger Hora of Yankton; 2 Grandchildren Todd and Jen Hora of Sioux Falls; Sheri and Tom Gause of Yankton; 4 Great Grandchildren Mikala, Jax, Kirby and Cody. She is also survived by her 7 sisters Eva Dowling of Redmond, OR; Leila and LeRoy Brummels of Wayne, NE; Flo Lenzen of Laurel, NE; Doris and Bill Dowling of Hastings, NE; Audrey and George Hinrichs of Laurel, NE; Wilma Wiemers of Laurel, NE; Alice Jean and John Moehlenhoff of Creighton, NE.

Vera was preceded in death by her parents; husband Richard; 2 Brothers Boyd and Dale Cunningham; 4 Sisters Aulda, Velma, Irma and Helen; 1 son-in-law Dale Matthies and her Godchild Marlene Heckinliab.

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Iowa House OKs First Round Of Budget Plans

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The Iowa House has approved its first set of budget bills for this legislative session.

Lawmakers voted Wednesday on legislation for transportation and administration. The measures largely matched the governor's proposals for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

More controversial votes on tax cut proposals and additional education spending will come up later in the session.

On transportation, the House approved \$353 million to maintain Iowa's roads and other responsibilities. That funding comes from fuel taxes and fees imposed on drivers.

Lawmakers approved the administration budget and \$55 million to cover the costs for several offices, including Gov. Terry Branstad's office.

The House also debated Wednesday night funding for universities, community colleges and other education programs.

These bills now go to the Senate.

OBITUARIES

Rex Leubecher

SIoux FALLS — Rex Leubecher, 93, died Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at Bethany Meadows in Brandon. Funeral service will be held Friday, March 22, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. Visitation will be Thursday, March 21 at George Boom Funeral Home with family present from 5-7 p.m.

Rex Leubecher was born on January 5, 1920, on the family farm in rural Sioux Falls to Herman George and Iva (Peterson) Leubecher. He graduated from Washington High School in 1937 and then farmed in partnership with his father. He joined the SD National Guard and on November 25, 1940, he was called to active duty and sent to Fort Ord, CA. His ship left Pearl Harbor a week before it was bombed and he proudly served his country in the South Pacific until his honorable discharge in July, 1945.

After his discharge, he resumed farming and soon met the love of his life, Ruby Jean Ellens. They married on September 15, 1946 and shared 66 wonderful years of marriage. In 1966, Rex was persuaded by Erling Haugo of Valley National Bank to be his ag representative/public relations officer. He served the Valley Banks of Sioux Falls, Harrisburg, Tea, Lennox, Elk Point, and Yankton. His business sense, love of farming, and love of people made him a natural fit for the job. He retired as vice president in 1983 and continued to serve on the Valley Bank Board of Directors for many more years.

Rex served as chairman of Lincoln County Farm Bureau, Lincoln County Republican Party, Lincoln County Planning



Leubecher

Commission, South eastern Council of Government, Minnehaha Coop Oil, and numerous other ag related boards. He served on the Board of Directors of the Crippled Children's School, was a charter member and past president of South Sioux Kiwanis, and lifetime member of the American Legion and VFW. He served on the SD Highway Commission under Governor Archie Gubbrud.

A man of faith, he was baptized, confirmed, married, and was a longtime usher of First Lutheran Church.

Rex and Ruby moved to Stoneybrook Assisted Living in 2010 and to Bethany Meadows Nursing Home in 2012. Rex endeared himself to all those who helped care for him and Ruby.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby; three daughters and their spouses, Diane and Larry Ness of Yankton, Kathy and Ray Metzger of Brandon, and Nancy and Loren Noess of Mitchell. Grandchildren include: Michael, Aaron, and Rob Ness, Kristi, Matt, Rex, and Tyson Metzger, Steven, Dexter, David, and Paul Noess, and 10 great grandchildren.

Rex was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Iva Leubecher and his sister, Dorothy Flint.

Rex was the consummate gentleman and family man. His kindness, integrity, and genuine interest in everyone he encountered earned the respect of all

whose life he touched. His positive attitude was contagious. Whenever anybody asked how he was his reply was always the same. "It's the best day of my life!"

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Vera Remington

Vera M. Remington, 94, of Yankton, died Tuesday March 19, 2013 at Avera Sacred Heart Majestic Bluffs Nursing Home, Yankton.

Services are at St. John's Lutheran Church, Randolph, Neb., on Saturday, March 23 at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at Randolph Cemetery with celebrant Rev. Dr. Derrick Fallon.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. on Friday at Johnson Funeral Home, Randolph.

Pallbearers are Sam Reinke, Jim Billerbeck, Neil Lackas, Jerry Hoffart, Roger Jorgensen and Keith Huwaldt.

She was born August 9, 1918 at Randolph, Nebraska the daughter of William and Nina (Caster) Cunningham. She was united in marriage to Richard Remington on September 6, 1941



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