

Oglala Lakota County Is Official

PIERRE (AP) — The state Legislature has passed a resolution to change the name of Shannon County to Oglala Lakota County after voters overwhelmingly approved the new name in the November election.

The state Senate voted 32-2 on Thursday to approve the resolution. Democratic Sen. Jim Bradford of Pine Ridge says the new name is more fitting.

The resolution is part of the process to make official the name change, which about 80 percent of the county's voters approved.

It had been named after Peter Shannon, a chief justice of the Dakota Territory Supreme Court who later helped negotiate land deals with the Lakota. Shannon isn't well thought of among many American Indians.

A separate measure to make it less cumbersome to enact a voter-approved county name change is moving through the Legislature.

'Daschle Law' Repealed In Legislature

PIERRE (AP) — The Legislature has approved a measure to change the state's so-called "Daschle law" that bars a presidential candidate from seeking another office on the same South Dakota ballot.

The Senate voted 24-9 Thursday to send a proposal to remove the prohibition to the governor.

The original Republican-backed measure in 2002 faced criticism from Democrats for targeting then-U.S. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, who was considered a possible 2004 Democratic presidential candidate.

State Senate Majority Leader Tim Rave says the 2002 law is in the past. Rave says this plan would increase the state's potential political influence.

Democrats had fought against the change this session. But Democratic Sen. Bernie Hunhoff says his caucus shifted positions to support the measure because he said both sides had played political games from the beginning.

S.D. Man Sentenced To 50 Years

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A Sioux Falls man convicted for raping his girlfriend's 6-year-old daughter has been sentenced to 50 years in prison.

Twenty-five-year-old Emmanuel Pio was charged with first-degree rape. Authorities say the victim's mother and Pio had been in a relationship for six years before the incident occurred. He is not the victim's biological father.

The *Sioux Falls Argus Leader* reports that Pio asked the judge for mercy for the sake of his family. The victim's mother told the court that Pio should not be alive.

Judge Susan Sabers said before sentencing Pio that she places the case on "the very worst end of the spectrum."

Man Shot, Killed By Lincoln Police

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A man has been shot and killed by law enforcement outside a hotel in north Lincoln.

The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports an officer shot 34-year-old Tyson Damian Hubbard shortly before 10:45 a.m. Thursday while trying to serve an arrest warrant at a Motel 6. Hubbard was taken around 11:30 a.m. to a Lincoln hospital, where he died.

Lancaster County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jeff Bliemeister told the *Journal Star* that three law-enforcement agencies, including the Lincoln Police Department and Nebraska State Patrol, were involved in the incident. He declined to name the officers involved.

Sheriff Terry Wagner says Hubbard resisted arrest as he got into a vehicle and was shot. He says a handgun was found in the vehicle, but wouldn't say whether Hubbard was reaching for the weapon.

Bus Seat Belt Law Shelved In Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Nebraska legislative committee has rejected a bill that would have required seat belts in public school buses.

The eight-member committee voted 4-4 on Thursday, just one vote short of the majority needed to advance the bill to full legislative debate. The bill is likely to remain in committee unless another member decides to support it.

The measure by Sen. Robert Hilkemann of Omaha would have authorized buses purchased after Jan. 1, 2016, to come equipped with lap-shoulder belts.

Committee members in opposition say nationally recognized organizations have not proven that seat belts increase child safety on buses. The requirement would have cost Nebraska public school districts between \$8,000 and \$15,000 per bus.

Man Sentenced For Using Plant As Toilet

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — An Illinois man who used indoor potted plants as a toilet was sent to jail in Nebraska — for five days.

The Omaha Police Department says officers responded to a report of a 32-year-old man pulling down his pants earlier this week to defecate on a potted plant in the waiting room area of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services building in Omaha. A building supervisor says he then urinated on another plant.

The *Omaha World-Herald* reports the man pleaded guilty to indecent exposure and received a five-day jail sentence Tuesday in lieu of paying a fine.

Police say the man explained his actions by saying, "Sometimes you have to let the bear outside the woods."

A police report says the man has no ties to the community.

USD To Offer Gender-Neutral Housing

SIoux FALLS (AP) — The University of South Dakota plans to offer gender-neutral housing this fall, making it the first college in the state to offer accommodation for transgender students.

Director of University Housing Todd Tucker said the idea is to be more inclusive toward a variety of students, particularly those in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community.

"Knowing they have this option to be more free in who they are. That's something that hasn't really — that's taken a long time for any person to get to feel comfortable with themselves and comfortable with the people around them," Tucker said.

Gender-neutral student housing is offered at 159 public and private universities, including three in Minnesota, two in Iowa and one in Nebraska, according to the nonprofit group Campus Pride.

Students are already applying for this option at the University of South Dakota, which will have gender-neutral housing on the fourth floor of the Richardson Hall dormitory. Several apartment-style residence halls will



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also allow it.

Tucker said the housing options will make things easier for transgender students, who don't identify with their sex at birth, or for those who doesn't identify with a gender at all. It allows a transgender female to be able to live with other females, or a transgender male to live with other males, he said.

While on-campus statistics don't necessarily reflect a bustling LGBT

community, many students may just not be comfortable with discussing such personal matters. He said he hopes more options could change that.

Sophomore Rachael Vinzant said she thinks it's a good idea because it will make the campus more welcoming.

"I think it's good for those students for that community, because it could just make them feel more accepted," Vinzant said.

House Approves Removing Consent Requirement To Expunge Records

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — The state House of Representatives gave final legislative approval Thursday to changing a South Dakota law that kept a judge from removing two arrests from a man's record after they were dismissed.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard now faces the question whether a prosecutor's consent should continue to be needed for a judge to expunge arrests if they ended in dismissal or acquittal or weren't prosecuted within one year.

The legislation, HB 1134, seeks to remove the consent requirement. The prime sponsor is Rep. Dan Kaiser, R-Aberedeen. He brought the change after former Brown County state's attorney Brandon Taliaferro couldn't get two arrests expunged last year.

State Attorney General Marty Jackley and Beadle County state's attorney Michael Moore opposed Kaiser's legislation. Jackley appointed Moore to prosecute Taliaferro on seven charges regarding Taliaferro's handling of a Brown County sex-abuse case.

Taliaferro was acquitted of

five charges midway through the trial. One charge was dropped before trial and the other charge was dropped during trial.

A circuit judge removed from Taliaferro's record the five charges on which he was acquitted. Moore refused to consent to the two other arrests being expunged. The South Dakota Supreme Court upheld the judge's decision.

"We recognize that this is a harsh result; nevertheless, the appropriate avenue for relief in this case is through the Legislature," the court said in its unanimous opinion.

The Senate amended parts of the legislation Wednesday. Kaiser urged the House to agree with the amendments Thursday.

He said the Senate added language from another part of state law dealing with removal of people's names from sex-offender lists.

"Everything in here is agreeable," Kaiser said.

House members agreed 69-0. The Senate vote was 33-1.

If the consent requirement is repealed, Taliaferro would need to return to court to see whether the two remaining arrests could be expunged under the new version of the law.

Mickelson Kills Bill On Tax For Tech Schools

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — The state Senate Education Committee granted the request from Rep. Mark Mickelson and killed his legislation Thursday that would have permitted school districts to designate some of their capital outlay taxes for technical schools.

Mickelson, R-Sioux Falls, said he found that officials representing three of the school districts with technical schools — Mitchell, Watertown and Rapid City — didn't support the legislation.

Those three school districts are already using their capital outlay tax at its maximum. Sioux Falls school district, which operates the fourth public tech school, isn't at its maximum.

The tech schools receive about two-thirds of their funding from student fees and tuition and about one-third from the Legislature. Mickelson has been searching for a way to get local taxpayers to help support the tech schools.

He led a change last year that allows cities, counties and school districts to give money to tech schools but that hasn't caught on.

For the capital-outlay idea this year, Mickelson used legislation originally sponsored by Rep. Julie Bartling, D-Gregory, as a vehicle to carry his proposal.

The House of Representatives voted 60-9 on Feb. 25 to pass Mickelson's version of HB 1218.

Mickelson told the Senate committee Thursday the concept remained "a great idea" but full support isn't there.

He said he expects the tech-tax idea will be part of future legislation on capital outlay taxes.

The Senate committee gave its endorsement Thursday to another piece of Mickelson's tech-school legislation. It provides the option for establishing new nine-member boards to govern technical schools rather than the local school-district boards.

The senators placed it on the Senate consent calendar, meaning it won't be debated unless there is a request. The measure previously won House approval 66-1 on Feb. 18.

The bill could get final legislative approval today (Friday). Gov. Dennis Daugaard supports it.

Daugaard Still Debating If He Will Sign Youth Minimum Wage Bill

BY JAMES NORD
Associated Press

PIERRE — It's unclear whether Gov. Dennis Daugaard will sign a measure to exempt South Dakota's youngest workers from the \$8.50 minimum wage voters approved in November, the governor's administration said on Thursday.

The state Legislature has approved the measure, which would carve out a \$7.50 minimum wage for people under 18. Daugaard's spokeswoman said in an email that he wants to review the plan before deciding whether to sign it.

Republican Rep. Justin Cronin said on the House floor the proposal would help minors get jobs and learn from more experienced colleagues.

"It allows the opportunity for young people to come into a workplace,"



Daugaard

Cronin said. "This allows an opportunity for a business owner to start a youth in a workplace environment where they can learn from people who are doing the ... jobs."

South Dakota residents voted 55 percent to 45 percent in November to raise the state's minimum hourly wage from \$7.25 to \$8.50 an hour, which went into effect on Jan. 1. The measure increased the \$2.13 hourly wage that tipped workers earned to half the minimum wage and tied future increases to the cost of living.

The \$7.50 youth wage in the bill wouldn't be subject to future cost of living increases.

Opponents of the proposal said it

goes against the voters' wishes and should be shot down. Democratic Rep. Karen Soli said the bill "is a rejection of the will of the voters shown so decisively this past November."

Cronin said a youth wage wasn't discussed during the ballot question campaign ahead of the election.

Republican Rep. Lance Russell said he opposed the minimum wage hike that voters approved, but he thinks going against the people shouldn't be done lightly.

He also highlighted Republicans' strong hold on the Legislature.

"I think when we have supermajorities of the party that didn't bring (the ballot question), we have to be very careful not to appear to do whatever we would like," Russell said. "It is a very dangerous precedent for us to simply overturn the will of the people."

OBITUARIES

Colleen Meinke

Colleen F. Meinke, 80, of Irene, SD passed away Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at Sunset Manor Nursing Home in Irene.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Irene, with Pastor Mark Ostrem officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery at Irene.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 9, 2015 with a prayer service beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Hansen Funeral Home in Irene.

Colleen Frances Jensen was born on January 23, 1935 a mile south of Irene to LeRoy and Josephine (Brandon) Jensen. She was a graduate of Irene High School and a proud resident of Irene all of her life. On April 17, 1954 she married a Volin



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boy, Arnold (Arnie) Meinke in Sioux Falls, SD. She met Arnie while popping popcorn at the Irene Star Theatre (originally the Opera House) located where the Legion Hall Community Center stands today. They were the love of each other's lives. Over the years Colleen worked at the Human Services Center in Yankton and in the kitchen at Sunset Manor in Irene. Arnie died in February of 1997. Colleen was diagnosed with Early Onset Alzheimer's Disease in 2000 and suffered a rapid decline in her mental health. She lived in Sioux Falls with her son Dan before making her final home at Sunset Manor in 2002 where

she has been so lovingly cared for. Colleen was baptized and confirmed in the Irene Lutheran Church (now Calvary Lutheran Church) and was a lifelong member. Her faith was a very important part of her life. The longest memories Mom was able to hang on to were the Lord's Prayer and the hymns she knew and loved so much. Even when she could no longer verbalize them, you could physically see the comfort they gave her. She was a loving mother to three children, Kathy, Cindy and Dan. Colleen loved the simple things in life, shopping for groceries, eating out and spending time with family and friends. She loved games, crossword puzzles and played a wicked game of scrabble. She had an infectious laugh and wonderful wit.

Colleen is survived by two daughters, Kathleen Padgett of Phoenix, AZ, Cynthia (Randy) Krehbiel of Sioux Falls and one son Daniel (Debra) Meinke of Sioux Falls. Grandchildren; Melissa (Hosea) Chavez, Shane (Heather) Padgett, Keri (Dale) Krehbiel Flint, Tyler Krehbiel, Cole Krehbiel, Alicia (Matt) Meinke Gleason, Danielle Meinke and Eric Meinke. Also great-grandchildren; Dakota, Katie and Chloe Chavez, Morgan, Tabitha and Caitlyn Padgett and Thomas Mathew Gleason, her sister and best friend Darlene (Larry) Nelson, sister-in-law Faye Jensen and her nieces and nephews; Larry Dale Jensen, Shirley Westaby, Patricia Jensen Jamie Jensen, Donlyn Jensen Lyndon Jensen, Kenton Jensen, Deanna Huether, Jay Nelson and Teresa

Schick and several great-nephews and nieces and cousins.

Colleen was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, son-in-law Alfred (Kathy) Padgett, sister Lois and brother-in-law Everett Jensen, brother Dean (Faye) Jensen and niece Tamara Nelson Purdie.

For obituary and online condolences visit hansenfuneralhome.com
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Visitation will be Sunday from 4-7 p.m. at the church. Brockhaus Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Vernon died Thursday, March 5, 2015, at Good Samaritan Society in Bloomfield.

Winina Long

Winona Long, 82, died March 4, 2015.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Spring Valley Lutheran Church, rural Viborg.

Visitation is today (Friday) from 5-8 p.m. with family present from 7-8 p.m. at the Viborg Funeral Home.

Mildred Humpal

Funeral mass for Mildred "Millie" Marie Humpal, 83, of Tyndall, South Dakota will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall. Burial will follow in the St. Leo Catholic Cemetery, Tyndall.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00

p.m. on Monday, March 9 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. A wake service will be held at 7:00 p.m. later that evening at the church.

Millie passed away on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at the Good Samaritan Society of Tyndall.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall. Online

condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com/.

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