

Crews Respond To 2 Grass Fires In Harrold

HARROLD (AP) — Harrold Fire Department Chief Treg Cowan says the fire risk remains high in the town Friday after crews responded to two grassfires Thursday night.

KGFX and KCCR report that crews from Harrold and Fort Thompson responded to an eight-acre fire south of Big Bend on Thursday night. About an hour later, crews from Harrold and Blunt were called out to a small grassfire reported about six miles west of Harrold.

No one was injured in either fire. Cowan says recent cool weather is slowing the growth of new, green grass, and the current standing grass remains dry.

Nebraska Sending River Water Down To Kansas

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Officials are releasing water from Nebraska into Kansas to avoid a violation of the Republican River Compact.

The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources said Friday that the water was flowing out of the Harlan County Reservoir, in south-central Nebraska.

Department director Brian Dunnigan says the risk of a violation was too large for state officials to wait until later in the year. The 1943 compact is a water-sharing agreement among Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas.

Nebraska officials say Kansas recently expressed interest in having the Harlan County Reservoir retain some of the water so it could be used in future years. Nebraska officials say they were willing to do so, but only if Nebraska was held harmless for any shortfalls that occurred as a result. No agreement was reached.

Police: Man Tried To Knife Woman, Officers

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Lincoln man is accused of trying to attack his girlfriend and police officers with a knife.

Police say 32-year-old Pedro Renteria was arguing Thursday with his girlfriend over a set of car keys. An intoxicated Renteria swiped at her chest 10 times with a knife.

The knife did not cut the woman's skin, but she received several punches to the head.

Police say Renteria tried to attack a responding officer with the knife, and an initial attempt to subdue him was unsuccessful. Renteria tried to slash another officer, and missed his chest by a few inches.

Renteria was eventually arrested. He faces several charges, including attempted first-degree domestic assault and use of a weapon to commit a felony.

Court records do not list an attorney.

Brookings Teen Rings Wall Street Closing Bell

BROOKINGS (AP) — A Brookings High School senior got to ring the closing bell of the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday.

The *Brookings Register* reports that Elliot Johnson was given the honor because of work he's done to help make the nation's roads safer.

Johnson and other teen safe driving leaders were asked by All-state to participate in recognition of Global Youth Traffic Safety Month. Johnson currently serves as a board member of the National Organizations for Youth Safety.

Johnson is the national president of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and also has lobbied and worked as an intern in Washington, D.C.

Crazy Horse Honors Ziolkowski With Blast

CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL (AP) — Crazy Horse Memorial is commemorating the 66th anniversary of sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski moving to the Black Hills to begin work on the carving.

The memorial in the southern Black Hills detonated an 880-ton blast on the mountain on Friday in honor of Korczak Day.

On May 3, 1947, Ziolkowski accepted the invitation from Lakota leaders to carve Crazy Horse Memorial.

The memorial is a mountain carving in progress that will honor Oglala Lakota warrior Crazy Horse. Work on the sculpture began in 1948.

4 SD Sites Nominated For National Register

RAPID CITY (AP) — A bank, a barn, a church and a movie theater in South Dakota are being nominated for the National Register of Historic Places.

The Register is the federal government's list of properties it deems worthy of recognition and preservation.

The South Dakota State Historical Society Board has nominated the Inland Theater in Martin, the First United Church of Christ in Belle Fourche, a Campbell County barn and ranch yard built by the Wientjes family and the former Gregory National Bank building in Gregory. The bank now houses the Oscar Micheaux Center, home of an annual film festival celebrating the work of the filmmaker from Gregory County.

The *Rapid City Journal* reports that the four sites await official designation by the National Park Service.

Schools Seek Help For Misbehaving Students

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Lincoln Public Schools has been considering hiring a Pennsylvania company to help the district intensify its behavioral skills program for misbehaving elementary and middle school students.

"We're trying to solve a problem," Jane Stavem, associate superintendent of instruction, told the *Lincoln Journal Star*. "The problem is increasing difficulty with educating students with major mental health issues. We spent this year looking for what's out there."

The company under consideration is Specialized Education Services Inc., of Yardley, Pa. If contracted, it would provide an administrator and people to train the Lincoln district's teachers. The district's half-day services would be expanded to a full-day program that would serve about 100 students instead of 60 to 70.

Lincoln officials have visited schools using the program, Stavem said, and they've been impressed with the results.

The website for Specialized Education Services describes the company as a private provider of specialized day schools, programs and services to 55 schools in 11 states and the District of Columbia.

Stavem said she didn't know what the company might charge Lincoln, because so many questions have yet to be answered. The company runs its program in some schools, she said, but the Lincoln district would remain in control locally.

Burbank Girls' Duck Stamp Win Restored

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A 6-year-old South Dakota girl who was disqualified as the winner of a national duck stamp competition after her age sparked discussion about her artistic abilities has had her win restored.

Madison Grimm, of rural Burbank, learned April 19 that her oil painting had won the 2013 Federal Junior Duck Stamp contest. Her painting was to be featured on the \$5 stamp that supports environmental education, and she was to receive a \$5,000 scholarship. She learned a week later that she had been disqualified because she had copied her painting from a photograph.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued a statement Thursday saying Grimm had been reinstated as the winner after further analysis of the contest rules.

"Following the contest, concerns were raised about the authenticity of the work," the statement said. "The service disqualified the artwork last week. Since that time, the service has continued to evaluate its decision and has decided to reinstate the original winner."

Madison told the *Argus Leader* newspaper that she was excited and surprised by how things worked out.

Her father, professional wildlife artist Adam Grimm, who had hired a Washington, D.C., lawyer to challenge his daughter's disqualification, said he received a telephone call from Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe informing him of the reinstatement.

"I knew from the day they called us they were not correct," Grimm said. "I really feel bad for everyone else, but I feel we were forced into that position to call them on it."

The agency had named Peter Coulter, 17, of Washington, Mo., the winner after Madison's disqualification. Coulter now returns to second place.

The turn of events capped a flurry of activity over contest rules and discussion about how someone so young was able to win an honor in a contest whose previous youngest winner was 15.

Madison used an unpublished photo of a duck that her father supplied as a reference for her painting. She also used a technique

called a graphite transfer, in which an artist applies a pencil lead to a print of the photo to create an outline for a painting. Both are legal, and both are accepted and common among artists, said Robert Lesino, who was chief of the Federal Duck Stamp Program from 1993 until 2001 and defended Madison.

The Fish and Wildlife Service said in its statement that its decision to reinstate Madison as the winner "was made in recognition of the fact that her work was judged the winner during a fair and open public contest."

"The service respects the decision of the contest judges and apologizes for any distress this process may have caused the top-placing artists and their families, teachers and friends," the agency said.

Duck stamps produced by the Fish and Wildlife Service and are not valid for postage. They typically are bought by collectors and people who want to support wildlife habitat and education programs. They are a required purchase in some instances, such as for hunters over the age of 16 who want to hunt migratory waterfowl.

Tribe Business CEO Says It Desires Neb. Casino

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Neb. (AP) — The Winnebago Tribe's business arm intends to develop a casino at a former horse track in Nebraska, where casino gambling is not allowed.

Chief executive Lance Morgan of Ho-Chunk Inc. told the *Sioux City (Iowa) Journal* that the casino would be located at Atokad Downs in South Sioux City, Neb. Ho-Chunk bought the track property last year after the track was closed by the Nebraska Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association.

The Atokad development would include a casino, an events center, several dining options and retail shops, Morgan said.

Ho-Chunk was among the losing bidders last month to build and operate a land-based casino to replace the floating Argosy casino in Sioux City, Iowa.

"We went from losing to focusing on Atokad after lunch that day," Morgan said.

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South Sioux City casino could win up to 25 percent of the area gambling business, Morgan said. Winnebago Tribal officials fear the larger, land-based Hard Rock-themed casino in Sioux City will hurt business at the tribe's WinaVegas Casino Resort, which sits 18 miles away, west of Sloan, Iowa.

The Atokad project is part of Ho-Chunk's survival strategy, he said.

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"We need to do what every other American company does when faced with competition and act strategically."

Morgan acknowledged that the Nebraska ban on casino gambling will be a tough hurdle. The state allows keno, horse racing and a lottery but has resisted video gambling machines and casinos.

Casino opponents have already spoken out against a proposed constitutional amendment this year that would give the Legislature the power to authorize and regulate games of chance. The question could go before voters in November 2014, though it has stalled in committee.

Resulting revenue to the state would be divided three ways: Fifty percent would go toward K-12 education, 49 percent into health care programs and 1 per-

cent to a treatment fund for compulsive gamblers.

Anti-gambling groups say the promise of education and health care funding is a ploy to win favor with voters.

"We believe it removes the power from the people, and it is in an attempt to override what Nebraskans have spoken loudly on," said Pat Loontjier, director of Gambling with the Good Life.

Nebraska voters rejected two proposals in 2004 that would have allowed casino gambling — one touted by Las Vegas casino interests, the other by the Nebraska Legislature.

Williston Oilmen Have Horse In Derby

WILLISTON, N.D. (AP) — Two Williston Basin oilmen say they expect Frac Daddy — the horse they have running in the Kentucky Derby on Saturday — to be a favorite of oil field workers everywhere.

Billings, Mont., residents Carter Stewart and Ken Schlenker own the 3-year-old thoroughbred whose name is a take on the oil drilling technique known as fracking.

"We've got a huge fan base because we've made him a tribute to all the oil field workers in America and especially the Williston Basin," Stewart told *The Forum* newspaper (<http://bit.ly/10wwlea>). The Williston Basin spans the Dakotas and Montana, with about two-thirds of the acreage in western North Dakota.

Stewart, a petroleum geologist who spent the early part of his career in North Dakota, runs Stewart Geological Inc. and Cardinal Oil, an oil and gas operating company. He

also is the largest shareholder of Mountainview Energy, a publicly traded oil and gas company that operates in the Williston Basin. Schlenker is an independent petroleum land man. Together the men own Magic City Thoroughbred Partners.

"Nobody's really paying any attention to us, but our trainer says our horse is doing excellent," Stewart said.

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