

Group From S.Falls Wins \$1M Powerball Prize

PIERRE (AP) — A group of 28 workers from Beal Distributing in Sioux Falls claimed a \$1 million Powerball prize on Thursday. The group's ticket matched all five white ball numbers but not the Powerball in Wednesday night's drawing, South Dakota lottery officials said. The odds of winning the \$1 million second prize are one in about 5.2 million. Each of the 28 winning workers will receive about \$27,000 after taxes. Greg McCloskey, of Sioux Falls, who claimed the prize on behalf of the coworkers, said the group usually begins to pool money when the jackpot reaches a certain level. "When the jackpot hits about \$200 million, I walk through the office and see who wants to throw in \$5 into the pool for tickets," McCloskey said in a statement. "We've been doing it for about two or three years. This is by far the most we've ever won." Natalie Watson, of Sioux Falls, who is in charge of purchasing the tickets, discovered the winning ticket when she got to work Thursday morning. A ticket sold in Rapid City won a \$10,000 prize in the drawing. The ticket matched four of five white ball numbers and missed the Powerball to win the third prize. The odds are one in about 649,000. The jackpot has ballooned to \$475 million for the next drawing, on Saturday.

Bill To Transfer Cemetery Ownership Moves On

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A Senate bill that would transfer the ownership of nine historic cemeteries in the Black Hills from the U.S. Forest Service to local communities has passed the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Sens. Tim Johnson and John Thune introduced the bill earlier this year and it's now headed to the main Senate floor. Johnson says transferring the cemeteries to the local communities that have been long maintaining and caring for them makes a lot of sense. He says the bill is a permanent solution. Thune says the current arrangement causes headaches for the caretaking communities that have managed the cemeteries for generations and places an unnecessary liability on the Forest Service. An identical bill was introduced in the House by U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem.

Tribal Members Walk Out Of Keystone Meeting

RAPID CITY (AP) — Tribal representatives walked out of a meeting with U.S. State Department officials who came to Rapid City to discuss concerns about the Keystone XL pipeline project. The *Rapid City Journal* reports that Oglala Sioux Tribe President Bryan Brewer made a statement dismissing the gathering as a sham because no leadership of the United States was present. The tribes are concerned about the project's potential impact on sites sacred to the tribes.

S.D. High School Grads Expected To Increase

BROOKINGS (AP) — A new report expects South Dakota to buck the trend of a nationwide decline in high school graduates. The study by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education was presented to the South Dakota Board of Regents this week. It says that South Dakota is expected to show a significant increase in graduates over the next decade and beyond. The state is expected to expand its number of total high school graduates by 14.4 percent during the next 15 years. A peak of 10,300 graduates is projected for the 2024-25 academic year. Regents executive director Jack Warner says that's good news, as the state has experienced a relatively steady decline of high school graduates since the 1990s.

Nebraska Legislature

Bill Boosts Children's Mental Health Services

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A proposal to increase access to children's mental health services through-out Nebraska won first-round legislative approval Thursday. The measure would create a pilot program to offer behavioral and mental health screenings to children, using computer technology to connect them remotely with mental health professionals. The program, to be run by the University of Nebraska Medical Center, would include three health clinics, with at least one in an urban area and one in a rural setting. Children who visit doctors at those clinics would be offered mental and behavioral health screenings during routine



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physical exams. And those deemed at risk for mental health problems would be referred to further treatment. Sen. Amanda McGill said the bill is an extension of the promise she made to reform youth mental health services in the wake of Nebraska's safe haven law in 2008. "Right now, there is a stigma against getting mental health care," McGill said. "Making the process part of that normal, routine checkup will help fight that stigma, while also identifying youth who need that help at an early age." Nebraska approved the safe

haven law in 2008 that was designed to protect newborns from being abandoned. It didn't include an age limit, and led to a rash of older children being left at hospitals. Lawmakers had to return to a special session to impose age restrictions. Many of the parents who left their preteens and teenagers said at the time that they couldn't access mental health services, leaving them with no alternative. In rural parts of the state, it's more convenient and less costly to get help through the Internet than to travel potentially hundreds of miles for a doctor's appointment. McGill said 88 of the 93 counties in Nebraska have mental health professional shortages. Four counties outside of Omaha and Lincoln have a child

psychologist. The pilot clinics would be located in cities that already have mental health professionals. "In the case of some of these services, we can make those people in Omaha and Lincoln available to Scottsbluff in a cheap, efficient, effective way," said Sen. Bob Krist, of Omaha. The pilot project would end two years after the law takes effect, unless lawmakers renew it. Assuming it passes, the bill would go into effect three months after the legislative session concludes. Lawmakers voted 35-0 to advance the bill. Two more votes are required before it goes to Gov. Dave Heineman. The bill is LB556

Colorado Group Sues Lincoln Saltdogs, UNL

BY MARGERY A. BECK
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The organizers of a blues concert held last summer at Lincoln's Haymarket Park are suing a Lincoln-based minor league baseball team, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and its baseball stadium for fraud and breach of contract. Tim Tucker, owner of a Colorado entertainment company who proposed last summer's Bluesmasters Concert, filed the lawsuit Wednesday in Nebraska's U.S. District Court. Tucker's company and event group, Blues Events LLC, were among the production partners for the Aug. 31 concert. The lawsuit accuses Charlie Meyer, president of the Lincoln Saltdogs baseball team and representative of the concert's venue partners — the baseball team, university and ballpark — of surreptitiously adding a clause to the event contract requiring a \$100,000 up-front payment to the venue partners weeks before the concert was held. Tucker and Meyer worked for several weeks on an agreement to divvy up the proceeds from the concert, which featured the Allman Brothers Band and other acts, the lawsuit says. The sides had agreed that the venue partners would receive a flat fee of \$1 million, with \$500,000 going to UNL's

Haymarket Park, \$250,000 going to the UNL Alumni Association for a scholarship program and \$250,000 to the Lincoln Saltdogs. However, the two initially disagreed on when that \$1 million would be paid, with Meyer wanting the fee before all the tickets were sold. By June, Tucker and Meyer had agreed to nix advance payment to the venue partners. Instead, concert artists and vendors would be paid first on the day of the show from ticket sales, then the venue partners' costs — estimated at \$100,000 — would be reimbursed before the production partners' costs were covered. The agreement also said UNL would get all proceeds from concession sales, and that the name and logo of the university would be used in marketing and promoting the concert. But Tucker was out of town the week the contract was finalized, the lawsuit said. Tucker agreed to have Meyer read him the terms of the contract over the phone, line-by-line, before Tucker would agree to have his manager sign it. But in reading the contract, Meyer left out language he had added requiring an up-front \$100,000 payment to the venue partners, the lawsuit says. "So, when Mr. Tucker gets back from his trip and sees this added language, he

immediately challenged it," Tucker's attorney, Michael Maloney of Altoona, Mass., said Thursday. Meyer responded by threatening to cancel the concert if the demand for \$100,000 up front wasn't met, the lawsuit said. Meyer declined to comment Thursday on the lawsuit or its accusations. The lawsuit also says the venue partners did little to promote the concert and that they kept all of the money collected from the concert's ticket sales, leaving Tucker's group with only the bill to pay the concert performers — including the \$350,000 to the Allman Brothers Band — vendors and other expenses. Tucker's group spent hundreds of thousands to cover those costs out of its own pocket, Maloney said. In fact, the venue partners — who sold the tickets and collected the money — have never accounted for how many tickets were sold or how much money was made, Maloney said. "Essentially, they absconded and called it a day," he said. University officials did not immediately respond Thursday to requests for comment. Tucker and his production group are seeking an unspecified amount in damages and have asked for a jury trial.

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"I think we've made a lot of progress since beginning in January," she added. "We've got three people who have moved on to the second phase, and the other two won't be far behind." Yankton County has a three-phase, 18-month drug court program. Non-violent, adult felony offenders who have had trouble with controlled substances must submit an application that the Yankton County State's Attorney Office reviews. If the prosecutor thinks the individual is a good candidate, the application is presented to the rest of the drug court team for final approval. In each phase, the participant is given more freedom. "It isn't like probation where

you get leeway and can turn around and end up right back where you were at," said Scott Parmelee, who has struggled with methamphetamines and alcohol. "The strict supervision helps." He and Hackney, who are both in phase two of the program, praised what drug court has done for them. "For anybody that needs help, I recommend drug court," Hackney said. "It's strict enough that they don't give you enough rope to hang yourself." Parmelee, 31, said participants have to take the program seriously and can't get by with faking their efforts. "You have to go all in, and I've been all in since the beginning," he stated. "By the time I got out of jail and started the program, I was ready for a change. I am too old to sit in jail. It's a good thing, so hopefully they have more people do it."

Hackney said the participants have developed supportive relationships. "We're all buddies and hang out outside drug court," he stated. "It's important, because if anybody needs anything, we can go to each other. Now that I'm doing well and am off drugs, other people that have been in trouble are asking me how I'm doing it. It's cool they are asking me for help." Swartz, who works closest with the drug court participants, said he is pleased with the progress they have made in the last five months. "They've had to make lots of changes in their lives, and it was difficult at first," he stated. "But they've really grown and are doing well." You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage

Iowa Legislature

Lawmakers Reach Tentative Property Tax Deal

BY CATHERINE LUCEY
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa legislators have reached a deal to reduce commercial property taxes in the state — a long-time priority of Gov. Terry Branstad. Lawmakers said the compromise proposal will gradually reduce taxable assessments of commercial properties by 10 percent and provide property tax credits geared for smaller businesses. It also will offer small income tax credits to taxpayers. Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs, said the compromise included something for everyone. Branstad wanted across the board tax cuts, while Senate Democrats favored credits focusing on small businesses. And House Republicans wanted to use surplus tax dollars to provide income tax credits. "I think it's government working like it should," said Gronstal. "I'd say everybody gave a little bit and everybody got a little bit." The bill now must win approval in the Senate and House. Gronstal said he wasn't sure how quickly it would come up for vote. Rep. Thomas Sands, R-Wapello, who led the House negotiators on this effort, also described the compromise as good for all parties and said he was optimistic it would win legislative approval. "It is a step in the right direction. It is the art and definition of

compromise," Sands said. "There's been a lot of people that campaigned on property tax relief and this would be the opportunity to put this in the law." The proposal limits the amount that residential property assessments can grow. It includes small income tax credits of \$30 to \$60 dollars and increases the state earned income tax credit for low-income workers. And it changes tax rules for properties with multiple residences, like apartment buildings, switching them to residential tax rules, which represents a tax cut. The state would provide funding to local governments to make up for some of the lost property tax revenue incurred by the changes. The plan would cost the state an estimated \$136 million in the fiscal year that starts July 1, 2014 and the annual cost would rise to \$383.6 million in ten years. Local governments would likely lose some revenue, receiving an estimated \$115.7 million less in annual tax revenue by the tax year that starts July 1, 2023. Branstad unsuccessfully tried to get approval for commercial

property tax reductions in 2011 and 2012. Branstad said Thursday that he would sign the bill if it reached his desk. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to sign it, obviously it's been a high priority of mine," Branstad said. "This is something we're very involved in and it does provide permanent property tax relief." Just when the 2013 session will conclude is not clear. Lawmakers are still trying to work out a deal on education policy. Discussions continued Thursday about whether to delay talks about proposals to expand Medicaid or approve an alternate health plan. Budget progress moved forward Thursday in both chambers. Lawmakers approved a \$40 million compromise budget for the state departments of natural resources and agriculture. The total budget is about \$5 billion more than the current year and includes \$2.4 million for the state Department of Agriculture to study Iowa's water quality and encourage farmers to implement water quality practices. That bill will next move to the governor.

OBITUARIES

Nyle Thomas Petersen

Nyle Thomas Petersen was born to Matthew and Adrianna Petersen on Tuesday May 14, 2013 at 1:36 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. At 5 p.m., Nyle became mommy and daddy's little guardian angel due to Trisomy 13. Defying the odds he came into this world eager to experience as much as possible. Nyle was very alert to his surroundings. All of his family was honored to hear his coos of joy and happiness to be in the arms of the people who loved him most. Private family services will be held. Burial will be in the ZCJB Cemetery, Tabor, SD. Opsahl-



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Kostel Memorial Chapel in Tabor is in care of the arrangements. Nyle is survived by his parents, Matthew and Adrianna Petersen of Tabor, SD; Paternal Grandparents, Steven and Kristi Petersen of Tabor, SD; Maternal Grandparents: Tricia (Shawn Berrigan) Szathmary of Tyndall, SD and Thomas (Kristie) Brennan of Hesperia, CA; Paternal Great Grandparents: Patricia (David) Nissen of Westminster, SC and Marv (Linda) Tronvold of Yankton, SD; Maternal Great Grandparents: Barbara (Willis) Grant

of Springfield, SD, John (Sun) Szathmary of West Wendover, NV, Charlene (Richard) Peel of Paragould, AR, and John Brennan of Redwood Valley, CA; Maternal Great Great Grandfather, Edwin Lihs of Tyndall, SD and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. The family requests that memorials be directed to: Matthew and Adrianna Petersen, P.O. Box 132, Tabor, SD 57063. Yankton Press & Dakotan May 17, 2013 PS AHL-KOSTEL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY INC. Online condolences at: www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

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