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State Tourney Approach



Ethan Jaeger of Great Plains Lutheran, right, tees off on Hole No. 13 during the first round of the South Dakota State Class B Boys' Golf Tournament on Monday at Yankton's Fox Run Golf Course. Both the boys' and girls tournaments are being held on Yankton's two courses. The championship rounds is set for today (Tuesday). For details, see page 9.

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Bird Flu Could Cost Nearly \$1B In Minnesota, Iowa

BY DAVID PITT
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Bird flu could cost nearly \$1 billion in the economies of the two states hardest hit, Minnesota and Iowa, agricultural economists said Monday, and the virus is still spreading.

Iowa, the nation's leading egg producer, has lost about 20 million chickens that lay eggs for food use, more than a third of the total. Minnesota, the top turkey state has lost more than 8 million birds.

So far the U. S. Department of Agriculture has confirmed the bird flu has claimed nearly 37 million birds in 15 states but the number is significantly larger because additional farms in Iowa and Minnesota recently discovered are not yet on the list. The figures include birds killed by the virus as well as those killed to prevent its spread.

On Saturday, Rembrandt Foods announced that chickens at its second farm, an egg facil-

ity in Renville, Minnesota, had tested positive for the virus. About 2 million chickens will be euthanized. The company, one of the largest egg producers in the U.S., had to destroy 5.5 million chickens on its Rembrandt, Iowa, farm after the flu turned up there last month.

"Avian Influenza is a challenge to not only the Rembrandt Foods' business, but also its co-workers, customers, the communities in which it operates, and to the widespread industry as a whole," Jonathan Spurway, a company spokesman, said in a statement.

Minnesota's estimated loss of nearly \$310 million in poultry production includes sales losses to feed suppliers, trucking companies, and processing plants, said Brigid Tuck, a senior economic impact analyst with the University of Minnesota in Mankato.

The loss in sales of poultry alone is estimated at \$114 million. The estimates were based on the

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Synthetic substances such as these are held in storage at the Yankton Police Department and are often used in programs to warn children of the drugs' dangers. Yankton has seen a spike in substances such as K2 and bath salts in recent weeks, with one death in the area being attributed to their use.

A Terrible Comeback

YPD Warns Public About Increase In Synthetic Drugs

BY ROB NIELSEN
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The return of synthetic drugs such as K2 and "bath salts" over the last month has had sometimes deadly effects that have alarmed the Yankton Police Department (YPD).

YPD chief Brian Paulsen told the *Press & Dakotan* said this isn't the first time these drugs have popped up in the area.

"We saw bath salts probably three years ago, and it kind of fell by the wayside," Paulsen said. "Then it kind of came back with the Internet."

According to the Drug Enforcement Agency's website, "bath salts" are produced in China and India and find their way into American convenience stores and head shops as well as on the Internet. They are often sold under the guise as Epsom bath salts. K2 — also known as "Spice" — is a mixture of herbs and spices that's sprayed with a synthetic compound that is chemically similar to THC and is sold as a synthetic version of marijuana.

Paulsen said they've already been seeing some of the consequences again recently — especially linked to bath salts.

"We saw it two or three years ago, the Legislature passed a great statute that basically says, 'If it produces this as an after product of burning, then it becomes illegal', and we saw it drop," he said. "Then, reactively, it popped up on our radar three or four weeks ago



Paulsen

when we started getting information that people were going to the ER."

He added that in one case, it proved deadly.

"He was one of the four (cases) we had heard about," he said. "(EMS) just talked

about the psychosis he had." Paulsen did not have an age on the victim.

Paulsen said one of the biggest problems has been the tendency for the product to evolve as the legal system catches up.

"It almost becomes circular in the fact that as soon as we adapt to what we're seeing, they modify the composition and here's another product out," he said.

Paulsen said side effects of the drugs include high temperature, psychosis, death, paranoia and high fever and chest pains.

"It mimics a lot of different things that could be occurring medically, so when we respond, it's not that we're necessarily looking at that because we're seeing a different age group than normal," he said. One minute, the person could be up and psychotic; the next, they're comatose where there's no reaction. You can't get them awake

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Event Promotes Water Safety

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With the summer season fast approaching, it is important for people to know the importance of being safe and careful around large bodies of water.

This is why Yankton County EMS and Yankton County Search and Rescue have been teaming up since 2013 to host Water Safety Day.

"With the tragic events recently (a drowning and a jet ski accident), it's emphasized how important life jackets are," said Daniel Prendable of Yankton County EMS. "This event is about how to pre-

vent water emergencies."

The Water Safety Day event will take place on Wednesday, May 20, from 5-8 p.m. at 805 Capitol St. in Yankton. This event is open to adults and children of any age. There will be free food and life jackets.

Larry Hintgen of the Yankton Coast Guard Auxiliary also feels strongly about water safety.

"Five hundred and sixty people died last year of boating accidents," he said.

With this week being National Safe Boating Week, it's especially important to

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At last year's Water Safety Day event, Yankton County EMT Tammie Pedersen teaches a young person how to properly fit and wear a life jacket. This boy was one of 177 people who received a free life jacket at last year's event.

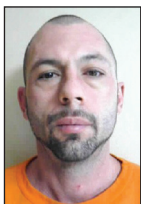
Escapee Causes School Lockdown In Crofton

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF
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CROFTON, Neb. — An escaped South Dakota inmate who was the subject of a manhunt Monday in northeast Nebraska apparently left the area and headed to Sioux Falls, authorities said late Monday night.

David Holloway, who has been missing for the past week, was spotted Monday night in the Sioux Falls area, according to the *Sioux Falls Argus Leader*.

An officer spotted Holloway in a white Ford F-150 pickup that was reported stolen out of Nebraska, according to emergency communications.



Holloway

Holloway was talking with people outside a home on East Clark Street in Sioux Falls and was last seen fleeing eastbound on Highway 11.

Authorities confirmed an escaped inmate was taken into custody after a citizen blocked his vehicle, the *Argus Leader* reported on its Twitter account.

Knox County (Nebraska) Sheriff Don Henery was tracking the incident Monday night. He noted the description of

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