

Delaware Man Arrested After SD Chase

RAPID CITY (AP) — Authorities say a high-speed chase on Interstate 90 west of Rapid City ended with the arrest of a man wanted in Delaware.

The *Rapid City Journal* reports that speeds reached 140 mph Wednesday in a pursuit that lasted more than 30 minutes.

Police say the man is wanted in Castle County, Delaware, for escape. He is facing eluding charges for the chase, which began when a member of the U.S. Marshals Service started following the suspect's car in Rapid City.

Vandalism Won't Deter Park Fundraiser

RAPID CITY (AP) — Officials at a popular Rapid City children's theme park say they will be ready for its major winter-time fundraiser, despite dealing with \$2,000 worth of vandalism.

The damage was discovered earlier this week at Storybook Island when workers and volunteers were nearly finished with their massive decorating project, which includes stringing lights across the sprawling park.

"I was just sick," said Connie LeZotte, the organization's executive director. "I was beyond angry."

Vandals ripped down and destroyed lights along various walkways, hung two decorative penguins by their necks, tore lights off a rainbow structure and caused other damage, according to the *Rapid City Journal*.

Local members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers volunteered their time to check lights and displays ahead of the annual Christmas Nights of Light event that begins Friday. The damaged items also have been replaced.

Storybook Island needs to raise about \$500,000 annually, LeZotte said, and about a fourth of that is raised during the Christmas event. The best way to support the group is to attend the festival, LeZotte said.

Storybook Island has 8-foot-tall fences topped by barbed wire. It also has surveillance cameras, but LeZotte said it doesn't appear they will be helpful in solving the crime. She said "it's hard to set enough cameras" across the park, which spans more than 8 acres.

The Rapid City Rotary Club created the attraction in 1959. It is filled with playful sets that portray characters from children's stories, fables and nursery rhymes. During the summer, admission to the park is free.

Police: Man Dies After Omaha Collision

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Police say a 28-year-old Omaha man has died after a collision on the east side of the city.

The accident was reported a little before 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Police say a westbound vehicle driven by Zachary Redden crossed into oncoming traffic and struck a vehicle driven by 22-year-old Zachary Dunn, also of Omaha.

Police say Redden died later at a hospital and that Dunn and a passenger in his vehicle was treated at a hospital and released.

Officers suspect Redden had been drinking and are awaiting autopsy results.

Teen Arrested In Connection To Robbery

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Police have arrested a teenager in connection with an armed robbery at a Sioux Falls convenience store.

Police say the teen walked into the store at about 5 a.m. Wednesday and demanded money from the clerk. Officers reviewing video footage of the robbery recognized the suspect as one of two people who stole beer from another convenience store earlier Wednesday.

Detectives determined the suspect's identity and found him about 9 a.m. at a Sioux Falls restaurant, after he had allegedly stolen a car.

The teen is charged with first degree robbery, grand theft of a motor vehicle, aggravated assault, petty theft and underage consumption.

Police are searching for the second suspect in the beer theft.

Some Nonprofits Get Incubator Space

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Business incubator space is coming to downtown Lincoln to help nonprofits grow and thrive.

Nonprofit Hub, an offshoot of the digital marketing company Firespring, said Wednesday that there would be 12,000 square feet of donated space available in a building owned by Firespring founder and CEO Jay Wilkinson and his wife, Tawnya Starr-Wilkinson.

The Wilkinsons also have promised future financial support and said they hope the local business community will help out, too.

"We're helping pave the runway, but it's up to the Lincoln community to make it possible for Nonprofit Hub to take flight," Jay Wilkinson said.

There will be 13 private offices available, 12 private collaborative cubicles and 44 desks that can be rented on a day-to-day basis. There also will be four meeting rooms and a conference center and classroom that will accommodate up to 50 people. Rates start at \$15 a day for a drop-in desk. A private cubicle costs \$280 a month.

Nonprofit Hub, which has been operating only online since 2011, will be based in the new space, the *Lincoln Journal Star* said. Its executive director, Randy Hawthorne, said he got the idea for the co-working space after seeing a similar space in Portland, Oregon.

He expects the space to host hundreds of nonprofits, including established groups, startup foundations and even nonprofit officials who've journeyed to Lincoln for meetings or to lobby at the Capitol.

BY JAMES NORD

Associated Press

PIERRE — South Dakota farmers are nearing the end of a record corn harvest this week, but they have serious concerns about grain prices, storage options and rail congestion heading into spring. And they're looking for more options than the Keystone XL pipeline to help.

The proposed pipeline became emblematic during election season as a cure-all to the railway backups and delayed grain shipments that peaked this year thanks to trains transporting oil. But it remains on hold after being narrowly defeated this month in the U.S. Senate.

When producers run out of storage space and rail cars aren't available, they store certain grains on the ground — which can reduce the quality of the grain and affect the price, said Steve Domm, general manager of Central Farmers Cooperative in Marion.

"I'm looking out the window as the conveyor is piling corn on the ground



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as we speak," Domm said Wednesday.

The amount of rail capacity the Keystone XL would free up would be "a blip on the radar," added Keith Alverson, president of the South Dakota Corn Growers Association President.

Alverson said the pipeline would be helpful as part of a larger suite of solutions, including working with the railroads in the short term to prioritize grain shipments during harvest periods and pushing for more rail infrastructure investments.

The pipeline would cut through South Dakota and several other states to move Canadian oil to the Gulf Coast. The line is planned to transport as much as 100,000 barrels of North Dakota crude oil a day.

Advocates of the pipeline, including many Republican lawmakers, say the project will lessen congestion on the rail lines that South Dakota farmers use to ship crops. Railroad companies say

the backup is part due to the sharp increase in oil production in North Dakota, now the country's second largest oil-producing state behind Texas.

Shortly before Election Day, U.S. Sen. John Thune and Sen.-elect Mike Rounds met with agricultural workers at the Central Farmers Cooperative. They were pressed for more solutions — not just building Keystone — to the rail delays.

Thune has put forward legislation that would give the Surface Transportation Board, which regulates freight rail prices, more power to address delays and other problems.

The Burlington, Northern & Santa Fe Railway Company has also pledged \$6 billion in capital improvements for their system wide infrastructure in 2015, spokeswoman Amy McBeth said in a statement. The railroad has been shipping record amounts of corn, wheat and soybeans.

"We clearly understand that for much of 2014 we did not meet the expectations for service of our agricultural customers," she said.

South Dakota

Regents Quietly Made Loan To SDSMT

BY BOB MERCER

State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — A budget shortfall in June of 2013 forced South Dakota School of Mines and Technology to search for a loan.

The state Board of Regents provided \$2.5 million from its tuition pool.

The debt is to be repaid through installments in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The loan came to public light this week in a footnote on an official report distributed to the regents about the tuition pool's financial condition.

Regents executive director Jack Warner said SDSMT had several challenges in 2012 and 2013.

He said the university's then-president Bob Wharton died in 2012, the university's then-chief financial officer Tim Henderson retired, and grant revenue from the National Science Foundation

"declined precipitously."

NSF money for the underground science and engineering laboratory at the Homestake gold mine site in Lead was helping pay for on-going costs of general overhead at the university in Rapid City.

"These factors combined to create the need to cover cash in June 2013," Warner said.

"SDSMT is on a three year payback schedule and they are on track to do so. Their enrollment and reputation remain very strong," he said.

The regents approved the hiring of the university's current president, Heather Wilson, in April 2013.

Duane Hrnrcir, who was the university's chief academic officer, served as the interim president after Wharton's death Sept. 19, 2012. Hrnrcir left the university after Wilson's hiring.

The loan came in the wake of that transition in the

campus leadership. The loan appears on a financial statement given to regents for their business meeting next week at SDSMT.

According to the document, the balance as of June 30, 2014 in the tuition pool was \$2,008,971 and interest earnings on fiscal 2014 money were posted in September.

The current balance is \$2,777,302, according to the document, and the current goal of the pool is 5% of state-support tuition revenue or \$4,242,425. The reserve is currently at 3.27%.

The report further states that the reserve "is available to address emergencies as well as other board priorities and critical needs."

"The reserve pool is not growing commensurate with the tuition and fee revenues generated by the campuses. Today, the institutions get back all of their revenues from the tuition pool. The tu-

ition reserve pool only grows by the amount of interest earned through investment."

Tuition and fees from all of the public universities flow into the pool and then go back out to the universities for their use.

The tuition pool began the 2014 fiscal year on July 1, 2013, with \$1,452,311 in cash after the \$2.5 million loan was made.

The pool earned \$430,930 from investment interest during the 2014 fiscal year and received \$125,730 from the loan.

In fiscal 2015 the projections call for \$268,331 of investment earnings and a \$500,000 repayment on the SDSMT loan.

If those hold true, the tuition pool would finish the fiscal year on June 30, 2015, with \$2,777,302.

Reaching a goal of 5 percent of all tuition would require \$7,096,976, according to the report.

Norfolk Family Thankful For Support After Fire

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — A Nebraska family whose home was gutted by a fire says they are thankful for the love and support of their community.

Marshal and Stacy Hardy, along with their three children, escaped their Norfolk home when it caught fire about six weeks ago. The flames destroyed the interior of the home and most of their possessions, the *Norfolk Daily News* reports.

The family says they've received numerous offers of housing, and many people have given them gift cards so they could buy clothes and other necessities. Marshal Hardy said that it has been hard to cope with the good will at times.

"People would say, 'I can help you move. I can help you with this.' I don't ask for help very well," he said. "But there were all of these people who wanted to help, and I didn't want to shut them down. They wanted to show us love and physically do something."

The family is now living in a rental property while they work with an insurance company and contractors to repair their house. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

While the family itemizes things they lost, they are also compiling a list of all the people who offered help. They want to make sure they show their appreciation.

Deadwood October Gambling Revenue Was Up Over 2013

PIERRE (AP) — Deadwood gambling officials say October revenue has hopped up significantly over last year, when the region was dealing with extreme snowfall.

Figures released on Tuesday show that gambling revenues have increased more than 20 percent over last October, and more than 10 percent over the same month in 2012.

Deadwood Gaming Association Executive Director Mike Rodman says he's pleased with the numbers — especially with the increase over 2012, when Deadwood wasn't dealing with heavy snowfall.

Rodman says table games also are enjoying increased popularity. The state gaming commission is now drafting a measure the Legislature will consider to add three new voter-backed games to Deadwood's offerings: keno, craps and roulette.

Store

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for their family. The catch: the shopping is free.

Dick said the store opened in 2012, and "I think that year about 100-150 kids came through. In 2013 we had close to 400 kids. This year, I am expecting a bunch. She was there for the first two. She passed away June 16, so she won't be here for the third."

Ann's death has only made Dick's drive to make the Christmas Store a bigger success — it is his tribute to his late wife, he said, saved him from being a "drunken sailor."

"She was born in Phillip and lived there until she was about 10," he said. "Her parents were divorced at an early age and she moved to Pierre. She graduated high school and moved to Long Beach, California, in 1963. She had family that lived there, so she moved out there. I met her when I was a young, cocky sailor walking out the door of a movie theater making comments about the way she walked. Nowadays, I would get arrested. But, we met and (my buddies and I) talked her and her friends into going and having coffee with us. After I knew her for about five hours I knew I was going to marry her. She didn't know it, but I did."

He said it took him having to go home for an emergency

leave for her to recognize what he knew pretty much instantly: She would become his wife.

"We were married January 4, 1964," Dick said with a smile. "We were married 50 years. We had a party on January 4 this year."

For 22 years, the Hudsons lived the life of a sailor's family, while Dick served the country in the Navy.

"When I retired from the Navy in 1982, we moved back to Mitchell. She was a cake decorator, an artist, and she would make cakes like you wouldn't believe," he said. "I guess it was in 1992 when she opened the bakery called Granny Annie's Bakery. She had that for about a year and a half before she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS)."

The family moved to Yankton several years later.

"They didn't find the cancer because of the MS," he said. "From the chest down, she could feel pressure but

couldn't feel pain. She kept talking about feeling pressure on her lungs, so that was what they were treating her for. The surgeon that did the surgery after her diagnosis said, with anybody else, all they would have had to do is point at her stomach and people would be screaming in pain, but because she had MS, all she felt was pressure. That was right away, the doctor told us he could not cure it, but he could give us more time. We got a year and eight months."

That year and a half, Ann chose to focus on giving back to the kids of Yankton.

"She just absolutely loved kids," he said. "She didn't treat kids like kids; she treated them like people, and they responded to that. She was constantly doing something for somebody."

The Christmas store was an expression of her love.

Dick said, "We don't ask questions whether they are millionaires or have nothing at all. We don't ask any personal

questions other than what their names are and who are their parents, siblings and grandparents who live in the house."

This year, the Christmas Store allows children — parents are required to attend, as well — to come to the Riverview Reformed Church on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 1-5 p.m. At that time, their parents will sign the children in and give the Christmas Store volunteers information on who lives in their home. At that point, the child will be taken into another room where they are allowed to "shop" for their family's gifts. Once the child has selected a gift for each person in their family, they will be escorted into a second room where more volunteers will help the child wrap the presents, then return them and the gifts to

their parents who can partake in coffee and cookies while waiting, explained Dick.

He said taking care of his wife has been his job for the last few years, now his goal in life is to make sure that the Christmas Store continues in her memory.

"I wouldn't be able to do it without all the donations and help from the community," he said. "I don't have a lot of money, but I put some each month towards it and go make purchases. We say that we want each gift to be \$10-15 but I try to find things on sale and stretch the dollars we do have. We have gotten donations. Sacred Heart School is bringing us gifts. But we really do need more help."

With more than 350 children expected on the 13th, Hudson said the Christmas Store could always use more

volunteers and gifts.

But it's all worth it, he said. "The kids just love it," he said. "Their eyes just light up and get so big. Just to watch the kids trying to make decisions makes you smile. We had one little girl last year who I think it took 45 minutes to decide what she wanted for her mother."

Donations can be sent to The Christmas Store, C/O Dick Hudson, 3813 Peninah Street, Yankton, SD 57078 or you can call 661-7700.

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Their family requests a card shower. Greetings may be sent to: P.O. Box 213, Fordyce, NE 68736.

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