Judge Gives Belle Fourch Man New Trial

DEADWOOD (AP) — A judge says a Belle Fourche man serving 25 years for a fatal accident conviction should get a

Oakley Engesser was convicted of vehicular homicide and vehicular battery for the 2000 accident on Interstate 90 near Sturgis that killed his friend, Dorothy Finley, of Rapid City. Some witnesses have said Finley and not Engesser was be-

hind the wheel of the speeding Corvette that crashed into the KELO-TV reports that Judge Warren Johnson, of Deadwood, has overturned Engesser's conviction and ordered a

Prosecutors must decide whether to appeal or pursue charges again.

Engesser lost earlier appeals, but a federal judge threw out his conviction in 2011 and he was released from prison. Then an appeals court reinstated it last year.

Huron To Help With Razing Of 4-H Hall

HURON (AP) — The building that housed 4-H exhibits and competitions at the South Dakota State Fair since the 1950s is coming down.

KOKK-AM reports Huron City commissioners approved a request to help with the demolition of Clover Hall by providing a dump truck and pay-loader and waiving landfill fees.

State Fair Manager Jerome Hertel told commissioners he hopes tearing down the building will help with the effort to raise \$4 million needed for the new 47-thousand square foot building that will replace it.

He hopes Clover Hall is demolished this fall.

The campaign for a new building is taking donations over three years. Nearly \$1.2 million has already been raised.

The new hall will feature multiple classrooms, a large kitchen for 4-H special foods competitions, year-round concessions and a performance stage.

S.F. Airport To Add Connected Hotel

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Sioux Falls Regional Airport is planning to add its first onsite hotel rooms to cater to the out-oftown traveler looking to catch a good night's rest before an

Airport Executive Director Dan Letellier says the four-story hotel will offer 74 efficiency rooms that are smaller than normal featuring queen-size beds, flat-screen TVs and fold-down

The airport authority board approved a 30-year lease for the hotel. It will be built and run by U.S. Hotel & Resort Management, which manages Ramkota and ClubHouse Suites properties. The company will pay the airport 8 percent of hotel revenue as rent.

Construction will begin in June on the site north of the terminal where an employee parking lot and a cargo now stand. Opening is planned for early 2015.

Man Shot By R.C. Police Ready For Trial

RAPID CITY (AP) — The attorney representing a man accused of threatening Rapid City police officers with a butcher knife says his client is competent to stand trial.

Twenty-one-year-old Elijah White Magpie was shot and wounded by police in February after he allegedly threatened officers who responded to a disturbance at the public library.

White Magpie is charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault on a police officer and intentional damage to public property.

Defense attorney Daniel Leon told Judge Janine Kern on Monday that he has reviewed the results of mental health evaluations done on White Magpie and has no concerns with his client's ability to assist in his own defense.

Judge Janine Kern will review the results before White Magpie's next hearing on Nov. 12.

Health Needs Research Grant Received

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A charitable trust established by the late hotel and real estate baroness Leona Helmsley is providing \$1.4 million to research unmet health care services and needs in South Dakota.

Officials say there currently is not an accurate estimate of the unmet health needs in rural areas, and this will be the first statewide research study of its kind.

The grant is coming from the Rural Healthcare Program of the Helmsley Charitable Trust. Leading the project will be two researchers in Portland, Ore., one of whom is a South Dakota

S.D. Wet Weather Expected To Break

Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS — An expected break in the wet weather should give South Dakota corn farmers at least a few days to get back in the field before another storm system arrives.

The state's corn harvest was 49 percent complete as of Sunday, well behind last year's 99 percent and slightly behind the 55 percent average, according to the weekly crop progress report from the National Agriculture Statistics

'The rain is going to slow harvest progress for another three or four days here," Kent Mulder with CHS Eastern Farmers Cooperative in Brandon said Tuesday. "Then the forecast looks pretty good, so we'd expect that we'll be able to finish the harvest."

Todd Heitkamp, warning coordination meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Sioux Falls, said another storm could cover much of the state again by the middle of next week – typical for this time of year. "Pretty



par for the course to have a little more active weather season with the change of seasons," he said.

Carter Anderson, state director of the National Agriculture Statistics Service, said last year's harvest was early because farmers got the crop in much earlier than usual.

"Last year was an abnormal harvest year and we're really on about aver-

age," he said. Soybean prices of \$12.25 a bushel

are decent, but the price of corn, at around \$4 a bushel, is falling because of a large harvest, Mulder said.

The South Dakota corn crop is also coming out of the field with higher moisture than other years, so farmers will pay more to dry their crop so it

doesn't spoil during storage, he said. Other highlights from the South Dakota crop progress report for the week that ended Sunday:

- The soybean harvest was 87 percent complete, behind 100 percent last year but near the 84 percent average.
- Winter wheat seeding was 95 per-
- cent complete, near average. • Sorghum at the mature stage was 96 percent, slightly behind average. The harvest was 53 percent complete, well behind 93 percent last year and 67 percent average.
- The sunflower harvest was 27 percent complete, well behind 89 percent last year and 50 percent average.

Crop report: http://bit.ly/1hqGk0N

Rhoden Look At Tax Abatements To Help Blizzard Recovery

Man Involved In '87 S.D. Prsion Break Dies

BY BOB MERCER

State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — A state legislator from Meade County wants to discuss abatement of property taxes in response to the October blizzard that decimated western cattle herds.

Sen. Larry Rhoden, R-Union Center, said a building that loses a roof can qualify for tax abatement.

But livestock aren't considered real estate, he said, and there's a question whether their deaths would qualify because livestock aren't subject to property taxes. South Dakota law allows tax

abatement by county commissions "for the year in which a loss occurred because of flood, fire, storm, or other unavoidable casualty.

Rhoden made his remarks Tuesday at the conclusion of

WAGNER, (AP) — A man who

took part in the largest prison

escape in South Dakota history

died over the weekend in a one-

James Weddell, 57, died at

the scene when his sport utility

vehicle veered into a ditch and

rolled early Saturday morning,

mates who escaped from the

by cutting through bars and

State Penitentiary in May 1987

crawling through a ventilation

shaft in a recreation building, the Argus Leader newspaper re-

according to the Highway Patrol.

Weddell was one of six in-

vehicle rollover crash near

Wagner.

the state task force on agricultural land assessments, He chairs the panel.

The horror stories just continue to emerge, unimaginable losses," he said.

Former Rep. Paul Dennert, D-Aberdeen, likewise expressed empathy for the ranchers who have lost big parts of their

The law in question is 10-18-2. Rhoden said he'd like to have discussions in the coming weeks before the start of the 2014 legislative session about what would be possible.

The related question was raised by Rep. Jim Peterson, D-Revillo, regarding what the school boards and county commissions would do to offset the lost taxes.

You can't just take away their source of funding unless the state is willing to come in and replace those monies," Peterson said.

ported. All but Weddell were re-

captured within two months. It

took authorities two years to ap-

Former U.S. Marshal Gene

Weddell down on the Pine Ridge

Weddell was serving an 80-

year sentence on a manslaughter

conviction. In 2003, a judge ruled

he hadn't received a fair trial. In

a deal with prosecutors, Weddell

"He finished his sentence,

pleaded guilty to assault and

was released on probation.

and he and I became friends,

Abdallah said.

Abdallah eventually tracked

prehend him.

Indian Reservation.

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A Sioux Falls elementary school that has honored a famous American author for decades is being razed and replaced by one that will honor a famous 19th century women's rights activist,

School Name Change

Upsets Some In S. Falls

and some residents of the neighborhood aren't happy

A school to be built on the site of Mark Twain Elementary — which has stood since 1920 — will combine students from that school and from Longfellow Elementary, both of which will close in 2015. The School Board has decided to name the new school after Susan B. Anthony, after taking suggestions from the public.

School district officials think students will be inspired by Anthony's famous statement, "Failure is impossible," but some residents of the neighborhood think the name change will steal their identity.

"I believe the name of our neighborhood school has been taken away, and I believe the name of our neighborhood has also been taken away," resident Melanie Bliss said. "I am questioning why the decision was originally made to not have the school renamed Mark Twain. I spent many years on the Sioux Falls School Board; we had new schools and rebuilt schools, and the precedent was that the name would go along with the school.

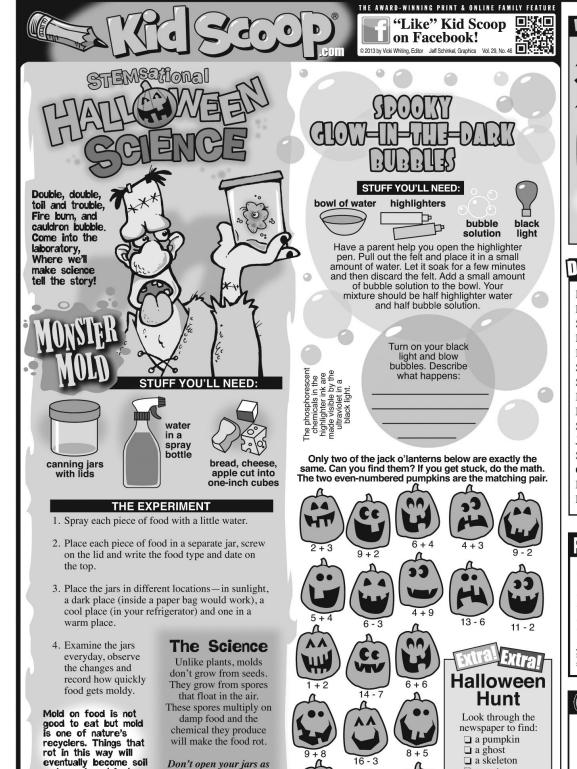
School Board member Kent Alberty, who served on the naming committee, said the name change fits with the increasing diversity in the district.

"In the research I had done on Susan B. Anthony, I found out she was one of the first people to fight for equal education, public education for everyone, former slaves, everybody," he said.

School Board President Doug Morrison said he would like to see the history of both the Mark Twain and Longfellow schools preserved somehow in the new school. 'Whether it's naming of certain areas or a trophy

case with certain artifacts, something in there to preserve that legacy for those two schools that will be coming off-line," he said. "It's an important history." That might not be good enough for some area

"I believe I still live in the Mark Twain neighborhood," Bliss said.



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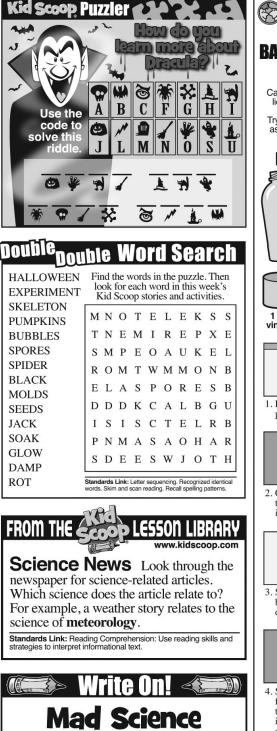
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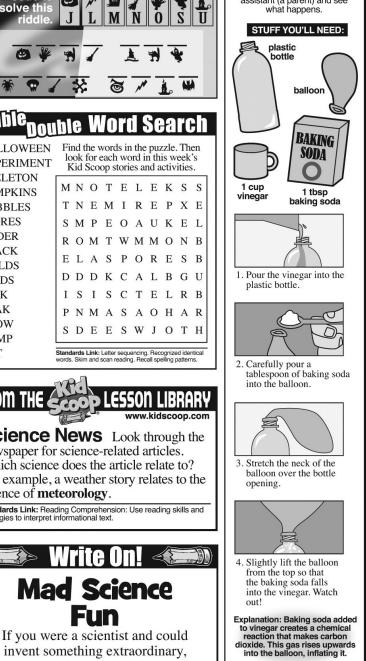
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