

Ebola Infection Puts Hospitals On Alert

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — An infectious disease consultant for a regional health system says the infection of a Dallas nurse caring for an Ebola patient was a wake-up call for hospitals to be more prepared.

Dr. Wendall Hoffman says Sanford Health has improved its ability to respond to the virus over the past couple of weeks by asking questions about patient travel and educating staff on personal protective equipment. Training drills are also in the works.

He says if an infected person were to be identified, they would be transferred to a hospital with a higher level of care. But Hoffman says Sanford is gearing up to be able to treat people through the extent of their illness.

Sanford operates clinics and hospitals in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska.

Hunters Get First Shots At Pheasants

ABERDEEN (AP) — South Dakota hunters have gotten their first shot at pheasants this season.

Game, Fish and Parks conservation officer Nick Cochran tells the *Aberdeen American News* that those who put in the time over the weekend got their limit.

The resident-only pheasant hunt began Friday and ends Monday. The daily limit is three rooster pheasants.

Cochran says that despite Saturday's wind, more hunters were out that day than on Sunday. He says some hunters were found to be using lead shot instead of the required steel shot.

A single trespassing violation was reported in northern Brown County.

Contract Signed For Hike-Bike Bridge

KEARNEY, Neb. (AP) — Work will soon begin on a new bridge in the Fort Kearny Hike-Bike Trail so long as Nebraska's Game and Parks Commission gives its final approval.

Simon Contractors of Cheyenne, Wyoming, has signed and returned a \$1.8 million contract to build a new passage over the Platte River and pave a nearly 2-mile trail, the *Kearney Hub* reported. The state commission must give its final approval of the contract, which calls for work to start next month and finish within 120 days.

Former Game and Parks commissioner Bill Berryman of Kearney led an effort to raise the \$367,000 required as the 20 percent match to federal funds funneled through the Nebraska Department of Roads. He said it took two years to gather all of the funds needed, one year to "get all the federal agencies to sign on to pay 80 percent of the cost" and another year to raise the matching 20 percent.

A March 2009 wildfire destroyed the 300-foot-long wooden railroad channel bridge over the river's north channel. Officials said it was the first time since the 1870s that there wasn't a bridge over the channel.

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Assistant Director Roger Kuhn of Lincoln said the repaved trail will feature 10-foot wide pavement, plus 4 to 5 feet of shoulders. Grass will be on one side of the trail and limestone will be on the other.

Rushmore Road Reconstruction Begins

RAPID CITY (AP) — Officials are starting work this week on a \$24 million reconstruction of a road considered the gateway to the Black Hills and Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

The Mount Rushmore Road project has been in the works for about a decade. The rebuilding, to be done in three phases over several years, will include widening the four-lane road with a landscaped median, turning lanes and new curbs and sidewalks.

"The road has deteriorated to the point where something absolutely has to be done," said Deb Jensen, a spokeswoman for the Mount Rushmore Road Group, which includes more than 100 business owners and others. "It will not be cheaper going forward — we know that based on history."

Auction Set For Ford Memorabilia

CERESCO, Neb. (AP) — A self-described "pack rat" of everything Ford, Doug Swanson is planning to sell a large slice of his collection that he started when he was 7 or 8 years old at auction later this month.

Over the years, 67-year-old Swanson said he's kept shop manuals, calendars, stationary, Ford vehicles — including a 1936 firetruck once used by the Utica Volunteer Fire Department — and Ford dealership signs. His collection, some of Ford vehicle motor parts still in their original boxes, is packed into a variety of places, including a semitrailer and in the basement of the home he shares with his wife, Elaine.

"She enjoys the history of it, but wishes I was more organized with the stuff," he told the *Lincoln Journal Star*.

Most everything Swanson owns has the Ford name or logo on it or is connected in some with the Swanson's former Ford dealership, where he worked for more than 40 years. He's the grandson of Magnus Swanson, who opened the Ceresco dealership with his wife in April 1909. When Doug Swanson sold the business to Sid Dillon this year, it was the oldest Ford dealership in Nebraska and the fifth oldest in the United States.

Swanson said he's selling his collection because he doesn't have room anymore to store his memorabilia and that his "children aren't interested in it."

Owner Ryan Welton of Welton Auction Inc. said it will be one of the largest automotive-type sales in the area, noting that he's catalogued more than 2,000 items so far.

Four SD US Senate Hopefuls Present Platforms At Forum

SIOUX FALLS (AP)— The South Dakota candidates vying for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Tim Johnson have met for the third time in this election season to discuss their platforms.

Republican Mike Rounds, Democrat Rick Weiland and independents Gordon Howie and Larry Pressler on Monday took part in a private question-and-answer forum in Sioux Falls.



The forum's topics included living conditions in Indian country, immigration policy and Washington's partisan gridlock.

Rounds says he'd support policies

that encourage economic development on reservations. Weiland says it's difficult to promote economic development when reservations lack basic infrastructure such as roads.

Pressler says he supports economic self-sufficiency on tribal lands. Howie says poverty on reservations is perpetuated when voters continue to elect people who don't invest their "political capital" in helping tribes.

Needing Money, Regents Give OK To State Universities' Strategic Plan

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — The strategic plan adopted by the state Board of Regents last week will guide South Dakota's public universities and the regents in program and budget requests to the governor and the Legislature, the university system's top executive said.

The four priorities are increasing degrees, adding accredited programs and graduate-level programs, spending more on research, and reducing tuition and fees to the regional average.

The overriding goals are to support workforce development and produce research for economic development, according to regents' executive director Jack Warner.

"There can be a direct tie between board items brought forward for consideration and priorities expressed in the plan," Warner said.

The board discussed the plan at the August meeting but several regents didn't seem comfortable with it.

The only dissatisfaction heard at the October meeting came from regent Harvey Jewett of Aberdeen.

He wondered about the general necessity and he questioned the emphasis on expanding the STEM fields —

science, technology, engineering and mathematics — while liberal arts weren't specifically mentioned.

"I'm sure this is a work of art but I am uncomfortable with the nature and extent of this. I don't think it conveys where we really are," Jewett said.

All of the goals are beyond the regents' control to achieve unless there is a partner providing more funding, he said.

Regent Bob Sutton of Pierre, sitting next to Jewett around the table, said the plan is needed.

"If we're not the advocates, who is? Who are the advocates?" Sutton asked. "I like these goals. I think they're worthwhile. They have to be priorities."

All seven board members at the meeting Wednesday in Aberdeen voted for adopting the plan.

"There's no question these goals are a challenge," regents president Dean Krogman of Brookings said.

The target date for the goals is 2020. Warner suggested the board look at the progress annually.

The degrees per year total approximately 6,350 degree currently. The goal is 7,450.

South Dakota's average tuition and fees for resident on-campus undergraduates rank sixth in the region and

the goal is to reach fourth.

The amount rose steadily in the past decade, until the Legislature with the governor's support adopted the regents' request of zero increase for the current academic year.

Increasing grants and contracts for research to \$150 million by 2020 might be the longest reach in the plan.

Spending in that area totaled \$96.8 million in 2013. That was a decrease from \$111.7 million in 2012 and \$120.1 million in 2011.

University faculty and administrators certainly appear to be trying to bring in more research money.

They submitted 1,268 grant applications totaling nearly \$588 million for 2013. They were awarded 772 totaling nearly \$78 million.

Those awards included \$56 million federal, \$10 million state, \$2.6 million private and \$8.7 million from other sources.

During the peak in 2011, nearly \$105 million came from federal sources, while state funds totaled \$7 million, and private and other sources provided more than \$8 million.

The plan is available at http://sdbor.edu/the-board/agenda/2014/October/16_BOR1014.pdf on the Internet.

Tribe To Vote On National Park Plan

PINE RIDGE (AP) — The Oglala Sioux Tribal Council has decided to allow tribal members to vote on a proposed tribal national park in southwestern South Dakota, after months of controversy.

Tribal officials have been working with the National Park Service on a plan to turn the South Unit of Badlands National Park and surrounding grassland into the nation's

first tribal national park, and to introduce a herd of buffalo.

Opponents have argued that the plan threatens the sanctity of sacred land near the Black Hills and also the ranching way of life of the people who live there and have had their land passed down through generations. Some affected ranchers and landowners have sued in tribal court.

The Tribal Council earlier

this month rescinded a 2013 resolution that evicted some ranchers from grazing land in the area. A vote will be held within three months on whether to continue working with the Park Service on the creation of the park, Tribal President Bryan Brewer told the Rapid City Journal.

"All the people will decide that," he said.

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Man Shot In Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, (AP) — A struggle for a handgun at a party inside a Sioux Falls apartment ended in a shooting that sent one man to the hospital.

Police say the man suffered a head wound that is not life-threatening. Officers did not immediately make any arrests.

Authorities responded to the area Sunday evening, blocking off streets and evacuating an apartment building for a time.



MORNING COFFEE WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY

Tuesday, October 14
7:40 am The Center (Christy Hauer)
8:20 am Simply D'Vine (Sheila Kuchta)
8:45 am Dakota Museum (Crystal Nelson)
Wednesday, October 15
7:40 am Sacred Heart Principal (Tim Mulhair)
8:20 am Hy-Vee Foods (Chef Staci)
8:45 am Mount Marty (Kristi Tacke)

2014 women's HEALTH FORUM

Linda Zimmerman

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Linda was employed by HyVee for 16 years, with 14 of those years at the Customer Service Desk. She is the mother of 7 children. Born and raised in Gayville, SD. She lives with her husband Ron in Yankton.

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