

2nd Person In S.D. Dies From West Nile Virus

PIERRE (AP) — A second person from South Dakota has died from West Nile disease.
 KELO-TV reports that the person was from McPherson County. The death brings the total number of deaths from the mosquito-borne disease in the state to two. The first death from the disease was reported last month. That person was between the ages of 80 and 89 and lived in Hughes County.
 The South Dakota Department of Health says 119 cases of West Nile have been reported so far this year.
 Since the first case in 2002, South Dakota has reported more than 1,800 West Nile cases.

Longstanding Rapid City Garbage Case Settled

RAPID CITY (AP) — The Rapid City Council has settled a longstanding dispute with a now-defunct garbage hauling company.
 The *Rapid City Journal* reports that the council voted unanimously Tuesday night to accept a \$375,000 settlement and confession of judgment from Fish Garbage Service.
 The case began in December 2009, when the city accused the company of defrauding the city landfill by lying about the contents of trucks. Criminal charges against owners George and Clifford Fish eventually were dismissed, but the city pursued a civil case.
 The city accumulated about \$324,000 in legal fees in the civil case. "In the end, the city recovered more in damages than it expended, and we feel vindicated in the actions taken to recoup payment from Fish Garbage Service," Mayor Sam Kooiker said in a statement.
 The city said the company had misdeclared more than 12,000 tons of garbage, worth about \$900,000 in fees to the city.
 An assignment of promissory note lays out a payment plan to the city through December 2019 for the \$375,000 settlement.

Board: Standards Would Improve H. Schools

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Promoters of a plan to toughen admission standards at North Dakota's two research universities say the new requirements would improve education at the state's high schools.
 The state Board of Higher Education discussed the proposal Wednesday at its meeting in Fargo. It could be approved when the board meets later this month in Bismarck.
 University system chancellor Hamid Shirvani says the entrance requirements at the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University are too relaxed. He says some students would be better off starting in community college.
 Board member Grant Shaft says the change is a good idea and believes it would require high schools to "comply and conform" with the tougher requirements.
 Shirvani says he doesn't believe the plan would lower the state's overall college enrollment.

Father, Son Die In Gas-Related Accident

GETTYSBURG (AP) — Authorities say father and son died in a work-related accident near Gettysburg.
 Authorities say 50-year-old Kirk Hansen and 20-year-old Erik Hansen were overcome by methane gas Tuesday afternoon at the West Whitlock Resort area.
 Authorities say Erik Hansen died Tuesday. Kirk Hansen died early Wednesday morning at a Sioux Falls hospital.
 Potter County Sheriff Curt Hamburger tells KCCR radio that the two men were working on a lift station repair. He says they apparently were standing in a hole about 4 feet deep and were overcome by methane gas.

S.D.'s Biggest City Bans Texting While Driving

BY CHET BROKAW
 Associated Press

PIERRE — South Dakota's biggest city has banned texting while driving, a move some hope will spread to other cities or boost the chances of a statewide ban on what they see as a dangerous practice.
 The Sioux Falls City Council voted 7-0 Tuesday to make it a crime to send and receive electronic messages while operating a vehicle within city limits. The ordinance will take effect on Sept. 28 and will be punishable by a fine of up to \$200 and 30 days in jail. It still will be legal to make hand-held phone calls, use GPS navigation and use hands-free devices.
 Sen. Craig Tieszen, R-Rapid City, said it could persuade more state lawmakers to consider a statewide ban, which the Legislature defeated in the past two years after opponents said they doubted it would be enforceable or do much to improve highway safety.
 A statewide ban makes more sense than multiple city bans because drivers would know they could not text no matter where they are, he said.
 "I think it will add some momentum to what will certainly be attempts in the next Legislature to pass a statewide ban," Tieszen said of the Sioux Falls measure.
 Sioux Falls Police Chief Doug Barthel said officers would not make a traffic stop if they cannot see a handheld device and erratic driving, the Sioux Falls *Argus Leader* reported. A cellphone could be seized to check

its records as proof a driver was texting, but that would only be done in extreme circumstances, such as a severe traffic crash, he said.
 Thirty-nine states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Virgin Islands have banned text messaging for all drivers, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association.
 Tieszen and Rep. Jim Bolin, R-Canton, sponsors of the measures defeated by the Legislature, said the fate of a texting ban in the 2013 legislative session depends on who is elected in November.
 Bolin, a retired teacher, and Tieszen, a retired police chief, said they believe the public supports a ban on texting while driving.
 "It's an issue where public safety trumps individual rights and individual freedoms that are very, very passionately held to her in South Dakota," Bolin said.
 Rep. Betty Olson, R-Prairie City, said she doubts the Sioux Falls ban will have much effect on the Legislature, because many lawmakers believe a ban on texting would be ineffective and difficult to enforce.
 "I really don't think we need a law against everything," Olson said. "Yes, texting and driving is stupid, but so are a lot of other things people do when driving."
 South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has stayed out of the debate.
 "The governor has no position on it at this moment," press secretary Joe Kafka said.
 Lee Axdahl, state director of highway safety, said a task force studying teen driving safety is considering recommending a ban on

texting while driving by young people. The agency is trying to educate the public about the dangers of distracted driving overall, he said.
 While Sioux Falls is the first South Dakota city to ban texting while driving, officials in other cities have said they might try to follow Sioux Falls' lead.
 Aberdeen City Attorney Adam Altman said he and Police Chief Don E. Lanpher Jr. proposed a city ban on texting and using all handheld devices while driving in 2008, but the city council quickly scrapped the idea after getting a barrage of email messages from constituents who opposed the idea. He said they'll probably ask the council to take another look.
 "I think the police chief and I both continue to believe it's a public safety matter," Altman said.
 Rapid City Alderman Ron Sasso said he is unlikely to suggest a similar ban in South Dakota's second largest city, because people are apprehensive about anything that restricts their actions. However, he believes the Legislature should pass a ban on texting for drivers 18 and younger.
 Rapid City Police Chief Steve Allender said he believes a law banning all use of hand-held devices while driving will inevitably pass.
 "A perfect-world scenario would be if we're going to tackle the problem on a statewide level that we could tackle the whole problem and not just a little segmented part of the problem," Allender said.

Crews Focus On Cleanup As Neb., S.D. Wildfires Wane

BY MARGERY A. BECK
 Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Crews turned their focus Wednesday to cleanup efforts in an area scorched by three massive wildfires in northwest Nebraska and southwest South Dakota.
 Firefighters spent the day patrolling the areas, mopping up hotspots and maintaining the fire line to prevent any flames from spreading.
 Lighting sparked the fires Aug. 28 and the flames spread quickly over the tinder-dry, drought-

ravaged terrain, forcing the evacuation of several communities and threatening hundreds of homes and farm buildings.
 The three blazes in the Nebraska Panhandle hadn't grown since Tuesday. Fire officials said one of the fires in Nebraska and South Dakota had been completely contained while the other two were 95 percent contained as of Wednesday afternoon.
 Two fires in Dawes and Sioux counties, called the Douthit and West Ash fires, burned nearly 138 square miles of mostly grasslands and pine trees. A third fire

to the east in Sheridan County, dubbed the Wellnitz fire, crossed into South Dakota, and burned a total of 120 square miles, including 44 square miles in South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.
 Messages left Wednesday for Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman John Yellow Bird Steele were not immediately returned.
 An emergency response team was looking Wednesday at ways to prevent water runoff that could damage roads, bridges and buildings. The fires destroyed a large amount of vegetation that

usually helps minimize runoff.
 "The number one priority of (the team) is the protection of life and property," said team leader Matthew Lucas.
 The team is working with the federal Natural Resource Conservation Service, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and U.S. Forest Services.
 Chadron State Park near Chadron and the Hudson-Meng Bison Kill Research and Visitor Center near Crawford remained closed Wednesday.

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Friday – Nebraska Husker Football Tickets
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 Mgmt. has the right to make changes at any given time.

Out On The Town

ANNUAL FALL SUPPER
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Sunday, Sept. 9 • Serving 4-7pm
 Adults \$7.50, Children 3-10 \$3.75,
 Children under 3 eat free
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Sunday at 6:30pm
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German Heritage Festival

Twin Rivers Old Iron Association
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 West Edge of Delmont
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Schedule of Events
Friday, September 7th
 Exhibitor BBQ 6 – 8 p.m.
 Come early and enjoy Food & Refreshments!
Saturday, September 8th
 All Day SD Highway Patrol Rollover Simulator
 8:00 a.m. Grounds Open
 10:00 a.m. Parade
 1:00 p.m. SD Sanctioned Kids Pedal Tractor Pull
 2:00 p.m. Sandbox Quarter Scramble
 3:00 p.m. Threshing & Demonstrations
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Old-Time Fiddlers
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. BBQ Pork Supper
 7:00 p.m. Tractor Games
Sunday, September 9th
 All Day SD Highway Patrol Rollover Simulator
 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. Pancake Brunch
 9:00 a.m. Non-Denominational Church Service
 10:00 a.m. Demonstrations
 1:00 p.m. Parade
 2:00 p.m. Tractor Pull
 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Old-Time Music
 3:00 p.m. Threshing
 3:00 p.m. Demonstrations
 3:00 p.m. Sandbox Quarter Scramble
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