

Volunteers Clean Trash Along Big Sioux River

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Volunteers have taken advantage of low water levels to clean up trash along the Big Sioux River in Sioux Falls. KELO television reports that river flows are down because of the drought, and that has uncovered mountains of trash. About two dozen people helped clean a section of the river in Sioux Falls on Saturday in an effort spearheaded by AmeriCorps volunteers from across the country. The volunteers say they cleaned up tires, television sets, bicycles and even what looked to be part of an oven that someone had thrown in the river.

Regents Consider Providing President's Home

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The University of Nebraska is thinking about returning to its past practice of providing a house for NU's president to use. The Lincoln Journal Star reports the Board of Regents will discuss allowing the NU Foundation to buy a house for the president's use at its meeting Friday. Donations would pay for the house. The university already provides an annual housing allowance of \$24,000 to J.B. Milliken. The chancellors at each campus receive similar amounts. But the university used to provide a house to its president. That home burned down in 1996. Regent Tim Clare says many universities provide homes for their presidents to use.

Company Adds To Mine Claims Near Keystone

RAPID CITY (AP) — A Canadian company has bought more land and mineral rights in the Keystone area for possible development into an underground gold mine in South Dakota's Black Hills. The Rapid City Journal reports that the company hopes to begin exploration in a few weeks. However, the company must follow state stipulations to avoid disturbing hibernating bats. Mineral Mountain Resources Ltd. of Vancouver, British Columbia, recently made two separate purchases of land in the Keystone area. Mineral Mountain Resources and its partner, Holy Terror Mining Co., now have more than 766 acres near Keystone. The project is awaiting approval from the state Department of Environment and Natural Resources. State officials say many of the drill sites are in previously explored locations, and there is no indication drilling would harm water resources.

Hastings Gets \$300,000 Grant For Arts Center

HASTINGS, Neb. (AP) — Hastings will receive a \$300,000 grant to help it convert a downtown building into an arts and cultural center. The Nebraska Department of Economic Development says \$507,000 in local money and donations will also be used to create a new performance venue for "The Listening Room." The local nonprofit has been organizing performances by national musicians in downtown Hastings for more than 20 years. This project will give the group more space for performances that already attract between 80 and 180 people. The two-story building will be renovated to create a flexible performance venue with sound and lighting equipment. A catering kitchen and restrooms will also be added.

Winning Dakota Cash Ticket Sold In Sioux Falls

PIERRE (AP) — A Dakota Cash ticket sold in Sioux Falls matched all five numbers in Saturday's drawing to win the game's \$40,925 jackpot. The South Dakota Lottery says the winner has about six months to claim the prize. The odds of winning the game's jackpot are about one in 325,000. Dakota Cash in played only in South Dakota.

Omaha Teen Dead In East City Shooting

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — An 18-year-old Omaha man has died in a shooting in east Omaha. Police were called to the scene shortly before 11 p.m. Friday for reports of a shooting and found two people who had been shot. Those two were taken by ambulance to an Omaha hospital. Police learned that two other people who had been shot were taken to another hospital in a private vehicle. Police say one of the shooting victims, an 18-year-old man, died at the hospital. Authorities have not released his name. Investigators say officers discovered another person had been shot two blocks away from the first shooting. Police have not said whether the shootings were related. Police did not release further details, including whether any arrests have been made.

Omaha Tribal Court To Hear Liquor Tax Complaint

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The Omaha Tribal Court will hear a complaint from several retailers in the village of Pender who are seeking to keep the tribe from imposing a tax on their liquor sales. The Lincoln Journal Star reported that the tribal court will hear the case on Monday, more than four years after the complaint was filed. The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska believes Pender is within the boundaries of the Omaha Reservation and that liquor establishments in the village are subject to the tribe's liquor regulations, which include licenses for businesses that sell alcohol and a 10 percent tax on alcohol purchases. A group of Pender retailers, including a convenience store, bowling alley, golf course and three bars, sued in federal court in 2007, arguing they aren't subject to the tribe's regulations because the land is not part of the reservation. U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf referred the lawsuit to the Omaha Tribal Court, and the retailers filed a complaint in early 2008 with the tribal court. In the meantime, Kopf issued a temporary restraining order barring the tribe from collecting the tax. After a final tribal court decision, the case will go back to Kopf, who will review it and make his final decision. At the center of the case will be where the tribe's reservation borders lie.

Tractor Takes Man Back To Grandparents' Farm

BY PETER SALTER
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LINCOLN, Neb. — There was something about the tractor's tall, sturdy snout, and its headlights — jutting from either side of the hood like bulbous ears. Something familiar. Jeff Manske spotted it — rusting away in the shadow of a barn — while at a yard sale on Salttillo Road a half-dozen years ago. "I could tell by the front end that was a Massey-Harris. I said, 'Gosh, my grandpa used to have one of those.'" His grandfather would perch him on the fender and climb onto the steel seat and take the boy into the fields. Then, a couple of years later, he put the 12-year-old on the seat and pointed toward a swath of milo that needed cultivating. Clutch on the left, brakes on the right, throttle on the steering column. "He told me what to do, and what not to do, and said, 'OK, take off.'" Manske spent his summers living and working at his grandparents' farm just south-east of Lincoln. When he wasn't in the fields, he was in the kitchen, helping his grandmother cook and can meat and keep her farmers fed. Their standard workday lunch: hot dogs,

kept warm in a Thermos. Lafe and Dessie Gray were born before the start of the last century. They moved from Otoe County to start their married lives, and their farm. They lived through the Depression. His grandfather was a frugal man. He didn't believe in fireworks, for example. You're just burning money, he'd say. Every Fourth of July, he'd take his daughters out for ice cream instead. "He kept a pretty tight budget," the grandson said. "Any kind of farm operation, you got to be that way." So he probably didn't pay the \$1,500 or so for the new Massey-Harris 22 in 1950. He would have waited a couple of years for the price to drop. He would have been a little older than 50 when he bought it. Jeff Manske was a little older than 50 when he stood at the yard sale and spotted the Massey 22. He told the owner about his grandfather's tractor. The owner asked his grandfather's name, and where he'd farmed. Yep, the owner said. That's where he'd bought it years ago. "I said, 'I'll be darned, this is the same tractor my grandpa had.'" And he told the man: You ever want to sell it, give me a call.

The man called a year later. His for \$1,500. Manske would have a winter's worth of work ahead of him and about \$2,000 more to spend. He'd have to get the body panels blasted; he'd have to scrape all the rust, grease and grime from the frame. He'd have to plug oil leaks and convert the 6-volt to a 12-volt system and put in new gauges and new lights — the ones that "look like Mickey Mouse ears." He'd have to slap on several layers of primer before giving it a fresh coat of Massey-Harris Red. Then he'd have to paint the wheels Massey-Harris Wheat Yellow. He'd have to put it to work, raking the hay he sells and helping a friend on his farm and scraping snow in the winter. He'd have to make plans to give it to his kids someday, but until then, he'd have something that reminded him of his grandfather, something that would calm him on gloomy days. Manske pulled out his checkbook. "No questions asked, no quibbling on the price." He started it up, and it all came back. The feel of the steel seat, the heavy brakes, the sound of the 22-horse motor — one of the smallest Massey sold, but strong enough that day to carry a man back to his childhood.

S.D. Tourism Sees Summer Upswing Over 2011

BY JACI CONRAD PEARSON
Black Hills Pioneer

NORTHERN HILLS — Boosted by a gradually and steadily improving economy, the summer tourism season showed strong increases from 2011, not only in the Black Hills, but across the state. Ashley Worth, marketing & research analyst for the South Dakota Department of Tourism, said that throughout the state, visitation at private attractions are up anywhere from 8 to 25 percent. "We've seen a great flow of visitors this summer," Worth said. "We saw large increases in the number of visitors to the various state and national parks. Things began leveling off in July to the numbers we saw last year but visitation is still up over year-to-date." Year to date, more than 2 million visitors have frequented South Dakota's National Parks — Mt. Rushmore, Wind Cave, Jewel Cave, Badlands and Minuteman Missile. "Those figures are up eight percent over the prior year through July," Worth said. "Mount Rushmore alone has experienced more than 1.3 million visitors year to date, an increase of 8 percent through July." Year to date, more than 4.6 million visitors have visited South Dakota's state parks, an increase of 24.7 percent from 2011 through July. "For example, more than 1

million visitors have frequented Custer State Park year to date," Worth said. "Those figures alone are up 8 percent through July." Worth added that information requests for the state are up 10.3 percent through July, with nearly 100,000 vacation guide requests fulfilled. "National parks numbers are provided by The National Park Service, state parks figures by South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks and information requests are tracked by the South Dakota Department of Tourism," she said. Hotel demand, one other strong economic indicator of tourism success, also had strong showings across the state through July. Hotel demand for South Dakota is up 7.5 percent over the prior year, through July, which amounts to approximately 2.7 million room nights. Hotel Demand for the Black Hills Badlands & Lakes Region is up 9.5 percent, through July. Just one factor in the Black Hills Badlands and Lakes index, Black Hills Badlands and Lakes Association president and C.E.O. Nort Johnson said the Black Hills, Badlands & Lakes index is showing an overall 7.76 percent increase in the tourism economy over 2011. "We blend hotel occupancy, gaming handle, traffic, park attendance and tourism tax collection with weighted values to arrive at our indexed measure," Johnson said. "Strong marketing

campaigns by Black Hills, Badlands and Lakes, State of South Dakota Tourism, local CVBs, chambers and BID districts have had good consumer response. Favorable weather patterns early, decent fuel prices and outstanding wildfire suppression efforts are also making a difference this year. With 30+ headliner events in the region in September and October we're optimistic about the potential for the fall shoulder season as well." Hotel demand for Deadwood is up 11.8 percent, through July, while the Deadwood gaming handle is up 9.8 percent over prior year, through July. Deadwood Chamber of Commerce executive director George

Milos said the positive swing in the numbers can be felt city-wide. "The numbers are very encouraging thus far this year," Milos said. "Our indicators are inquiries, web traffic, taxable sales, room sales and gaming numbers, all of which are up so far in 2012. Barring any huge spikes in gas prices or major events with the economy this could be one of the better summers we've had in several years. Although we can't be 100 percent accurate we believe approximately 1.5 million people pass through Deadwood each year and a good 60 percent of those numbers are June through September."



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