

South Dakota Panel Delays Recommending New Name For Creek

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PIERRE — A South Dakota board charged with getting rid of offensive place names decided Thursday to delay recommending a new name for Negro Creek in Meade County until it can get more information on its top three candidates.

The Board of Geographic Names is using the western South Dakota creek as a test case for a new process aimed at increasing public involvement in changing offensive names of places, most of which use the terms “Negro” or “Squaw.”

After receiving dozens of suggestions from the public, the board on Thursday agreed the creek might be renamed Bob Lee Creek in honor of western historian and writer Bob Lee, Howes Creek because it’s located near Howes corner, or Rebecca Buffington Creek for a woman reported to have died of diphtheria a century ago while living near the creek and treating Native Americans ill with the same disease.

Board member Jay Vogt, director of the South Dakota State Historical Society, said he will conduct research to try to verify that Lee, who died a few years ago, had some connection

to the creek and find out more information about the Howes and Buffington families.

The board plans to meet again Oct. 9 to recommend a replacement name. After the public is given a chance to comment, the panel will hold a hearing in Meade County before making a final decision.

State Rep. Dean Wink of Howes asked the board in June to make Negro Creek its test case, saying the 9-mile creek runs through his ranch. He said the creek was apparently named Negro Creek because a black family lived there decades ago.

Board members said they would prefer to rename the creek in honor of that black family, but no one knows the family’s name.

“We haven’t been able to track down who those folks were,” board member June Hansen said. “If we could find that name, that would be perfect.”

In 2001, the South Dakota Legislature passed a law to start eliminating offensive names, and the U.S. Board on Geographic Names has since changed the names of 20 places in the state. For example, Squaw Creek in Pennington County has been renamed Cedar Breaks Creek.

Another state law passed in 2009 listed 15 names that hadn’t been changed, and created

the state Board of Geographic names to tackle the job.

Even though the federal board has agreed to rename some places in South Dakota, it deferred action on others, partly because it said the state had not sufficiently involved the public in renaming creeks, gulches and other offensively named places. Most places are so small they do not appear on most maps, officials have said.

The federal board has the final say on renaming places. It requires that new names be descriptive of the land; suggested by local history, folklore or incident; or associated with Native American or other names. If named after a person, that person must have been dead for at least five years.

J.R. LaPlante, board chairman and secretary of the state Department of Tribal Relations, said he was encouraged by the number of replacement names suggested by the public.

“In terms of testing the process, I think we have a winner,” LaPlante said.

Hansen said some people were worried that the board was creating a new bureaucracy to spend taxpayers’ dollars, but the board members are working on the renaming process in addition to their regular state jobs without getting paid extra.

Drought Stable In S.D., Worsening In N.D.

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Drought conditions have changed little in South Dakota over the week but have worsened in North Dakota.

South Dakota still remains harder-hit, with the U.S. Drought Monitor map showing 68 percent of the state in severe, extreme and exceptional drought. That’s down 1 percent from last week. The amount in the exceptional category remains at 5 percent, almost all of it in the southeastern corner.

North Dakota has no areas in extreme or exceptional drought, but about 28 percent of the state is now in severe drought, up from 20 percent last week. The worst-hit areas are in the west and the east.

South Dakota Officials Report Sick Cattle Herds

PIERRE (AP) — State Veterinarian Dustin Oedekoven says more than 40 cattle herds in southeastern South Dakota have been reported with signs of illness that include fever, ulcers in the mouth, excessive salivation and lameness when walking.

Oedekoven says laboratory tests indicate some ill cattle have been exposed to epizootic hemorrhagic disease, known as EHD. He says the hemorrhagic disease rarely affects cattle, but the state’s deer population is currently experiencing an epidemic.

The EHD virus is spread by biting midges. Oedekoven says death is rare in affected cattle herds, but insect control helps prevent the risk of infection in cattle. He says the virus is not known to infect people.

Oedekoven says farmers and ranchers who notice signs of illness in their cattle should contact a veterinarian immediately.

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Teacher: Shooting Victim Worked Hard, Loved Having Fun

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A 24-year-old woman who was fatally shot in front of the Sioux Falls hair salon she managed while trying to protect an employee from what police say was an abusive boyfriend was hard-working and loved having fun, her former teacher and coach said.

Ken Kvaale, a teacher in Ellsworth, Minn., told KELO-TV Wednesday that Amanda Connors was a joy to have in the classroom. He said Connors and his daughter Rachel were best friends in school and in the years since Connors’ 2007 graduation.

“Amanda was just like she was in athletics. She was just a spark-plug in the classroom, too, there with the answer,” Kvaale said. “She was an ‘A’ student for me.”

According to police, Connors was leaving Cost Cutters on Tuesday when she saw Tyrone Smith, 38, with his children in the parking lot. From her car, she phoned the four employees in the store, including Smith’s girlfriend, and then pulled her car up and exchanged words with Smith, who was standing in the salon doorway. Authorities say Smith then shot Connors in the head, causing her car to drive into a parked SUV, and then entered the store, fired another shot and zip-tied his girlfriend and the other workers. They say Smith let the four workers go a half-hour later, and then shot himself in the head.

Connors graduated from the Stewart School of Hairstyling four years ago with a promising career ahead, said senior instructor Penny Thompson.

Thompson said Connors was a woman of integrity with a positive, upbeat and hard-working attitude.

“She just had such a great smile, and you saw it a lot,” she said.

When Thompson heard about the incident at Cost Cutters, she had a feeling that it was Connors who stood up to the gunman.

“I don’t know what courage Amanda had to face at that moment. And until you’re in that moment, who knows what you can do?” Thompson said. “But once again she did everything right, just like she’s always done.”

The escalation between Smith and his live-in girlfriend began Sunday evening when Smith was arrested on a domestic assault charge. He walked out of jail Monday, and the girlfriend was granted a temporary protection order.

Just before 1 p.m. Tuesday, Smith barged into the babysitter’s house, grabbed the children, zip-tied the woman to a chair and removed her cellphone’s battery.

“He said, ‘I want my kids,’” Becky Erickson told the *Argus Leader* newspaper. “I said, ‘I’m not sure I can let them go with you.’ His hand came up with a handgun in it. He said, ‘Are you really going to argue with me?’”

Four minutes after receiving a call about the abduction, police learned of a car accident in the salon parking lot. When officers arrived, they found the crashed car and bystanders attending to Connors, who was bleeding.

After the employees and children were let go, a SWAT team surrounded the salon and closed off three blocks on Sioux Falls’ busiest street. Just before 4 p.m., officers stormed in and found Smith’s body.

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