

Postmaster Gets 6 Months For Embezzlement

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Nebraska postal employee who embezzled more than \$6,600 in government money has received a six-month federal prison sentence.

Federal court records show Christopher McIlheran was sentenced Tuesday. Prosecutors say McIlheran made money orders to his personal creditors while working as postmaster of the Duncan and Silver Creek post offices.

McIlheran reported the money orders as having been paid when, in fact, he paid for them one to two weeks after he originally issued them. Prosecutors say he also issued money orders for which he never paid. He later admitted that he issued the money orders for personal use.

Postal Service agent Pete Gately says such behavior is rare, and betrays public trust in the Postal Service.

Neb. To Appeal Federal Contraception Ruling

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska Attorney General's Office is appealing the dismissal of a lawsuit that tried to block part of the federal health care law requiring contraception coverage for employees.

The Lincoln Journal Star reports that Republican Jon Bruning's office filed the case on behalf of Catholic Social Services, Pius X High School, the Catholic Mutual Relief Society of America, a nun and a female missionary. Republican attorneys general for Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas joined the legal challenge.

A federal judge dismissed the case in July, saying the plaintiffs had no standing to bring their claim.

4 Students Injured In SD Bus Crash

SPENCER (AP) — At least four students were injured after a man distracted by his cellphone crashed into a school bus Wednesday morning near Spencer.

Howard resident Arlo North, 23, was driving on Highway 38 near Spencer when he collided with the back end of a Hanson School District bus shortly before 8 a.m..

At least four students on the bus were sent to a local hospital for injuries. Two of the students have been treated and released. About 20 students were on the bus at the time of the crash.

Whiteclay Nursing Home Won't Open For Another Year

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A nursing home designed to serve Native Americans in the northwest Nebraska town of Whiteclay will not open for at least another year because of a funding delay, project planners said Wednesday.

The proposed 60-bed facility near South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation was supposed to open last month for members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. But financial consultant Gary Ruse said the tribe wasn't able to secure the money it needed until three months ago, when it received about \$13 million in loans from the Shakopee Tribe in Minnesota.

"It is started now, and they're getting ready to pour the footings," said Ruse, a former bank president based in Gordon. "Originally, it was supposed to be done by now, but now we're expecting it'll take at least another year. But it is under way, and progress is being made daily."

The nursing home was scheduled to open in August for elderly tribe members, some of whom are living in facilities hundreds of miles from their relatives and native reservation. Project planners broke ground on the facility in June 2011.

Ruse said the project, when completed, will create an estimated 70 to 80 jobs and the facility will have room to expand to 80 beds. The nursing home already has drawn interest from about 200 residents scattered throughout several states.

The home will sit on a 1,000-acre patch of tribal ground in Whiteclay, a Nebraska border town frequently criticized for its beer sales to residents who live on the reservation where alcohol is banned. The tribe couldn't build the facility in South Dakota, where most of the reservation lies, because of a moratorium on new nursing home beds.

Nebraska Sen. LeRoy Louden of Ellsworth said the facility is opening in Nebraska because South Dakota officials insisted they had enough beds to serve the population. But Louden, whose district included Whiteclay until last year, said the South Dakota nursing homes are located at least 100 miles from the desolate reservation.

"You take them 150 or 200 miles from their home, and they never get to see any of their relatives again," Louden said. The project "should be on its way, it just might be a slow process."

Louden said Nebraska taxpayers will not shoulder the facility's service costs for low-income residents. Sixty percent of the funding will come from federal Medicaid dollars, he said, and the federal Indian Health Service will cover the rest.

The cooperation between the tribe and Nebraska is noteworthy because they have been at odds for years over the town's four beer stores, which sold the equivalent of 4.3 million, 12-ounce cans of beer last year. The town has fewer than a dozen residents, and critics say the beer sales fuel alcoholism on a reservation with one of the nation's highest alcohol-related mortality rates.

Oglala Sioux Tribe President John Yellow Bird Steele said the facility is expected to take 16 months to build and will serve residents who struggle to care for themselves as they age.

"These elderly residents have called me, wanting me to bring them home, but I had no place to put them," he said. "Traditionally, we take care of our elderly. But with these days and times, without a home being handicapped accessible, people just can't. It's impossible."

Report Says S.D. Unlikely To Have Major Oil Boom

BY CHET BROKAW
Associated Press

PIERRE — South Dakota will not experience a boom in oil production like the one sweeping across western North Dakota, according to a study released Wednesday by Gov. Dennis Daugaard's office.

The study, presented to a state legislative panel, concludes that South Dakota's oil production most likely will remain steady at the current level of 1.6 million barrels of oil a year. Even under the most optimistic scenario, which assumes extensive additional exploration, South Dakota's annual production will rise only to 3.2 million barrels a decade from now and 6.5 million barrels after that.

In contrast, North Dakota last year produced 152 million barrels of oil.

"We will never see the oil development and gas development that North Dakota has seen, but that doesn't mean we don't have potential," state Geologist Derrick Iles told lawmakers. "I think we do stand to see some increase in oil and gas development in South Dakota."

Daugaard had two teams of state officials studying the potential for oil and gas production in South Dakota and what the state should do to prepare for any growth. In the meantime, the Legislature appointed a committee that has been looking at whether any state laws

dealing with oil and gas development should be changed.

Lawmakers said South Dakota's best bet for development is to provide materials and services to North Dakota's oil industry. For example, some South Dakota companies are making prefabricated housing to house workers in North Dakota's oil fields, and South Dakota might be able to supply sand or clay used in drilling.

In addition, many companies in North Dakota's oil industry want to set up support operations outside the oil fields to escape exorbitant costs for housing and other services in the area.

State officials have speculated in the past few years that North Dakota's oil boom might spread south, but the study released Wednesday is the first to make specific predictions.

Iles said the Bakken Formation, which produces most of North Dakota's oil, doesn't extend much into South Dakota, but more oil could be discovered in the Red River Formation that currently produces South Dakota's oil in Harding County in the extreme northwest corner of the state. Two other formations, the Minnelusa and the Three Forks, also hold some promise, he said.

South Dakota is making drilling and other geological records available on the Internet to encourage companies to explore in South Dakota.

But officials note that drillers have little incentive to leave North Dakota for the uncertainty of South Dakota. State and industry officials say 99 percent of drill rigs hit oil in North Dakota's Bakken region, and nine out of 10 wells make money.

Nathan Sanderson, a policy adviser to the governor, said South Dakota is likely to have only one drilling rig operating at a time in the next 15 years, while North Dakota now has more than 200 rigs drilling.

Jason Glott, also a policy adviser to the governor, said oil exploration, increased truck traffic or other associated activities are most likely to occur in a part of northwest South Dakota that includes Harding, Perkins, Corson, Dewey, Butte, Meade and Ziebach counties. Only 52,000 people live in the vast area, it already has little available housing, and ambulance services

and fire departments are mostly run by volunteers, he said.

Increased drilling or other activities in the area would stretch water supplies and law enforcement coverage, Glott said.

The legislative panel plans to meet again Oct. 30 to consider ideas for bills that might be introduced in when 2013 legislative session opens in January.

The lawmakers are considering raising bonding requirements companies must post to cover the cost of plugging of finished wells and restoring land disturbed by drilling. They also are studying whether sales taxes are applied fairly to material and services used in the oil industry, and whether a mediation service should be set up to help resolve disputes between drillers and landowners.

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