

## Neb. Tax Collections On Projected Pace

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A new report says Nebraska's tax collections are roughly on pace with estimates for the current fiscal year.

The tax commissioner's office announced Tuesday that the state has received about \$573 million since the new fiscal year began on July 1. That's less than 1 percent above the certified forecast of \$569 million.

Tax Commissioner Doug Ewald says net receipts for the month of August totaled \$341 million, which is less than the forecast of \$344 million.

The comparisons are based on an April forecast made by the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board. The board's projections were adjusted for new laws that passed in 2013 and divided into monthly estimates.

## Man Charged In Murder: 'Guilty, Guilty'

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A man charged with killing a woman and then leaving her body in an Omaha cemetery grave spoke up at a court hearing to say, "guilty, guilty."

The *Omaha World-Herald* reports 19-year-old Mikael Loyd's comments could be heard during the Tuesday hearing, at which his attorney argued for a reduced charge of second-degree murder.

Loyd is charged with first-degree murder in the death of his 19-year-old girlfriend, Melissa Rodriguez. After she was dead, prosecutors say Loyd put her body in a grave that had been dug for another homicide victim in an unrelated case.

Douglas County Judge Susan Bazis ignored Loyd's statement of "guilty, guilty," and ordered that the first-degree murder charge remain.

## Crop-Damaging Fruit Pest Found In S.D.

PIERRE (AP) — A pest that lays its eggs in fresh fruit has been found in South Dakota for the first time.

South Dakota State University entomologist Buyung Hadi caught the spotted-wing drosophila in a trap in southeastern South Dakota late last month, the *Capital Journal* reported.

The insect is about 3 millimeters long, yellowish brown in color with prominent red eyes. Males have dark spots on their wing tips. The pest native to Asia was first found in the U.S. in 2008 in California and has since spread to other parts of the country. It was first detected in Minnesota last summer and in North Dakota earlier this summer in cherries from the Carrington Research Extension Center.

Unlike some other fruit flies that prefer rotted fruit, the spotted-wing drosophila feeds on fresh fruit such as strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and blueberries. The fly is a concern not only for commercial fruit growers but also for home gardeners, according to Hadi.

"It won't be as much of a big deal in South Dakota as it is in Minnesota and Michigan because of the amount of fruit production that we have," he said.

The bugs can be controlled by insecticides.

## Man Jailed For Voting Twice In Mitchell

MITCHELL (AP) — A man who voted twice in Mitchell's school board election was sentenced Tuesday to 30 days in jail for voter fraud.

Craig Guymon must also pay \$1,200 in fines, court costs and restitution within a month.

"I just wanted to express that on June 4, I made one of the most foolish decisions of my life," Guymon said at the Davison County Public Safety Center in Mitchell.

Judge Tim Bjorkman imposed a 180-day jail sentence but suspended 150 days on the condition that Guymon successfully complete a two-year probation period after his release. Guymon will serve his jail time in 10-day increments at the Davison County Jail: 10 days immediately, followed by 10 days in September 2014 and the final 10 days in September 2015.

Bjorkman denied Guymon's request for a suspended imposition, which would give Guymon the chance to wipe the felony conviction from his record if he completes his probation without any violations. But the judge said he'll allow Guymon to make another request toward the end of the probation period, assuming he has abided by the conditions.

He has since moved to Platte.

# Raw-Milk Rules Headed To Another Fight

BY BOB MERCER  
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — The state Department of Agriculture isn't backing down from its goal to require better labeling including freshness dates on raw milk sold commercially in South Dakota.

Department officials plan another public hearing, this time on Oct. 9, in hope of getting the labeling rules into effect yet this year.

Last month the Legislature's rules review committee refused on a 3-2 vote

to accept the proposed rules.

One reason for the rejection was the department hadn't adequately researched the potential expense to raw-milk producers for labeling.

The proposed rules that will be presented at the Oct. 9 hearing are the same as those sent to the review committee, according to Courtney De La Rosa, a lawyer for the department.

Public comments will be received by the department through Oct. 21.

There are five raw-milk producers who offer products for sales, according

to the department.

Financial forms the department is required to file under state law say the labels can be hand-written if they are legible and clearly visible to consumers and the cost of labeling will be "minimal" at a penny per label.

The hearing will be at the state Capitol in room 412 starting at 10 a.m. Central.

Several raw-milk producers, a variety of consumers and the Dakota Rural Action organization have been strongly opposed to the rules.

## Neb. Sen. McCoy Jumps Into Governor's Race

BY GRANT SCHULTE  
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska state Sen. Beau McCoy formally jumped into the 2014 governor's race on Tuesday, touting his experience as a small business owner with a background in agriculture.

The Republican lawmaker kicked off a 20-city tour with promises to push for tax cuts, controlled state spending, stable funding for education and a policy focus on jobs.

McCoy is the fifth GOP candidate looking to replace term-limited Gov. Dave Heineman. The other primary candidates are state Sens. Tom Carlson and Charlie Janssen, State Auditor Mike Foley and Omaha businessman Pete Ricketts.

In an interview at the Capitol, McCoy pointed to his work on state tax policy in the Legislature and his ac-



McCoy

complishments as a businessman who started his own roofing and home improvement company. He grew up on a cattle ranch in Colorado, near the Nebraska border, and started a custom haying operation with his brothers when he turned 16.

"As a small business owner, I think you have a unique position understanding what it means to make a payroll and the daily challenges with regulations that you have," McCoy said. "It's hard, but it's very, very rewarding."

McCoy said he was opposed to an expansion of Medicaid under the federal health care law, an issue that stalled in the face of conservative resistance in the Legislature.

He also said he opposed a new law that extends state-funded prenatal care services to women who were in the United States illegally. Lawmakers approved the hotly debated measure last year over Heineman's veto. McCoy said he opposed giving driver's licenses to people in the country illegally, and supported a law that would require voters to show identification before casting a ballot.

"I think we really have to do everything we can to ensure that our precious resources, our hard-earned taxpayer dollars, are going to those who deserve them," he said.

McCoy cited his leadership role with the Council of State Governments, a national group that focuses on state policy. McCoy was chosen as chairman of the group's Midwestern Legislative Conference.

Earlier this year, McCoy

introduced two bills on behalf of Heineman that sought to repeal or at least reduce Nebraska's income tax. The idea was scrapped in favor of a statewide, legislative study of Nebraska's tax climate. McCoy was chosen to serve on the new Tax Modernization Committee, a group that is looking at possible reforms.

"You have to look at ways that we're spending hard-earned taxpayer dollars in the wisest, most efficient way possible," said McCoy, 32, who was re-elected last year to represent western Omaha in the Legislature. "I think that's what Nebraskans expect. I know that's what I expect as a taxpayer."

Two Democrats — state Sen. Annette Dubas and former University of Nebraska Regent Chuck Hassebrook — are competing for their party's gubernatorial nomination.

## S.D. Court Dismisses 2nd Appeal In 1975 AIM Slaying

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed a Canadian man's secondary appeal of his murder conviction and life sentence in the 1975 slaying of a fellow American Indian Movement activist.

In a direct appeal last year, the Supreme Court upheld John Graham's conviction for taking part in the killing of Annie Mae Aquash in South Dakota.

Graham then filed a secondary appeal that was denied by a circuit judge. Acting as his own lawyer, Graham asked the Supreme Court to consider the second appeal, but the high court dismissed it for procedural reasons, saying he failed to serve his appeal motion on state officials.

Graham was convicted of murder in December 2010

after prosecutors said Graham and two other AIM activists, Arlo Looking Cloud and Theda Clarke, killed Aquash because they suspected she was a government informant.

Graham, a member of the Southern Tutchone tribe in Canada's Yukon Territory, could not be contacted in prison for comment Tuesday.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley said the Supreme Court ruling ended Graham's challenges to his conviction in state courts.

"I am grateful for the cooperative efforts of tribal, state and federal law enforcement officers in bringing John Graham to justice," Jackley said in a statement. "Today's ruling is an important step toward final justice for Annie

Mae and her family."

Aquash's body was found in a remote area in southwest South Dakota in February 1976. She was a member of the Mi'kmaq tribe of Nova Scotia. Federal agents investigated the case for years but didn't bring an indictment until March 2003, when Denver police arrested Looking Cloud.

Looking Cloud was convicted in federal court of first-degree murder in 2004 and sentenced to life in prison, but a federal judge later signed an order reducing Looking Cloud's sentence to 20 years.

Clark, who was never charged, died in 2011.

In his first appeal, Graham had argued that the government should not have been allowed to move his case

from federal to state court after his extradition to the U.S.

However, the South Dakota Supreme Court ruled last year that the state had jurisdiction to prosecute Graham, prosecutors presented sufficient evidence to convict him and his life sentence was appropriate.

AIM was founded in the late 1960s to protest the U.S. government's treatment of American Indians and to demand the government honor its treaties with Indian tribes. The group grabbed headlines in 1973 when it took over the village of Wounded Knee on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, leading to a 71-day standoff with federal agents that included the exchange of gunfire.

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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**★ Freedom Day USA! ★**

**What is Freedom Day USA?**

It is a day when businesses across our nation join together to show their appreciation to active-duty members of our armed services and their families, and our veterans.

**How do they show support?**

By offering a Day of FREE! The idea is to provide FREE services, goods, products, meals, etc. to say "Thank you" to the men and women who have served or are serving our country in the Armed Forces.

**Circle each PRODUCT in red. Circle each SERVICE in blue.**

HAMBURGER WITH APPLE SLICES	DENTAL EXAM	HAIRCUT
SUIT JACKET	CAR OIL CHANGE	CUP OF COFFEE
RUNNING SHOES	RAKING UP LEAVES	VISION EXAM

**Kids can help, too!**

Kids can help by offering to do some of these things for families of active-duty military personnel or a veteran on Freedom Day USA. Draw a line to the picture that illustrates each of these services:

- Helping with yard work
- Taking a veteran's kids to the park to play
- Spending time playing a game with a veteran
- Picking up some groceries for a military family

**Would you like to say "Thank you" to an American military veteran?**

Send a Thank You note or card to:

Kid Scoop  
P.O. Box 1802  
Sonoma, CA 95476

**Let's Talk!**

Talk with a parent about all the different kinds of jobs people do in the military. Have people in your family served in the military? Interview a relative or neighbor who is a veteran.

**Who started Freedom Day USA?**

This national event was founded by Dr. Robert Martino, owner of Wilson Martino Dental in West Virginia. He has asked other dentists around the country to start Freedom Day USA projects in their communities.

**Is there a Freedom Day USA in my town?**

To find out if there is a Freedom Day USA happening in your community, visit [www.freedomdayusa.org](http://www.freedomdayusa.org). Find out how YOU can help make it a special day for local veterans.

**Extra! Extra! Freedom Finder**

Read the Bill of Rights. Then, look through the newspaper for stories or photos that show people exercising one of these freedoms.

ANSWERS: 2 & 6

Standards Link: Civics: Understand the importance of community.

Standards Link: Language: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**

Match each name to the best address for it on the envelope.

A. Winterbottom	3 Lumber Falls Way Forestville, OR
STU POTTS	15 Snake Court Rattlebone, AZ
Anna Conda	10 Cold Harbor Ln. Frozen North, WI
Tim Burr	246 Grand Slam Dr. Outtathere, NY
Homer Runn	84 Fryer Street Cooktown, CA

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

**The Online Scoop**

Find some cool facts about veterans and the flag, and join in some games and activities. Go to [www.kidscoop.com/kids](http://www.kidscoop.com/kids).

**Double Double Word Search**

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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**Heroes**

Look through the newspaper and clip pictures and articles about heroes, past and present. Make a "Heroes" poster. Tell the reason why each person is considered a hero.

Standards Link: History: Understand the importance of individual actions and how heroes make a difference in others' lives.

**Write On!**

**Cheese on the Moon**

Send your story to:

Press & Dakotan  
C/o Noelle Schlechter  
319 Walnut Street  
Yankton, SD 57078  
605-665-7811, ext 112

If the moon were made of cheese, what kind would it be? Why?

Deadline: October 6 Published: Week of Nov. 3  
Please include your school and grade.

**Weekly Writing Corner**

**Fun Family Adventure**

Tell about a fun outing you went on with your family.

A fun outing that I went on with my family was American Family Fitness. We exercised and it was fun.

**Erika, 1st grade**

I went with my family to Disney World. It was super. My favorite part was seeing Cinderella.

**Abby, 1st grade**

I had a fun outing with my family when we went to the Eiffel Tower and saw the musical fountain in Las Vegas.

**Nick, 1st grade**

I was fishing with my grandma and I caught eight fish! I was so excited. They were all perch. I caught some yellow ones and some orange ones and some red ones. One fish I tricked. I had no bait and I put the line in the water anyway and I caught the fish. My grandma was impressed. Then I put on more bait. I put it in the water. All of a sudden I yanked up the pole and I got another perch. That was my eighth fish. I was so proud. We went back to my grandma's house and had fish for dinner. What fun!

**Emma, 3rd grade**

My family outing was super because we went to the beach. I buried my dad's feet. At the beach I got to jump over the waves.

**Emily, 1st grade**