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#### **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

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

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.

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# Raw-Milk Rules Headed To Another Fight

**BY BOB MERCER** 

State Capitol Bureau

 ${\it PIERRE} - {\it The state Department of}$ 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

One reason for the rejection was the department hadn't adequately researched the potential expense to rawmilk 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

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.

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-

ments as a businessman who started his own roofing and home

improvement company. He **McCoy** 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 understand-

ing 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 op-

posed 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 statefunded 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 hardearned 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

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

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 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 Looking Cloud was convicted in federal court of firstdegree 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

from federal to state court after his extradition to the

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.

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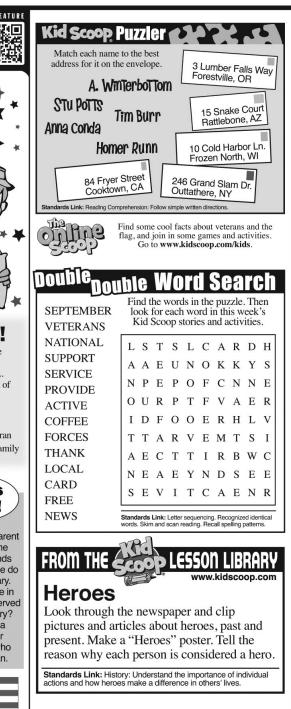
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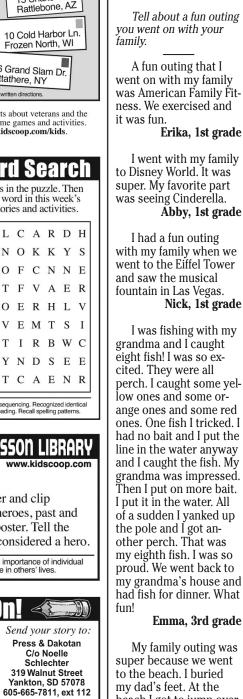


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beach I got to jump over Emily, 1st grade