

Libertarian Candidate Entering S.D. Race

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A Libertarian candidate who some say was a big factor in a 2002 U.S. Senate race in South Dakota could be a factor again next year.

The *Argus Leader* newspaper says Kurt Evans will seek the Senate seat held by Democrat Tim Johnson, who isn't seeking re-election after three terms.

Northern State University political science professor Ken Blanchard says Libertarian candidates typically take votes away from Republican candidates. Some people think that's what happened in 2002, when Republican John Thune lost to Johnson by just 524 votes — with Evans getting more than 3,000 votes.

Four candidates are seeking the GOP endorsement to run for Johnson's seat this time around. There's only one Democratic candidate so far.

South Platte River Still Rising In Neb.

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Flooding along the South Platte River in western Nebraska has so far caused little damage, but residents prepared Thursday for the river to continue to rise as more Colorado floodwaters flow into the state.

The flooding began near the Colorado-Nebraska border on Wednesday and forced the closure of the Interstate 80 exit into Big Springs and a truck stop. But Big Springs itself stayed dry.

The National Weather Service predicts flooding will continue along the South Platte and later the Platte River over the next several days as the surge of water moves east.

"The river will stay high through the middle of next week in a lot of places," National Weather Service meteorologist Bill Taylor said.

Geography has helped limit flood damage in the first couple of days because much of the land at risk in the first 75 miles of Nebraska is rural and the towns along the South Platte don't sit directly on the river.

The Weather Service also warned residents about the ensuing flood several days before the water arrived, helping residents prepare.

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S.D. Joins Lawsuit Against EPA

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Government officials from four states including South Dakota have filed a lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Administration, charging that EPA is violating the federal Clean Air Act by refusing to recognize the states meet federal standards for sulfur dioxide.

The states' challenge comes as President Obama's administration increases its emphasis on clean air regulations to combat climate change. "That wasn't why we filed it," South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley said Thursday.

Jackley said it's a question brought by attorneys general from both political parties about whether EPA or state regulators have authority on SO2. He said South Dakota ethanol processors, GCC Dacotah cement operations and South Dakota State University are affected.

"Businesses are having to make certain decisions without the government telling them what the rules are," Jackley said.

The lawsuit happens to coincide with EPA Administrator Gina



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McCarthy's testimony Wednesday to a congressional committee in which she said EPA will be bringing new rules on carbon and methane pollution.

The federal-court action by Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota and Texas claims EPA since 2011 has unnecessarily and illegally delayed issuing designations of attainment areas that are in compliance with SO2 levels.

The four states want a federal court order forcing EPA to issue the designations.

The lawsuit claims the states "live in great uncertainty" regarding business development, because the EPA can at any time declare an area to be in "non-attainment" even though the state found the SO2 standard was met.

"That in turn will lengthen and complicate the overall permitting process, or even make permitting impossible," the lawsuit contends.

Under federal regulations EPA has up to two years to issue the designations and EPA's administrator can take

a third year if there isn't sufficient information.

In May and June 2011 the four states submitted their data to EPA in response to a new EPA rule. In June 2012 EPA announced it would take another year.

The lawsuit contends EPA should have issued its designations no later than June 3, 2013. EPA on Aug. 5 published non-attainment designations for 29 areas in 16 states, with none in South Dakota, North Dakota, Nevada or Texas.

EPA stated on Aug. 5 it was "not yet prepared" to issue designations for any other areas. EPA can designate an area as attainment, non-attainment or unclassifiable.

The four states in the lawsuit present differing situations. All of South Dakota and North Dakota were found to be in attainment by state regulators.

All of Nevada was determined to be unclassifiable by its state regulators because monitoring wasn't conducted. Texas recommended 10 counties be designated as attainment areas and all other counties be unclassifiable.

EPA hasn't responded yet to a request for comment for this story.

Neb. Pipeline Backers, Opponents Face Off

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Supporters and opponents of the Keystone XL pipeline in Nebraska squared off again Thursday in a congressional hearing in Washington.

The hearing was called by U.S. Rep. Lee Terry, a Nebraska Republican who supports the hotly disputed project. Opponents have urged President Barack Obama to reject a federal permit for the proposed Canada-to-Texas oil pipeline, saying it doesn't serve U.S. energy interests and threatens Nebraska landowners.

According to a video of the hearing, Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce CEO Dennis Houston testified the first Keystone pipeline in Nebraska provided an eco-

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economic boost to his area during the five-month construction period. Houston said the project created about 750 jobs in the area and generated millions of dollars of spending in the state.

"They all spend their money in our community and all of the neighboring community," Houston said. "It had an economic impact of more than \$10 million, and that's a very conservative number."

Jane Kleeb, executive director of anti-pipeline group Bold Nebraska, argued the project poses an unnecessary risk to Nebraska

landowners, with no long-term benefits. Kleeb said many of the jobs for the initial pipeline went to out-of-state workers.

Opponents also have argued that the pipeline threatens the Ogallala aquifer, a massive groundwater supply beneath Nebraska and parts of seven other states.

"Our state's economic backbone is based in agriculture, not oil pipelines," she said. "Our farmers and ranchers' livelihood rely on clean and abundant water from the aquifer."

The \$7 billion pipeline has become a contentious

issue in Washington, with Republicans and some Democrats touting the jobs it would create and demanding its approval while opponents point to the environmental cost of refining and burning a vast amount of oil refined from Canada's tar sands. The pipeline from Canada to the Texas gulf coast would carry an estimated 830,000 barrels of oil per day.

Obama has twice thwarted the pipeline project amid concerns about a proposed route through environmentally sensitive land in Nebraska. Gov. Dave Heineman and the state's congressional delegation — all Republicans — have either backed the plan or relaxed their opposition after the project was re-routed last year.

OBITUARIES

Patrick Smith

Patrick C. (Pat) Smith, age 79 of Yankton passed away Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, 21, 2013 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Military rites will be by the SDARNG Honor Guard, Sioux Falls, SD.

Visitations will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, September 20, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a rosary at 7 p.m. followed by a video tribute and Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pat was born on March 17, 1934 to Clarence and Esther (Glynn) Smith. He was born and raised in Yankton and remained there his entire life. In 1956, he entered the US Air Force and was stationed in San Juan, Puerto Rico as a fire fighter supervisor until he was honorably discharged in 1961. He returned home and married JoAnn Cap in 1966 and proceeded to start a family he would love dearly. He was employed with the Yankton Public School System starting in 1964 as a janitor. He became Fire Chief for the City of Yankton in February of 1973, where he built the fire department to what it is known as today. If you couldn't find him in the fire hall or at home, he would be at the bowling alley, a bucks/gazelle game, a coyote basketball or a Mt. Marty game. He was a life-time member of the South Dakota Firefighters Association, was a past President of the South Dakota Fire Chiefs Association,



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tion, and a member of the 300 bowling club. As of today, he still holds the record for the highest series with a score of 835 at Yankton Bowl. He was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Pat is survived by a wonderful wife, JoAnn of Yankton, SD; one daughter, Jill Heesch (Nyle) of Sioux Falls, SD; two sons, Jay (Sherry) of Redfield, SD and Chad, of Rapid City, SD; many grandkids that he loved to spoil: Maxwell, Samantha (Brandon), Sydney, Chelsea, Annie, Kinley, Tyler, Brady, and Michael; one twin sister, Patricia Raab (Martin) of Yankton, SD; one brother, Clarence Smith Jr. of Seattle, WA; a brother-in-law, Donald DeVore of Tampa, FL; several nephews: Larry (Tracy) Raab, Michael (Avalin) DeVore, Roger (Garth) DeVore, Jeff DeVore, Charlie DeVore, and Brett Smith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Esther, one sister, Betty Lou DeVore, one nephew, Steven Raab, and two pets, Charmin and Hoser.

The family of Pat Smith would like memorials directed to the Yankton/Vermillion Fire Department, Kid's Fire Safety House, P. O. Box 176, 201 West 23rd Street, Yankton, SD 57078.

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Replica Of T-Rex Named Sue Returns To S.D.

BY DIRK LAMMERS
Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — A Tyrannosaurus rex named Sue is back in South Dakota, but museum officials quickly discovered she was going to need a bigger home.

Workers preparing for the traveling exhibit had to add six vertical feet of space and temporarily remove a fourth-floor window to get the 42-foot-long, 13-foot-high model inside the Kirby Science Discovery Center.

"We raised the ceilings, we raised the sprinkler pipes and she fit," said Jon Loos, the Washington Pavilion's vice president of operations.

The exhibit, a full-size traveling replica of a Tyrannosaurus unearthed from South Dakota more than 20 years ago, opens Saturday and runs through Jan. 5. The model was created using

casts of the original bones.

The fossils were more than 90 percent complete when they were discovered in 1990, missing only a foot, one arm and a few ribs and vertebrae. The actual dinosaur resides at Chicago's Field Museum, which purchased the 67 million-year-old dinosaur at auction for \$8.4 million in 1997.

Sue is named after fossil hunter Sue Hendrickson. Hendrickson was working with the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research's Peter Larson on Aug. 12, 1990, when she discovered the T-rex on a Cheyenne River Indian Reservation ranch operated by Maurice Williams. After writing Williams a check for \$5,000, Larson and his staff excavated the fossils and brought them back to his institute in Hill City, S.D.

In May 1992, federal

agents seized the dinosaur as evidence in a criminal case against the institute and company employees. Nearly all of the charges eventually were dropped, but Larson was sentenced to two years in federal prison on unrelated counts involving failure to report some financial matters and taking fossils from federal lands.

Meanwhile, the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs stepped in and argued that the institute had no right to take Sue because the bones had been removed illegally from lands held in trust for Williams by the federal government. A judge agreed and gave custody back to Williams, who put the T. rex up for auction.

Erica Lacey, director of the Kirby Science Discovery Center, said the Field Museum's continued study of Sue has helped explain how

T-rex dinosaurs looked, how they moved and how their brains worked. The Sioux Falls center will use the traveling Sue to share some of that science.

"We've learned a lot from Sue," Lacey said.

The fourth-floor exhibit in Sioux Falls weighs about 3,500 pounds, and crews had to strategically place about 800 pounds of counterweights under the platform to evenly spread the weight load. To bring in Sue's 6-foot-by-11-foot rib cage, crews had to remove a large window and use fork lifts to lift the ribs through the hole in the wall, Loos said.

"We didn't have the room through the building to get it in," he said.

Loos said crews will have just 5 days in January to pack up Sue and send her down to her next gig in North Carolina.

Sapa

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differently than I did. I consider myself lucky. I'm glad to still be around."

Kubal, who is the maintenance manager at Sapa and has been with the plant for 12 years, now suggests to all employees that they get the cardiovascular screening done.

"I think more people are taking the screening this year. I hope I've had some influence on that," he said. "It's free. It doesn't hurt. If anybody has an opportunity to get this screening, either through their employment or on their own, it is worth it and could be life changing."

Beyond cardiovascular screenings, Sapa's Health and Safety Day included digital mammograms, oral can-

cer screenings, bike safety, gun safety, fire safety and a range of other offerings aimed at the wellness of employees.

Plant manager John Clifton notes that a couple of other employees have also had cancer detected at the annual event.

"How much more reinforcement do you need?" he said. "The amount of money we spend on this is insignificant compared to what we've done when we help save someone's life."

According to Blake Robertson, the general manager of Sapa's Midwest Region, the Yankton plant is known for staging one of the best Health and Safety Day presentations in the company.

"They go above and beyond, and that is recognized at the North American headquarters," he said during a ceremony Thursday that also featured Yankton Mayor

Nancy Wenande and representatives of Rep. Kristi Noem, Sen. Tim Johnson and Sen. John Thune.

Robertson said Sapa, which does aluminum extrusion, is committed to the safety of its employees.

"There are not too many companies that would shut down for a full day," he stated. "Many companies will tell you, 'Safety is important to us.' But in a lot of cases, it is lip service. Safety is a high priority here. This plant behind me is a dangerous place. As we're in the business of satisfying customers and making money, it is not at the expense of our employees. We're committed to continually improving the safety of the plant."

Clifton said that while the Yankton plant has received good marks on Sapa's safety measurements, work still

needs to be done.

"We're still missing some things," he stated. "We're still not getting the culture across to all of the people. We've got to get our line leadership and management involved more, so when they go out on the floor and see an unsafe condition they correct it. We're doing our paperwork and training, but we've still got some distance to go in getting everyone aware. I tell people: You've got to care about yourself, and you've got to care about the guy next to you. If everybody does that, we'll be fine."

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net/.

Elisabeth Wright

The memorial service for Elisabeth Andree Wright, 75, Aberdeen, will be 3:00 p.m., Saturday, September 21, 2013, at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home, Yankton.

Elisabeth Andree VanMolle was born November 28, 1937 to Louis and Lea Lucia (Lebrun) VanMolle in Brussels, Belgium. This is where she grew up and went to school. She moved from Brussels to California in 1965. She taught herself to speak English by watching television and received her citizenship in 1967. It had been a life-long dream to live in America and she was very proud to be an American. Elisabeth worked with special needs children in Oregon and later moved to Yankton, SD. She was a foreman at Jensen Scrap and Metal where she met the love of her life. In 1987 she married Dennis Wright. In 2013 Elisabeth moved to Aberdeen



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to live with her daughter and her grandson, the other love of her life.

Elisabeth looked forward to having coffee with her sisters-in-law, LaVelle and Sandy and she loved to knit. Elisabeth enjoyed dancing to Roy Orbison and Johnny Cash. She loved the outdoors, spearing fish and hunting. She had a huge heart for special needs children and she loved her family with a great passion.

Grateful for having shared her life are her children: Don Jackson, Ventura, CA, Mandy (Dean) Wagner, Carter Lake, IA, Stephen Wright, Sioux Falls, Devon Wright, Aberdeen, Billy Wright, Sioux Falls, and Shyleaha Wright, Aberdeen, grandson, Rylan Mueller, sisters: Lucienne VanMolle, Marie-Louise (Guy) VanMolle, and Micheline VanMolle, all from Brussels, Belgium.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Dennis Wright, her parents, four sisters and two brothers.

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