

Mussels

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the clean-up, and runs through the following week. Government agencies and volunteers work the boat ramps to approach the public with short remarks and literature about their important role in stopping the spread of invasive species.

"Boaters and anglers at Lewis and Clark ramps have been told they need to clean, drain and dry (their watercraft)," Lepisto said.

The National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Izaak Walton League have worked on the joint effort, he added.

"We have inter-agency cooperation on what to do with (about invasive species)," he said. "We have state and federal agencies taking action on what we should do."

Boaters, anglers and other recreationists play an important role in stopping the spread of the zebra mussel, said Karla Zeutenhorst with the Corps of Engineers.

"They could carry the zebra mussels to other lakes and bodies of water. You can't let one ounce of water

from one body to another," she said.

"And (this message) isn't just for boaters. This could be kayakers, fishermen, anyone who could spread the zebra mussels."

One of the challenges has been convincing some boaters to take an active role in the effort, Zeutenhorst said.

"I have people say to me, 'What are YOU (in the Corps) going to do?' she said. "But it's not just US; it's 'What are WE going to do?'"

The Corps is planning additional signage for the paddlefish season, Zeutenhorst said. However, the message goes for all seasons and waterways.

"Whether you're in the river or lake, we want you to pay attention to it," she said.

The zebra mussels can infest any body of water, Zeutenhorst said.

"It could be the creek by your house," she said. "If you don't want that (infestation) to happen, start cleaning, draining and drying your boat."

The zebra mussels have been found in the in the tail-races below Gavins Point Dam, Lepisto said. The presence of veligers, or young mollusks, shows the rapid reproduction of the zebra mussels.

"The veligers are moving through the dam, which shows they move quite easily

with the current," he said. "They have a more difficult time moving upstream, which seems to show that boats are the easiest way for them to move upstream in Lewis and Clark Lake."

Zebra mussels are extremely difficult, if not impossible, to remove from large, moving bodies of water such as the Missouri River and Lewis and Clark Lake, Lepisto said. However, action can be taken to stop their further spread, he said.

"This (expansion of invasive species) is showing the importance of educational awareness," he said. "The Clean Boat Event is even more important in stopping the reproduction of the population (in other waterways)."

In the meantime, Lepisto and other officials are ramping up plans for next year's Clean Boat Event and other outreach efforts about invasive species.

"It's terrible that we have to be there (on the boat ramps), but it's reality," he said.

For more information about invasive species and preventing them, visit online at sdeastwanted.com or <http://outdoornebraska.gov/conservation/Invasive-Species/Aquatic>.

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pany.

The proposed settlement also would allow NorthWestern to collect an additional \$9 million annually for the wind-farm purchase. The \$9 million would be adjusted after a three-year period to reflect actual costs.

The actual rates won't be determined until Nov. 1 or after, according to the proposed settlement. That will allow costs to be determined for the new pollution-control equipment at the Big Stone power plant near Milbank.

NorthWestern imposed an interim rate increase of 20.24 percent on July 1. The new rates will be less than the interim rates but they won't be determined until after Nov. 1, 2015, according to the proposed settlement.

Man Gets Prison For 97 Pounds Of Marijuana Found In Car

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A 38-year-old man has been sentenced to one to two years in prison after nearly 100 pounds of marijuana were found in his car during a traffic stop in Lincoln.

The Lincoln Journal Star

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Customers will see refunds by March 2016.

The three elected members of the state Public Utilities Commission will have the final decision on the NorthWestern rate package. They have a hearing set for Oct. 27-30.

According to supplemental documents filed by NorthWestern with the PUC, the company previously had been forced to buy power from the Beethoven wind farm under a provision in federal law, and then at times resell it at prices less than NorthWestern paid.

NorthWestern now says the purchase of the wind farm will save money for its customers because NorthWestern won't be subject to that forced-buy arrangement.

NorthWestern estimates the savings to total \$37 million for customers over the next 25 years. When wind-tax rates are added to the calculation, the savings

are estimated to total \$44 million for a 20-year period, according to the proposed settlement.

"If the energy is not needed or is not economical to sell, NorthWestern can reduce the output to zero. NorthWestern expects this operational flexibility to result in lower overall costs to customers," the company's filing said.

Jason Sutton, a Sioux Falls lawyer representing Toshiba, filed a letter with the PUC on Wednesday that seemed to open the door for a possible resolution of the case without going the route of a full hearing.

"All parties have agreed that the deadline for staff and intervenors' testimony to be filed and served shall be extended to October 2, 2015. This extension will allow the parties to explore settlement and analyze information recently exchanged by the parties," Sutton wrote.

reports Lyndy Norman was sentenced Thursday. He had been found guilty of possession with intent to deliver.

According to prosecutors, Norman was stopped by a Lancaster County Sheriff's deputy for a traffic violation

on Dec. 12. Authorities say about 97 pounds of marijuana in nine garbage bags were found during a search of the vehicle. Seven bags were in the trunk and two were in the back seat.

Yankton Manufacturing Week



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September 28 - October 2, 2015

Manufacturing Community Open House & Product Showcase

Kolberg Pioneer Inc. Parking Lot • 700 West 21st St

Monday, Sept. 28

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

The public is invited to enjoy hotdogs and hamburgers while viewing the variety of products manufactured in Yankton.

Show Your Support for our Local Manufacturers!

Monday, September 28 (Activities at KPI Parking Lot – Parking at Yankton Mall, north and northeast corner only!)

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Public Tour/Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc.
5:30 p.m.-5:50 p.m. Welcome & Remarks by Dignitaries for Community Open House
5:50 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Yankton Manufacturing Product Showcase

Tuesday, September 29

Student Tours Only

Wednesday, September 30

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Public Tour/Baldwin Filters, Inc.
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Public Tour/Bow Creek Metals
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Public Tour/SAPA Extrusions, Inc.
9:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m. New Expansion Ribbon Cutting/SAPA Extrusions, Inc.
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Public Tour/Applied Engineering, Inc. & Xpedition Archery

Thursday, October 1

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Public Tour/TruXedo, Inc.
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Public Tour/Manitou Americas, Inc.
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Public Tour/Vishay Dale Electronics, Inc.
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Public Tour/RTEC
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Public Invited to Yankton High School CTE Open House

Friday, October 2

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Public Tour/L&M Radiator, Inc.
3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Manufacturer Employee Olympics (Riverside Park)

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