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Several area football players ready to make impact for South Dakota next season. **SPORTS B1**

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ECONOMY: Big Ox Energy has begun building a \$30 million plant in South Sioux City. **BUSINESS A7**

Bird flu found in 5 more northwest Iowa poultry farms

Outbreaks in Sioux, O'Brien, Osceola counties

DAVID PITT
Associated Press

DES MOINES | The deadly bird flu virus was found in an egg-laying flock with 3.7 million chickens in northwest Iowa in addition to four more poultry farms, state agriculture officials said Monday.

The virus will now cost Iowa egg producers about a

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Questions and answers about how wild birds remain healthy even when carrying and spreading the avian flu virus. **STATE A5**

sixth of the state's 60 million hens, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey said, or nearly 9.8 million chickens that have either been or will be euthanized.

Initial tests indicated the presence of the H5N2 virus on the large farm in Sioux County. The other probable

cases, affecting more than 2 million chickens combined, are at two farms in O'Brien County, one in Osceola County and another in Sioux County.

Final confirmation is expected later Monday or Tuesday on the latest farms, Northey said.

Iowa is the nation's leading egg producer and has seen a rapid increase in the number of chickens affected by the



Northey

virus since the first case was announced a week ago. The virus has also been found on two Iowa turkey farms involving 80,000 birds.

Nationally, the H5N2 virus has cost Midwestern turkey and chicken producers almost 13 million birds since early March.

The impact on consumer egg and turkey prices depends on how much more the virus spreads, according to Dr. T.J. Myers, a veterinary administrator with the U.S. Department of



Joseph L. Murphy/Iowa Soybean Association via Associated Press
Chickens are kept in an Iowa chicken house.

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SIouxLAND PEOPLE

STARRY, STARRY NIGHT



Jim Lee, Sioux City Journal

Emily Eilers, 12, of Wayne, Neb., uses an eclipse viewer to look at the sun during the Star Party at Ike's Lake northwest of Wayne Wednesday. The annual event was hosted by the Wayne State College honors astronomy class.

Nighttime sky is the focus of Wayne, Neb., party

WAYNE, Neb. | Looking up at the night sky, most of us can find the Big Dipper, probably the Little Dipper and maybe another constellation or two.

And that's about it. Aside from those few things, we don't really know what we're looking at.

For the past five years, Todd Young, a physics and astronomy professor at Wayne State College,



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has organized the Star Party, giving anyone with an interest in astronomy a chance to learn just what it is they're seeing. "People like going

outside to look at the night sky and see constellations," Young said.

On Wednesday, Young and his honors astronomy students set out to Ike's Lake northwest of Wayne to set up telescopes and other activities to give people a better understanding about how our planet and solar system work.

As she helped set up a demonstration on how the earth rotates and

moves on its orbit around the sun, sophomore Kaley Rader, an elementary education major from Hastings, Neb., looked forward to helping others learn.

"Knowing I get to teach younger children about astronomy is exciting to me, to help them understand where they live and why things are the way they are," Rader said.

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Northwestern freshman from Nepal gives thanks

Student praises humanitarian aid in the wake of major earthquake

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ORANGE CITY, Iowa | Northwestern College freshman Sadikshya Gautam speaks with her family via Skype on Friday night. Her mother, Devi Gautam, offers a typical parental advisory as her daughter's final exams approach.

"My mom told me to not stay up late at night," Sadikshya Gautam says.

The daughter heeds the mother's advice. She turns in at 10 p.m. on Friday. She puts her phone on silent, a rarity.

While asleep, Gautam's friends from around the globe text and post messages on her Facebook wall. Those posts, both in volume and tenor, shake her from a spring slumber at 7 a.m. Saturday.

She reads about and

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Nepal quake death toll tops 4,000 as villages plead for aid. **WORLD A10**



Tim Gallagher, Sioux City Journal
Sadikshya Gautam, 19, wears a shirt that says, "I (love) Nepal," while sitting on the campus at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, Monday, where she is a freshman. Gautam is from Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal.

Sioux City master plan recommends closing pools

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SIoux CITY | Sioux City should close two pools and construct a regional facility that could draw more people to the area, according to the city's aquatics master plan.

In a presentation Monday to the City Council, principal engineer Dave Schwartz said the city should close Leif Erikson and Lewis pools while also constructing a regional aquatics facility south of Lewis Pool.

Schwartz, with Lenexa, Kan.-based Waters Edge Aquatic Design, said the study found Sioux City's pools had poor attendance, lacked amenities and operated in the red. In Sioux City, Cook and Leeds pools

have the lowest attendance while Riverside is the most popular.

"The attendance is absolutely horrible because we have the wrong types of pools for this community," said Mayor Bob Scott.

About 60,000 people visit Sioux City's pools each summer, but that was still lower than pool attendance for other Iowa cities such as Clive, Ankeny, West Des Moines and Cedar Falls. Those cities have lower populations than Sioux City, but have higher



Scott

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NFL Draft

Brandon Wegher has taken a long path but he is ready for the next phase of his football career. **SPORTS B1**

Dog flu

The first case of canine influenza in Iowa has been confirmed in Sioux City. **LOCAL A3**



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THE MINI

The Clinton or the Bush clan? Each is claiming the leadership of the most powerful nation in the world belongs to them because it's their turn. The idea of having a national election to settle a family feud is enough to make anyone sick. Once upon a time we tried to get the best qualified for leaders. That we did not always succeed is true, but taking turns or electing someone because it's time will not bring back the respect we need.

Phillip A. Severson, Sioux City

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