

State lottery to celebrate 25 years, debuts anniversary logo

The South Dakota Lottery turns 25 on Sept. 30, and the agency is kicking off a months-long celebration with the unveiling of an official logo commemorating the milestone.

The 25th anniversary logo will appear in all lottery advertising for the remainder of the year and be featured on special anniversary items for lottery players and retailers.

The logo combines the lottery's trademark "South Dakota" script and text logo with an image of the state of South Dakota and the words "25 Years".

Lottery Executive Director Norm Lingle says the anniversary logo's debut is just the beginning of an

observance that will celebrate all sectors impacted by the lottery, including players, retailers and the state itself.

The lottery's 25th anniversary celebration includes the launch of two anniversary scratch tickets next month, an anniversary-themed booth at the South Dakota State Fair in August, and a formal observance at a South Dakota Lottery Commission meeting to be held adjacent to the actual September 30 anniversary date.

For more information on the South Dakota Lottery's 25th Anniversary, visit the lottery Web site at www.lottery.sd.gov or their Facebook page.

Prevent food-borne illness at summer gatherings

Food safety basics can keep food poisoning from spoiling summer picnics and cookouts, says a state health official.

"Hot weather is a food safety challenge because bacteria in food multiply faster anytime the temperature is above 40 degrees," said Clark Hepper, health protection administrator for the Department of Health.

Hepper recommended the following steps for cooking outdoor meals:

- Start with hand-washing. Use moist disposable towelettes if soap and water aren't available.
- Keep raw foods separate from cooked foods. If a plate held raw meat, don't use it again without first washing it in hot, soapy water.
- Marinate foods in the refrigerator, not

on the counter or outdoors, and don't reuse marinade. For use as a sauce, set some aside before adding food.

- Use a food thermometer to make sure food is cooked thoroughly. Cook hamburgers to 160 degrees and chicken to at least 165 degrees.

- Keep hot food hot (140 degrees or above) and cold food cold (40 degrees or below).

- Refrigerate or freeze leftover food promptly. Don't let perishable foods sit out longer than two hours; no more than one if temperatures are above 90 degrees.

Food-borne illnesses often go unreported so the actual number of cases is likely higher than what's reported. In 2011, South Dakota reported nearly 500 cases of the food-borne illnesses E. coli, Salmonella,

and Campylobacter.

To date in 2012, more than 200 cases of such illnesses have been reported, as well as nearly 100 cases of clostridium perfringens associated with improperly cooked and stored meat at a special event. These diseases can also be spread directly by farm animals and their manure.

Symptoms of food-borne illness can include mild or severe diarrhea, fever, vomiting and abdominal pain. Some people may need fluids to prevent dehydration but most will recover at home without medication.

Learn more on the department site, <http://doh.sd.gov/HealthProtection/>, or the FDA site at <http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm094562.htm>.

2012 Independence Day travel expected to increase 5 percent over last year, AAA says

Consumers are reaping the benefits of the recent steady decline in gas prices as South Dakotans enter the middle of the summer driving season. AAA predicts that lower gas prices will help motivate a record 42.3 million Americans to journey 50 miles or more from home during the Independence Day holiday weekend, a 4.9 percent increase over the 40.3 million people who traveled last year.

The expected 2012 Independence Day holiday travel volume will tie the past

decade's previous high mark set in 2007 and represents a near 42 percent increase from 2009.

AAA projects 128,700 South Dakotans will travel over the holiday, a five percent increase over last year's holiday period. Eighty-nine percent of South Dakota travelers will be getting there by private motor vehicle (up four percent over July 4, 2011), five percent by air (a ten percent jump over one year ago), and six percent by other means, such as bus or train.

Concern about the global economy, particularly the sovereign debt crisis in Europe and a slowdown in growth in large emerging market economies such as Brazil, India, and China, continues to act as a drag on expectations for future oil demand, putting downward pressure on prices.

The Federal Reserve Board of Governors last week decided against an additional round of quantitative easing, which has helped boost the value of the dollar. The central bank also revised downward its short and

medium-term projections of both inflation and economic growth, adding additional strength to the dollar as well as reducing demand expectations. A stronger dollar relative to other currencies reduces oil prices in the U.S., as oil is traded in dollars.

While prices are lower this week, they continue to reflect an implicit risk premium associated with geopolitical instability in the Middle East and North Africa. Traders continue to be concerned about potential supply

disruptions should the violence in Syria spread to neighboring countries, or should the political transitions in Egypt or Libya impact the global supply chain.

Today's national average price for a gallon of regular self-serve gasoline is \$3.40. This is ten cents cheaper than the price one week ago, 25 cents cheaper than one month ago, 18 cents cheaper than one year ago, and 54 cents cheaper than the year-to-date peak price of \$3.94 in early April. The national average price at

the pump has now dropped 14 days in a row and 69 of the previous 71 days. The nationwide average price has not been this low since January 27, 2012, almost five months ago.

South Dakota's least expensive gasoline today is found once again in North Sioux City, where the citywide average is \$3.272 for regular self-serve. The state's most expensive gasoline is in Pine Ridge at \$3.899.

STIP Public Meetings

S.D. Dept. of Transportation has developed a Tentative 2013-2017 Five-Year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Tentative STIP includes all the state sponsored transportation projects for this time period.

Prior to final approval of the STIP by the Transportation Commission, public meetings will be held on the following dates and locations to receive public comment on the tentative program.

July 17, 2012.....	Ramada Convention Center	Aberdeen	7:00 PM
July 18, 2012.....	Ramkota Hotel.....	Sioux Falls.....	7:00 PM
July 19, 2012.....	MTI Tech. Center (1800 E. Spruce).....	Mitchell	7:00 PM
July 24, 2012.....	Ramkota Hotel.....	Pierre	7:00 PM
July 25, 2012.....	Ramada Hotel.....	Rapid City	7:00 PM

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