

# STATE-BY-STATE

News from across the USA

**ALABAMA Moulton:** A fire caused “quite a bit” of damage at the county courthouse, closing it indefinitely.

**ALASKA Juneau:** State marijuana tax revenue has reached a high of nearly \$1.2 million.

**ARIZONA Fountain Hills:** Anna Mae Blessing, 92, has been accused of fatally shooting her 72-year-old son who wanted to put her in an assisted living facility. She has been arrested.

**ARKANSAS Little Rock:** Officials say the state ended the fiscal year with a nearly \$42 million surplus.

**CALIFORNIA San Diego:** The 42nd annual National Unity Conference – one of the largest indigenous youth conferences in the world – began Thursday and will last until Monday. Over 2,000 youth are expected.

**COLORADO Denver:** A judge has ordered the release of psychiatric evaluations of James Holmes, the gunman who killed 12 people in a movie theater in 2012.

**CONNECTICUT Hartford:** Global financial technology firm Seven Stars Cloud Group Inc. plans to relocate its headquarters to West Hartford.

**DELAWARE Smyrna:** The Delaware Forest Service is deploying 20 firefighters to help battle wildfires in the western United States.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** Officials say a man’s body has been pulled from the Potomac River.

**FLORIDA Daytona Beach:** Two visiting New York first responders helped save a 3-year-old girl who was drowning in a hotel swimming pool.

**GEORGIA Atlanta:** A man who identified himself as an Air Force veteran has died after he lit himself on fire in front of the Georgia Capitol last week to protest the Veterans Affairs system.

**HAWAII Honolulu:** Gov. David Ige signed legislation that will ban the sale of sunscreens containing oxybenzone and octinoxate, two chemicals believed to harm coral reefs.

**IDAHO Pocatello:** A zoo had to be closed temporarily after a bear made it past a perimeter fence and climbed a large tree.

**ILLINOIS Decatur:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is investigating 2018’s first confirmed West Nile virus case in Illinois.

**INDIANA Indianapolis:** Fire has destroyed seven 20-ton dump trucks valued at over \$1 million.

**IOWA Sioux City:** A cannon used in World War I and placed in Memorial Park Cemetery in 1941 has been restored and rededicated.

**KANSAS Lawrence:** University of Kansas students and faculty can no longer use tobacco or vaping products on campus.

**KENTUCKY Florence:** Allan Summers is under arrest, accused of threatening on Facebook to bomb a courthouse and prosecutor’s office.

**LOUISIANA Baton Rouge:** The state’s new digital driver’s license app is available to the public.

**MAINE Bar Harbor:** MDI biological laboratory has received a \$12 million research grant.

**MARYLAND Gaithersburg:** Nearly 150 lightning strikes in a two-hour period caused two house fires.

**MASSACHUSETTS West Dennis:** Five sea turtles have been released equipped with satellite tags to study their migration patterns.

**MICHIGAN Detroit:** A lawsuit has been settled that allows low-income homeowners facing foreclosure to buy their homes for \$1,000.

**MINNESOTA Redwood Falls:** A 16-year-old who drove his car into a sinkhole escaped by climbing out the back window.

**MISSISSIPPI Brookhaven:** Deer broke through the door and plate-glass window while running out of a downtown barbershop.

**MISSOURI Normandy:** Chris Butler has been jailed on \$75,000 bond

after allegedly walking into city hall and holding four clerks captive.

**MONTANA Billings:** Authorities have called off the search for a man who has been missing since April.

**NEBRASKA Lincoln:** The Nebraska Community Blood Bank says it has an urgent need for donors.

**NEVADA Carson City:** The Nevada Appeal is reducing its publishing days from six a week to Wednesdays and Saturdays.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE Portsmouth:** A total of 103 people from 49 countries became U.S. citizens Wednesday at a naturalization ceremony.

**NEW JERSEY Trenton:** Under a new law, transgender residents can amend birth certificates based on how they identify themselves, as male, female or undesignated.

**NEW MEXICO Algodones:** Two sculptures in honor of Anne Frank are on display along Interstate 25.

**NEW YORK New York:** Ivan Paredes faces animal neglect charges after police found 33 malnourished Shih Tzus inside his apartment.

**NORTH CAROLINA Charlotte:** Health officials say poor hand washing by food preparers led to contamination that sickened at least 40 people at a party.

**NORTH DAKOTA Wyndmer:** A man’s truck was destroyed after roughly \$2,800 worth of fireworks ignited in his pickup bed as he drove on the highway. The man received only minor injuries.

**OHIO Toledo:** Officials are looking for help from the Ohio Department of Agriculture to combat a gypsy moth infestation.

**OKLAHOMA Oklahoma City:** Sears will close its final traditional store here in September.

**OREGON Portland:** Former state first lady Cylvia Hayes has filed for Chapter 13 bankruptcy protection.

**PENNSYLVANIA Lamar Township:**

Police say a man and woman believed to be high on bath salts started shooting bullets into the sky to chase away “alien lasers,” which were actually fireflies. They have been arrested.

**RHODE ISLAND Tiverton:** Police were on the lookout for good drivers on the Fourth of July to reward them with gift cards. One of the cards was worth \$17.76.

**SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia:** Federal authorities have been asked to help investigate after 14 fires have been reported within a few miles of one another in less than three months.

**SOUTH DAKOTA Yankton:** Five people died in a two-vehicle crash, and a 12-year-old girl was seriously injured.

**TENNESSEE Nashville:** Former Judge Casey Moreland, who pleaded guilty to federal charges, will lose his \$58,203.48 annual pension.

**TEXAS Port Arthur:** Three children – ages 2, 6, and 12 – rescued from a burning apartment have died from their injuries.

**UTAH Salt Lake City:** Hidden Canyon trail at Zion National Park has been closed after a rock fall.

**VERMONT Williston:** Vermont’s mandatory boat inspections for invasive species are underway.

**VIRGINIA Alexandria:** Regulators have approved plans to upgrade the city’s sewer system.

**WASHINGTON White Swan:** Shawn Marceau has recovered a stolen American flag that belonged to his son who was killed in Afghanistan. The flag was found folded in front of the headstone.

**WEST VIRGINIA Huntington:** Lynyrd Skynyrd has added a Nov. 17 date.

**WISCONSIN Milwaukee:** Officials say the city’s health department has consistently failed to clean up lead-poisoned children’s homes.

**WYOMING Jackson:** Hunters will not be required to test meat for chronic wasting disease this year.

*From staff and wire reports*