

Bracket Busters

SDSU-Murray State game to be televised on ESPN2

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Excited families

Relatives of Brookview Manor residents are eagerly anticipating having new space for visits

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Weather

Partly sunny today, temp falling to around 24, breezy, with gusts as high as 25 mph, tonight mostly cloudy, low around 13; Wednesday mostly cloudy, high near 36

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have you heard?

Local C-store fails police alcohol check

BROOKINGS – A single Brookings business, the Zip Trip convenience store at Sixth Street and Medary Avenue, failed the latest alcohol compliance check by Brookings Police Department.

The business was one of 15 checked in a citywide sweep that took place last Thursday, Jan. 31. All the others turned down the underage, would-be purchaser, said Lt. Derrick Powers of the Brookings Police Department.

In the Zip Trip purchase, the clerk faces charges of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

As in previous compliance checks, the police used an underage individual who, under their direct supervision, attempted to buy beer or other alcoholic beverages at various city locations.

Last week's test indicated only a 6 percent noncompliance rate, which compares favorably with other recent checks.

Store clerks making illegal sales can be cited for furnishing alcohol to a minor, and businesses involved in sales to underage persons may face fines, suspensions or loss of their alcoholic beverage licenses.

Powers said the store violating alcohol sales regulations was notified immediately, but all others tested last week will be notified by police.

– From staff reports

Welcome

The Brookings Register welcomes the following new and renewing subscribers:

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Project SEARCH participants from other U.S. locations are seen here working at their internships. This fall, Brookings School District and South Dakota State University will welcome their first class of interns to the new SDSU-Brookings Project SEARCH.

Project SEARCH photos

New possibilities

■ Internship program to provide training, employment options for ‘niche’ group of students

By CHARIS PRUNTY  
The Brookings Register

BROOKINGS – There's school and then there's life after school. Hardly anyone would call it an easy transition, but certain young people need some strategic help to get started in the workforce.

"You come every day and you're here, we're just here," said Michelle Powers, Brookings School District's special education director, speaking of the school day.

"Versus, you're moving on into adulthood and well, 'Am I living at home? Am I

living in an apartment? Can I live on my own? Can I manage my own checkbook? What kind of things do I need to get through day to day and achieve the goals that I have?'"

Powers is speaking of a niche group of students. These students are 18-21 years old, have a disability that qualifies them for special education and vocational rehabilitation services, and have already completed four years of high school. The team of people that creates their individual education plan believes they need instruction beyond the four years of high school.

But, these are not students needing the support level of an independent living center such as Advance, Powers noted. They're just not ready to navigate the world on their own.

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SD lawmakers endorse teen driving changes

■ No more phones behind the wheel for youngest motorists, panel recommends

By CHET BROKAW  
Associated Press

PIERRE (AP) – South Dakota lawmakers sought to protect young drivers Monday with a package of recommendations that would ban beginning drivers from using cellphones behind the wheel and make other changes aimed at reducing teen traffic fatalities and serious injuries.

The Senate Transportation Committee voted 7-1 to approve a measure that would prohibit all beginning drivers from using cellphones or other electronic devices until they can get an unrestricted driver's license at age 16. At least 30 states and the District of Columbia have already banned the use of all cellphones by novice drivers.



Chet Brokaw/AP

Courtney Denett, a Rapid City high school student, urges the Senate Transportation Committee on Monday in Pierre to pass a bill banning the use of cellphones by beginning drivers.

In 10 states and the District of Columbia, all drivers are prohibited from using handheld cellphones while driving. The South Dakota Legislature has repeatedly rejected measures to ban cellphone use or texting by all drivers, but mem-

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Frosted window, flight attempt land local driver in snowbank

BROOKINGS – An attempt to flee from a police traffic stop ended badly for a 28-year-old Brookings driver when his car missed a turn, jumped a curb and plowed through a snowbank, narrowly missing a commercial building.

The incident began about 2:12 a.m. Sunday when a Brookings patrol officer noticed a moving vehicle whose windows were frosted over. He attempted to stop the driver at Third Avenue and Front Street

The policeman turned on his

lights and siren, but the object of his chase continued south on Main where the driver finally stopped. The officer got out of his car, and as he approached the 1996 Chevy Lumina on foot, the driver took off, fleeing the scene.

The officer pursued, but because the roads were slick, it wasn't a high-speed chase, said Lt. Derrick Powers of the Brookings Police Department.

As the driver made his escape, he tried to navigate a

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SDSU researchers to evaluate Brookings Health's doula program

BROOKINGS – A program that provides free support for women during labor and after delivery has been successful for the New Beginnings Birth Center, but a new partnership between Brookings Health System and South Dakota State University researchers may make it even better.

When a mother-to-be arrives at the birth center, she is asked whether she would like a doula, a trained volunteer who will provide her nonmedical support during labor and delivery, explained Julia Yoder, director of marketing and public relations at Brookings Health System.

Thanks to the volunteer doula program, Brookings Health

System's hospital is the first in the state to offer the services of a doula for labor and delivery and the first one in the nation to offer postpartum support to expectant parents free of charge.

Jennifer Anderson, assistant professor in the communication studies and theatre department, learned about the doula program through Facebook and asked about doing research on this unique service, Yoder said. Anderson, whose specialty is health communication, will serve as principal investigator.

"We see this as an opportunity to learn about our program and better serve the needs of area women," Yoder said.

Anderson and her team

received funding for two one-year projects. The first study will examine the experiences of mothers and the hospital staff who have worked with doulas and will also evaluate materials used to market the program. It is supported by the Rural Health Research Center at SDSU.

The second grant from the Women and Giving Foundation at SDSU will look at the impact the experience has on the women who serve as doulas.

The grants will pay for gift cards for the mothers, mothers-to-be and doulas who participate in focus groups and will support the collaboration with Brookings

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# CHASE: Hand gets shut in car door

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turn on Third Street South, but it didn't work: his vehicle left the intersection and ran onto a snow-covered lawn for about 30 feet before coming to a halt in front of a business.

Powers said the officer saw the driver get out of the car and start to flee, but when he got a

little closer, the patrolman noticed that the man in his haste to escape had slammed his hand in the car door. His hand was still shut in the door when the officer reached him.

Following his arrest on multiple charges, the man was taken to the Brookings hospital for treatment for his injured hand. After he was also checked

for intoxication, the driver was taken to the Brookings County Detention Center.

He was charged with driving while intoxicated – third offense, eluding and obstructed vision.

There was no report on damage to the vehicle.

– From staff reports

# DOULA: See value in partnership

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Health System, according to Rebecca Kuehl, assistant professor in the communication studies and theatre department. Kuehl, whose expertise is in persuasion, has begun to collect and examine the program's promotional materials.

Women in the Brookings area who are 18 or older and have given birth, or plan to give birth, at New Beginnings Birth Center can participate in the study by contacting Anderson at 688-6552 or Jennifer.Anderson@sdstate.edu. Child care will be provided free of charge during the interviews.

Brooking Health's Director of Obstetrics Mary Schwaegerl, Doula Coordinator Emily Delbridge and Yoder will work with the researchers. Information about the doula program is available on

Brookings Health System's website, www.brookings-health.org.

"We see a lot of value in having a university/community partnership," Kuehl said.

The interdisciplinary team at SDSU also includes Sun Woo Kang, assistant professor of counseling and human development, and Hilary Hungerford, assistant professor of geography. Hungerford will identify geographic patterns in doula availability and how that relates to birthing outcomes in South Dakota and across the nation.

In October 2011, the New Beginnings Birth Center began offering the services of doulas, Yoder explained, as part of an effort to improve the birthing experience. The doulas provide emotional and physical support for both the laboring mother and the expectant father.

Last summer the doula program was expanded to postpartum care, Yoder said. These volunteers help new moms with breast-feeding and other challenges of caring for a newborn.

The Brookings program now has 25 trained doulas, who volunteer either for one 24-hour shift or two 12-hour shifts per month, Yoder explained. Some are experienced mothers, but the numbers from last fall show that 15 of those volunteers are SDSU students, most of them nursing majors.

"We want the best outcomes possible for mom and baby," Yoder said. The partnership with SDSU will give the obstetrics staff feedback to further improve health care services for rural women.

– From SDSU University Relations

# SEARCH: Aligns with SDSU mission

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**New opportunity**

That's the need SDSU-Brookings Project SEARCH, the business-led partnership that Brookings School District (BSD) is beginning with South Dakota State University, will address. It's an international model begun in Cincinnati, Ohio, that's already being used in about 230 locations, including the Avera hospitals in Sioux Falls and Aberdeen.

Essentially, Project SEARCH is an internship program tailored to this niche group. It lasts one year, from August to June, and will follow the BSD school calendar.

"They'll be on-site at the business, which in this case is SDSU, and they'll have the opportunity to do three different internships on campus and learn those jobs, learn a lot of skills of that job," Powers said.

"And then hopefully, by the end of the year, we'll be working with them very intensely to get them into full-time employment, either at the host business, or help them take the skills that they've learned throughout the year and transfer them to another setting within their community where they can have employment."

At SDSU, these internships will be overseen by the Office of Student Affairs. Dean of Students Sam Jennings is organizing the project on SDSU's end.

"We jumped on it," Jennings said of the chance to help the larger community in this way.

He said Project SEARCH aligns with the university's mission of serving the public, and his department is excited to begin.

SDSU has committed to about seven internships so far, including jobs related to maintenance, landscaping, custodial and office work, Jennings said. Some staff members are already on board to supervise these internships.

Interns will separate their time into three 10-week periods, learning a different job during each period. For instance, Jennings said, a student might spend his first 10 weeks as a landscaping intern.

"The next 10 weeks, they might be doing the document scanning, for example, so that would be their second experience, and the third may be the

custodial or maintenance work," he said.

**Daily routine**

To oversee the program, BSD will hire an on-site coordinator. That coordinator will host orientation for students for the first few weeks of the program. He or she will also spend an hour or two each morning teaching students, in classroom space provided by SDSU.

From something like 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., students will head out to their internships. They'll have the help of a job coach to learn the skills needed when they first begin a job.

"Then, at the end of the day, they come back to the classroom and meet with the coordinator and job coaches and it's kind of an opportunity to triage your day: 'How did it go? What were your challenges? What do you need to do differently tomorrow? What went well?' That type of thing," Powers said.

"Really, the whole intent of it is just to immerse the students in the workplace and learn those entry-level job skills of the different positions that are going to be available to us through SDSU."

**Partnership**

Powers hopes to begin with six to eight students this fall. Some will likely be from Brookings School District, but she hopes other districts will enroll students as well. Those districts will pay tuition for their students, and with that money Powers hopes to break even on costs for the program, which include the salary of the on-site coordinator.

Alongside BSD and SDSU, a variety of other agencies are partnering to get Project SEARCH started here. South Dakota's Vocational Rehabilitation Services program will pay for the job

coaches. That program's Transition Services Liaison Project, which focuses on support and training for students reaching adulthood, brought the idea to Powers this fall and has been heavily involved. Local high school counselors have been part of the planning meetings, too.

Brookings Superintendent Roger DeGroot and Marysz Rames, Brookings school board vice president and SDSU's vice president of student affairs, have both fully supported the project from its beginning stages this fall, Powers said.

**Info night**

Families don't need to wait long to begin the application process. SDSU-Brookings Project SEARCH will hold an information night Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 6-7 p.m. inside the SDSU Student Union. Anyone in the region is welcome.

There, Jennings will present the project, and steering committee members will be on hand to help answer questions. They'll take families through the application process.

Applications are due March 4, and if the student is outside the Brookings School District, their district must be part of the application process. Also in March, every student who applies will be interviewed by a few steering committee members and will complete some job simulations to get a sense of how they would handle the internships planned for this first year. Finally, the committee will send out letters of acceptance and kick off the program this August.

Learn more about Project SEARCH at [www.project-search.us](http://www.project-search.us). Contact Powers' office at the Brookings School District administration building, 696-4700.

Contact Charis Prunty at [cprunty@brookingsregister.com](mailto:cprunty@brookingsregister.com).

# Man gets beaned with beer bottle

BROOKINGS – A Brookings bar-goer told police another man smashed a beer bottle on his head while he was dancing, and police are now on the lookout for the suspect.

Officers were called to the Lantern Lounge in downtown Brookings at about 12:50 a.m. Sunday, after a man reported he'd been assaulted by another patron.

The victim, a 25-year-old from Tracy, Minn., said he was on the dance floor with a young woman when a beer bottle shattered on his head.

The Minnesotan had several scratches on his head but otherwise appeared to be unin-

jured, according to police.

Although the reason for the attack is not clear, the suspect and victim had both been dancing with the same woman that evening.

The victim delayed calling police for 20-25 minutes after the assault, so by the time officers arrived, the attacker had left the building.

Police are seeking as a possible suspect an African-American man wearing a gray flannel shirt, about 6-1 and very thin.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the Brookings Police Department at 692-2113.

– From staff reports

# DRIVERS: Proposals go to Senate

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bers of the committee said it's time to take phones out of the hands of beginning drivers.

The committee also recommended that those with learners' permits should have to wait longer before driving unaccompanied. Another measure would set up a coordinated drivers' education system with statewide standards for course content, instruction, testing and certification of instructors.

The proposals, which now go to the full Senate, were recommended by a Teen Driving Task Force that was set up two years ago by the Legislature.

Sen. Craig Tieszen, R-Rapid City, chairman of the task force, said South Dakota is one of only a few states that allow 14-year-olds to begin driving with learners' permits, a tradition based on the need for teenagers to drive on farms. Many states require young drivers to be 15 or older to get learners' permits.

Tieszen said young drivers should not use cellphones because they are in experi-

enced and can have trouble dealing with distractions.

"Although some 14-year-olds are capable of taking on the complex task of driving, many are not," Tieszen said.

The task force reported that South Dakota has a high rate of fatal crashes among young drivers, and young South Dakota drivers are more likely to have accidents than older drivers.

For example, motor vehicle crashes account for 44 percent of all deaths among South Dakota residents ages 14-17, but crashes are responsible for only 39 percent of deaths among that age group nationally. The state Public Safety Department reports that 16- and 17-year-old drivers represented just 2.7 percent of all South Dakota drivers in 2011, but accounted for 5.9 percent of crashes involving deaths or injuries.

Courtney Denett, a Rapid City high school student, urged the committee to pass the measure, saying a driver's eyes are off the road for at least five seconds while texting or otherwise dealing

with a phone.

"If they're new drivers, I don't think they should be focused on electronics in the car, but on the road itself and the people driving around them," Denett said.

But Sen. David Omdahl, R-Sioux Falls, said young drivers could become even more distracted if they hold their phones below window level so police cannot see what they are doing. Law officers would have difficulty enforcing a ban on cellphones, but parents could forbid their children from using phones while driving, he said.

"You're looking at government to do your dirty work, so to speak. I don't like that," Omdahl said.

South Dakota law allows instruction permits to be issued at age 14, the youngest age in the nation for driving while accompanied by an adult. Those young drivers can graduate to restricted permits that allow them to drive alone in the daytime after six months, or just 90 days if they have completed a drivers' education course.

## Brookings Today

Forecast: Mostly cloudy

High: 32 Low: 14

| Five-day Forecast |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Wednesday         | High: 36<br>Low: 18 |
| Thursday          | High: 26<br>Low: 15 |
| Friday            | High: 36<br>Low: 24 |
| Saturday          | High: 35<br>Low: 21 |
| Sunday            | High: 26<br>Low: 13 |

## RECREATIONAL FORECAST

The weather will not be a problem for travelers over the next several days. Conditions look to stay dry through Saturday. Temperatures will slip a bit on Thursday, otherwise they will be above average.

## Brookings Almanac

| Temperature       |             | Precipitation      |       |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------|
| Yesterday's High  | 21          | Yesterday          | Trace |
| Today's Low       | 19          | Month to date      | 0.08" |
| Normal High / Low | 23 / 2      | Avg. Month to date | 0.04" |
| Record High       | 55 in 2005  | Year to date       | 0.35" |
| Record Low        | -28 in 1905 | Avg. Year to date  | 0.39" |

## SUN AND MOON

| SUNRISE   |         | SUNSET  |  |
|-----------|---------|---------|--|
| Today     | 7:40 AM | 5:43 PM |  |
| Wednesday | 7:39 AM | 5:44 PM |  |
| Thursday  | 7:38 AM | 5:46 PM |  |
| Friday    | 7:36 AM | 5:47 PM |  |

New Feb. 10

First Feb. 17

Full Feb. 25

Last Mar. 4

## AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION

### Local Precipitation Report

| Brookings | Huron | Watertown |
|-----------|-------|-----------|
| Trace     | 0.00" | n/a       |

Lowest R.H.: 26%

Hours of sunshine: 10

Evapotranspiration: 0.28"

4" Soil temperature: 53

10 DAY TREND

Temperature

Precipitation

Above Normal

Above Normal

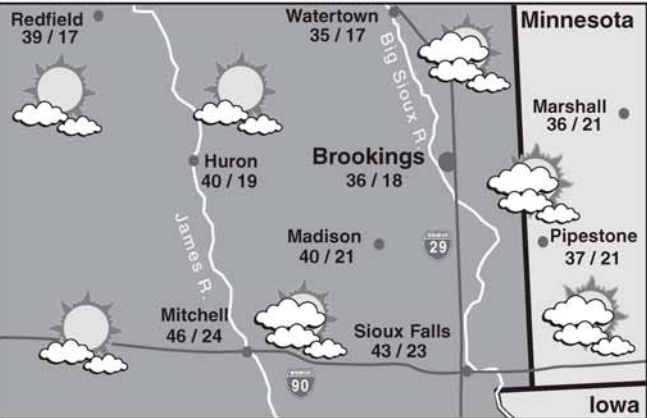
## Today's Weather History

1988 - Cold and snow invaded the southern U.S. Roswell NM was buried under 16.5 inches of snow in 24 hours, an all-time record for that location. Parts of the Central Gulf Coast Region reported their first significant snow in fifteen years. Strong winds in Minnesota and the Dakotas produced wind chill readings as cold as 75 degrees below zero. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

## REGIONAL FORECAST

| Brookings County: | Today |    |    | Tomorrow |    |    | South Dakota: |    |    | Today |    |    | Tomorrow |    |   |  |  |
|-------------------|-------|----|----|----------|----|----|---------------|----|----|-------|----|----|----------|----|---|--|--|
|                   | Hi    | Lo | W  | Hi       | Lo | W  | Hi            | Lo | W  | Hi    | Lo | W  | Hi       | Lo | W |  |  |
| Aurora            | 32    | 13 | pc | 36       | 19 | mc | Aberdeen      | 30 | 11 | pc    | 35 | 16 | pc       |    |   |  |  |
| Bruce             | 31    | 12 | pc | 36       | 17 | pc | Mobridge      | 35 | 21 | pc    | 40 | 21 | pc       |    |   |  |  |
| Bushnell          | 32    | 13 | pc | 36       | 19 | mc | Pierre        | 40 | 24 | pc    | 45 | 25 | pc       |    |   |  |  |
| Elkton            | 32    | 13 | pc | 36       | 19 | mc | Rapid City    | 47 | 29 | pc    | 49 | 27 | sh       |    |   |  |  |
| Oakwood S.P.      | 31    | 13 | pc | 36       | 17 | pc | Vermillion    | 44 | 23 | pc    | 50 | 29 | pc       |    |   |  |  |
| Sinai             | 32    | 13 | pc | 36       | 18 | mc | Minnesota     |    |    |       |    |    |          |    |   |  |  |
| Volga             | 32    | 14 | pc | 37       | 18 | mc | Mankato       | 30 | 7  | mc    | 33 | 20 | mc       |    |   |  |  |
| White             | 32    | 12 | mc | 35       | 18 | mc | Minneapolis   | 27 | 6  | mc    | 30 | 19 | ls       |    |   |  |  |

## TOMORROW'S REGIONAL MAP



## TOMORROW'S NATIONAL MAP



## NATIONAL FORECAST

| Location:          | Today |    |    | Tomorrow |    |    | Thursday |    |    |
|--------------------|-------|----|----|----------|----|----|----------|----|----|
|                    | Hi    | Lo | W  | Hi       | Lo | W  | Hi       | Lo | W  |
| Albuquerque, NM    | 61    | 28 | su | 62       | 30 | pc | 59       | 28 | pc |
| Anchorage, AK      | 31    | 20 | pc | 28       | 19 | ls | 28       | 25 | ls |
| Atlanta, GA        | 58    | 42 | mc | 65       | 46 | pc | 56       | 44 | r  |
| Boston, MA         | 29    | 27 | ls | 40       | 20 | ls | 29       | 24 | pc |
| Chicago, IL        | 32    | 17 | sn | 30       | 27 | pc | 36       | 27 | mx |
| Dallas, TX         | 71    | 53 | fg | 72       | 56 | mc | 74       | 51 | th |
| Detroit, MI        | 26    | 15 | ls | 25       | 16 | pc | 34       | 27 | ls |
| Las Vegas, NV      | 69    | 49 | pc | 68       | 46 | su | 67       | 46 | pc |
| Los Angeles, CA    | 63    | 49 | pc | 63       | 49 | pc | 61       | 49 | r  |
| Miami, FL          | 78    | 64 | pc | 79       | 68 | pc | 80       | 70 | pc |
| New Orleans, LA    | 72    | 55 | sh | 71       | 58 | sh | 73       | 59 | th |
| New York, NY       | 34    | 32 | ls | 39       | 25 | pc | 37       | 32 | mc |
| Orlando, FL        | 76    | 53 | pc | 77       | 59 | pc | 80       | 61 | pc |
| Phoenix, AZ        | 75    | 51 | su | 74       | 50 | pc | 73       | 52 | pc |
| Portland, OR       | 49    | 41 | sh | 46       | 37 | r  | 42       | 36 | sh |
| Reno, NV           | 57    | 26 | pc | 52       | 27 | pc | 47       | 24 | ls |
| St. Louis, MO      | 53    | 27 | pc | 45       | 37 | pc | 53       | 31 | sh |
| Salt Lake City, UT | 33    | 21 | h2 | 33       | 21 | h2 | 34       | 26 | h2 |
| San Diego, CA      | 61    | 47 | pc | 61       | 48 | pc | 60       | 52 | r  |
| San Francisco, CA  | 55    | 44 | mc | 56       | 45 | su | 54       | 44 | sh |
| Seattle, WA        | 49    | 42 | sh | 46       | 37 | r  | 46       | 36 | r  |
| Tucson, AZ         | 73    | 48 | su | 72       | 47 | pc | 71       | 48 | pc |
| Wash. D.C.         | 55    | 28 | pc | 54       | 24 | pc | 51       | 26 | su |

CINEMA Five

LATE MATINEES MONDAY-THURSDAY

Silver Linings Playbook (R)  
4:15, 7:15, 9:45

Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters (R)  
4:00, 7:00, 9:15

Zero Dark Thirty (R)  
4:00, 7:45

This is 40 (R)  
4:10, 7:00

Mama (PG-13) 9:30

Bullet to the Head (R)  
4:20, 7:10, 9:20

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