

Still rolling

Lady Elks go 4-0 to win DVC volleyball tourney

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Record attendance

SDSU's Agricultural and Biological Sciences career fair draws a record number of exhibiting companies

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Weather

Partly sunny today, chance of snow continues, high near 40, tonight mostly cloudy, low around 28; Wednesday chance of rain and snow, mostly cloudy, high near 41

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Democrats to host Education Brookings

BROOKINGS – The Brookings County Democrats will host a Wednesday presentation by a group working to pass a bond issue to finance construction of a K-3 elementary school. The meeting is at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 at the Brookings Public Library. A member of the group Education Brookings will discuss the need for voters to approve a plan by the Brookings School Board to sell millions of dollars in bonds to finance building the new school. The issue comes to a vote on Nov. 12. The volunteer group,

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Welcome

The Brookings Register welcomes the following new and renewing subscribers: Todd Hofland, Mr. Merritt Kirby, Janet Kjeldon, Marj Kleinjan, Stewart Linn, Jeff Newman, Maggie Owens, Jill Quam, John Rassmussen, Randy Richards, Susan Schuurman, Joann Skyberg, Patricia Sterud, Helen Town, Joel Young, Sharon Hoff, Clayton Lemke, Jan Louks, Ron Janssen, Eva Selleck, Kim Steineke, Lorreta Crasper, Ron Thompson, Sheryl Gudvangen, Richard A. Berreth, Randy Bjorklund, Cathy Krogh, Lawrence Vanderwal, Gary Edman, Neal Nelson, SDSU Admissions, James Hurney, Dorothy Christianson, Mike Bennett, Duane Ross, Ronald and Roaxanne Smith, Mark Gundvaldson, Terry Auck, Jim Anderson, Paula Erickson, Graig Gilbertson, David Helgeland, Dennis Quissell, David Boline, Duane Janssen, Philip Luze, Bryan Miller, David Schneider, Judy Karen, Delora Bennett, Don Gilpin, Cliff Kurtz, Vivian Jensen, K.P. Hillner, Attorney General's Office, Mike Kust, Katherine Algood, Tom Coughlin, Emmett Earley, Mickelson Middle School, and Lyla McInroy.



Charis Prunty/Register

Project Search intern Chelsea works in the SDSU Student Union kitchen during her first job rotation. Interns complete three rotations during their year with

the program and learn skills like building a resume and completing an interview. The program aims to find each intern competitive employment by year's end.

Into the working world

■ SDSU / Brookings Project Search taking off

By CHARIS PRUNTY
The Brookings Register

BROOKINGS – At South Dakota State University, not many students head to the Student Union for daily instruction. But for the five interns of the SDSU / Brookings Project Search, the Union has been one place of significant learning this semester. Take Kat, for example, who works under the supervision of Team Leader Sue Beynon at Wraps and More. Kat has completed her high school requirements and is now completing the one-year Project Search program. She works with Beynon on the wraps line. When she started work about five weeks ago, Kat was shy around the college students, leery of the hot grill and uncomfortable using a knife to cut the wraps. As part of her training, project coordinator Larry Ayres and job coach Kyrsten Zimmerman wanted Kat to learn the food making process from start to finish, but Beynon said she wouldn't push the intern into anything. "Then one day it was kind of slow in here and it was toward the end of her time, and she looks at me and she says, 'Could I try cutting one?'" Beynon

recalls. "I stood there and tears rolled because it just made me feel so good that she felt confident enough with me that she would do it. "At first she was very shy, not talking to the students that came through," Beynon added. "But, as the time went on, she got very vocal with them and very friendly with them. And when she served that one she goes, 'Thank you and come again!' "She's been a joy to work with, she really has. I've seen her blossom from just a little mouse in the corner to just an outstanding person. And now, I don't even see a handicap; I really don't. The difference in her is just like night and day."

Project goals
Project Search, which is in its first year here, is a business-led transition program from high school to the working world for students with disabilities. Students who want to work have the chance to explore careers and to develop transferable job skills. The goal of Project Search is competitive employment for each intern. The program is international. In many places the corporate partner is a hospital; here it is SDSU. There are many partners: The Brookings School District (BSD), Career Advantage, S.D. Department of Human Services, S.D. Department or Labor,

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Property owner admits public nuisance

■ Must correct sewer problems, properly maintain mobile home park for at least a year

BROOKINGS – Brookings County is hoping that things will get cleaned up permanently at the Southbrook Estates mobile home park, now that the park's owner has been convicted in court of a public nuisance charge.

Kelly Koenig, owner of Southbrook Estates, pleaded guilty to the charge of a public nuisance earlier this month. On Oct. 7 he was charged \$200 in fines, court costs and restitution, and ordered to correct any problems relating to the sewer system and to keep it properly maintained for at least one year. Southbrook was brought to the attention of the Brookings County Commission in April

2012, when a county resident presented commissioners with photos of the park and said she was concerned about the living conditions there, especially for the children living at Southbrook. Bob Hill, director of the Brookings County Development Department, said at that time the county had a long history with Southbrook Estates, having dealt

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FCSAmerica donates \$50K to SDSU cow-calf facility

■ New reasearch, education facility to be located north of campus; construction could start in 2014

BROOKINGS – Farm Credit Services of America has made a \$50,000 donation to help with the construction of the Cow-Calf Education and Research Facility planned at South Dakota State University. Earlier this year, Farm Credit Services of America (FCSAmerica) donated \$50,000 to SDSU's Swine Education and Research Facility. The university hopes to move ahead with construction of both projects in 2014, if private fundraising goals are met. The cow-calf facility will be located north of campus. The project requires \$3 million in private funding. With FCSAmerica's gift, \$1.4 million has now been committed.



Bob Schmidt

The gift had been initiated by Bob Schmidt, senior vice president of FCSAmerica, in Pierre, as part of a community involvement program. Funding decisions hinge on programs that will have impact well into the future.

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Party bust nets 20 underages

■ Other law enforcement incidents include vehicle entry, burglary, vandalism

BROOKINGS – Weekends mean house-party time in Brookings. And when the decibel levels get a little too high, the authorities are likely to be summoned. Such was the case at 10:40 p.m. this past Saturday, when Brookings police officers responded to a complaint of a loud get-together at a residence in the 900 block of First Avenue. Brookings Police Lt. Derrick Powers said responding officers made contact with the renters. Further investigation revealed "that several underage individuals were present at the party and a number of them had been drinking." He added that 20 underage consumption tickets were written, and the two renters were cited for a common nuisance.

Vehicles entered in Indian Hills

In another report that came in at 4:36 a.m. Saturday, Powers said a resident in the Indian Hills area saw someone going through vehicles there. A total of three vehicles were entered: two in the 200 block of Sundance Pass and one in the 100 block of Teton Lane. "The vehicles were just rummaged through," the lieutenant said. "No items were taken." The suspect was described as "a male in his teens to early 20s." He was about 6 feet tall, weighing about 160 pounds. He was wearing dark clothes and a backpack.

Items taken from vehicle

In the 200 block of Dakota Trail, several items were taken from a vehicle. This incident occurred between 9 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday. Powers said the vehicle was unlocked; gone miss-

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CRIME: Burglary on Southland

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ing are a GPS unit, some change and a wallet. Total value of the pilfered property was about \$120.

DONATION: Ensuring education

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“We are very fortunate to have great partnerships like that one that exists with Farm Credit Services of America, which understands our need for new, modern facilities,” said Dean Barry Dunn of the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences at SDSU. “Our college is grateful for the leadership role that Farm Credit Services of America has taken with both of these projects.”

Schmidt said, “The livestock industry is an important contributor to our state and regional economies. We want to help ensure that future generations of producers have access to the best possible education, to remain competitive in cow-calf operations.”

The classroom and animal handling building will include areas where teaching can be done in an environment that is

Other incidents reported included the burglary of a residence in the 900 block of Southland Lane. The entry came some time between 1 p.m. Thursday and noon Friday.

protected from the elements. It will include a bud box system, calving pens and a laboratory, as well as office space. The classroom will be utilized not only by SDSU students, but also by the public and industry groups through Extension and outreach opportunities.

The feed building will allow students and faculty to perform research on animal intake and efficiency in a controlled manner. The feed systems within this building will exponentially grow the research potential of the Animal Science Department, providing more relevant information for today’s cow-calf producers throughout the state and the region.

The Cow-Calf Education and Research Facility will align with the three focus areas of the FCSAmerica community involvement program: 1) ag education; 2) young and beginning producers; and 3) hunger

Some vandalism was done to the residence. Stolen were a drill and a necklace, with a total value of \$200 for the two items.

– From staff reports

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composed of local educators and community members, is bringing its message to Brookings voters as part of a campaign to increase awareness about the need for the new school.

“The group is passionate

about the future of our school district and our community,” according to its web site. “We urge everyone to vote yes on the Nov. 12 bond issue so that a much-needed elementary school can be built in Brookings.”

The presentation will begin at 8 p.m. Contact Mary

Perpich, Brookings County Democrats’ chairperson, for more details. Call 697-5179 or email perpichm@mchsi.com.

The presentation is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

– From the Brookings County Democrats

PROJECT: Match interns with jobs

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Transition Services Liaison Project, Independent Living Choices and DakotaLink.

BSD Special Education Director Michelle Powers worked to get the program going and now serves as a supervisor. Ayres is an employee of BSD and Zimmerman an employee of Advance.

Interns are not only from Brookings: This year, one is from Watertown, but any school district in the region is welcome to have students apply for the program. They must be age 18-21, have prior work experience (paid or unpaid), desire to work competitively, be willing to follow directions and other things.

Project Search prepares its interns for a job not only by giving them hands-on experience at three jobs, but also by helping them build a resumé and prepare for a job interview. Journaling observations from their days helps the interns to understand and remember things they’re learning about themselves and to keep a record of those things as they draft a resume and think about places they’d like to work.

They also learn things like stamina, accomplishing a job independently and even learning to use public transportation. Though it’s only been a few weeks, program leaders see big advances.

“From the beginning to today, the growth has been enormous,” Ayres said of the interns.

A day in the life

For a Project Search intern, the day begins at 8 a.m. with a half-hour class on employability skills such as teamwork, problem solving and check writing. From 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. they work their internship rotation, a non-paid job, with a lunch break about halfway through. The final half-hour of the day is spent together, reflecting on the day.

Four of the interns are working in the Student Union during this first rotation, but

Heidi works at the S.D. Agricultural Heritage Museum, alongside two SDSU student interns.

When those interns are absent, Heidi covers the museum’s front desk, greeting visitors and answering questions. Otherwise, she gets to work with the archives – 20 boxes of USDA pamphlets that need to be catalogued.

“I’m entering the information from the booklets into the computer, just so that they have that on file,” Heidi said.

She has no experience with cataloguing, but Zimmerman said Heidi is a quick learner: A museum curator showed her the process just a few times, then Heidi took over the work. She enjoys entering descriptions of the pamphlets in the museum’s computer system, and she likes history.

“I have learned a lot,” Heidi said of Project Search. “I’ve gained new skills – you know, I’ve discovered things about myself I didn’t know I had. Like, I have excellent verbal communication skills; I’m great at typing – people have told me – I’m always willing to try new things and I’m a fast learner.”

Heidi said she could see herself enjoying a job like this, in some type of museum.

Her fellow interns are also learning skills that could be used in a paid job: Beynon said Kat, who has worked at the wraps station and learned to use a fryer, could easily work at a sandwich shop like Subway or at any fast food restaurant. Other interns have learned to use the Union’s commercial dishwasher, to bus tables, keep the eating area clean and other skills. Plus, they have two job rotations to go.

Ayres and Zimmerman added that Aramark, SDSU’s foodservice provider, has been very generous during this first rotation and a great host for the interns. Their interns have been treated with respect, have started new friendships and have had great mentors on the job.

Future plans

The goal is to match interns with jobs that interest them, and to cultivate skills that will help them get a job by the end of the year.

Zimmerman said they expect at least two interns to have job offers at SDSU before the year is out. The interns will begin to do mock interviews and schedule real interviews probably after the Christmas break.

Future job rotations will be completed at the Wellness Center, in the residence halls and other places. Ayres and Zimmerman are working to set up additional rotations for the future, so they can match each intern with jobs that interest them and fit their skills.

SDSU/Brookings has five interns this semester; after Christmas, they’ll add a sixth. Each student’s school district pays a fee for them to participate.

Ayres said the program would be self-sustaining if 10-12 students were enrolled each year, but it will take several years to build to that point. He told the Brookings school board last week that they will be looking for other funding avenues until the program grows enough to be self-sustaining, so it can be less dependent on the school district.

Info night next Tuesday

As it looks toward next year, Project Search will host an information night Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 6-7 p.m. at the SDSU Student Union. The night will include a video about the project, overview and internship explanations, a review of the application process and eligibility requirements, and question and answer time.

For more information on this event, call Ayres at 688-4407.

Contact Charis Prunty at cprunty@brookingsregister.com.

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Carrie (R) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Captain Phillips (PG-13)
4:10, 7:00, 9:35

Gravity (PG-13) 5:15, 7:15, 9:15

Ends Thurs!
Rush (R) 4:20, 7:10, 9:35

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG)
Ends Thurs!
5:00, 7:00

Ends Wed!
Runner Runner (R) 9:30

Two Volga hit-and-run crashes reported

VOLGA – Two hit-and-run accidents, two days apart, occurred along Volga’s main street during the past week, and both are under investigation by the Brookings County Sheriff’s Office.

The first incident involved a crossover-type vehicle sideswiping a semi. That accident was reported at 12:30 p.m. Thursday (Oct. 17).

The driver of a 1998 Peterbilt semi told officers he was eastbound on U.S. Highway 14 near the Kasan Avenue intersection when his truck was sideswiped by a white, crossover type vehicle.

Apparently there was no damage to the semi, but the CUV would have had damage to the passenger side, and the passenger side mirror was broken off.

Two days later, on Saturday, a Volga resident called about 8 p.m. to report that his

vehicle, parked at the curb at 415 Kasan Ave., had been badly damaged by a hit-and-run driver.

The victim had been inside the home and heard a crash; when he looked outside he saw a larger vehicle with square taillights leaving the area. The individual said it was either a red SUV or a full-sized pickup and probably had damage on the passenger side. The suspected hit-and-run vehicle was traveling south on Kasan.

The resident’s vehicle sustained approximately \$3,100 in damages.

Anyone with information about either incident is asked to call the sheriff’s office at 605-696-8300 or to contact Crime Stoppers anonymously by visiting www.brookingsareacrimestoppers.com online or by calling 692-STOP (7867)

– From staff reports

NUISANCE: Keeping eye on park

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with multiple problems of flooding, sewage spills and drinking water cutoffs there over the past decade.

The county did crack down on Koenig at that time, giving him a stern warning to clean up the problems or have the county do it for him and pay the bill. Hill said then that Koenig had made progress on cleanup.

But, Hill told the Brookings County Commission last week

that the issues continued and his department was forced to take the Southbrook matter to court.

This July, an Environmental Project Scientist from the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources sent Koenig a letter. It explained that, during a July 10 visit to Southbrook, DENR found that septic service to two lots in the park was malfunctioning and allowing sewage to spill onto the surface of the ground.

DENR recommended that Koenig reevaluate the park’s wastewater system and contact the City of Brookings as soon as possible, to determine whether it was possible to connect to the city’s sewer line.

Hill said Tuesday that his department will keep tabs on Southbrook to be sure the sewage problem has been fixed. If they don’t see results, they’ll again follow up with the state’s attorney.

– From staff reports

Correction

Sunday, Oct. 27, will be the information session when shoes are given out for “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes,” a new event to raise awareness and funds for the Brookings Domestic Abuse Shelter.

An article in Saturday’s edition of *The Brookings Register* incorrectly listed the day of the informational meeting.

The session will run from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at First

Lutheran Church in Brookings; men (and women) registered for the walk are asked to try on their red high heels before this time, by visiting the shelter during working hours.

Brookings Today

Forecast: Rain and snow showers

High: 40 Low: 28

Five-day Forecast

Wednesday

High: 41
Low: 29

Thursday

High: 42
Low: 25

Friday

High: 51
Low: 33

Saturday

High: 48
Low: 30

Sunday

High: 50
Low: 33

RECREATIONAL FORECAST

Be prepared for some tricky traveling conditions. A passing cold front will bring mixed showers, wet snow and chilly fall conditions to the region tonight into Wednesday.

Brookings Almanac

Temperature

Yesterday’s High 44
Today’s Low 30
Normal High / Low 59 / 33
Record High 85 in 1947
Record Low 7 in 1896

Precipitation

Yesterday 0.01"
Month to date 2.67"
Avg. Month to date 1.58"
Year to date 23.23"
Avg. Year to date 22.41"

SUN AND MOON

SUNRISE SUNSET
Today 7:51 AM 6:31 PM
Wednesday 7:53 AM 6:30 PM
Thursday 7:54 AM 6:28 PM
Friday 7:55 AM 6:26 PM

Last Oct. 27 New Nov. 3 First Nov. 10 Full Nov. 17

AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION

Local Precipitation Report

Brookings 0.01"
Huron 0.15"
Watertown 0.00"

Lowest R.H.: n/a%
Hours of sunshine: n/a
Evapotranspiration: n/a"
4" Soil temperature n/a

10 DAY TREND

Temperature

Below Normal

Precipitation

Near Normal

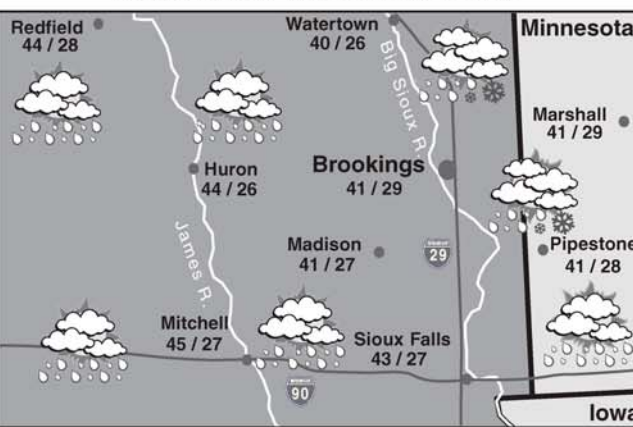
Today’s Weather History

1987 - Yakutat, AK, surpassed their previous all-time yearly precipitation total of 190 inches. Monthly records were set in June with 17 inches, in September with 70 inches, and in October with more than 40 inches. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987) (The National Weather Summary)

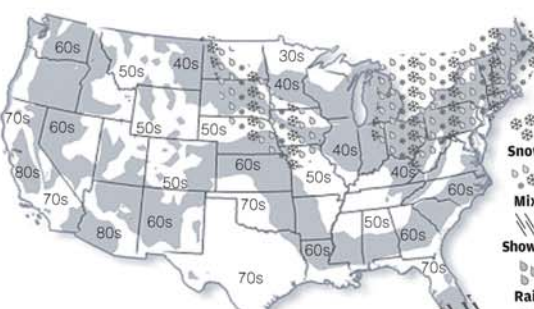
REGIONAL FORECAST

Brookings County:	Today	Tomorrow	South Dakota:	Today	Tomorrow
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W		Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Aurora	40 27 sn	41 29 mx	Aberdeen	41 29 pc	42 27 r
Bruce	40 28 pc	41 29 mx	Mobridge	43 33 mc	44 28 r
Bushnell	40 27 sn	41 28 mx	Pierre	47 36 mc	48 28 r
Elkton	40 28 sn	41 28 mx	Rapid City	55 41 pc	49 33 sh
Oakwood S.P.	40 28 pc	41 28 mx	Vermillion	45 31 r	47 27 r
Sinai	39 28 sn	41 27 mx	Minnesota		
Volga	40 28 sn	41 28 mx	Mankato	42 28 pc	41 26 mc
White	39 27 pc	40 28 mx	Minneapolis	42 29 pc	39 28 pc

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	65 40 su	72 39 su	71 42 pc
Anchorage, AK	42 30 pc	35 30 pc	39 34 r
Atlanta, GA	70 49 r	62 41 su	66 42 pc
Boston, MA	66 42 mc	52 40 r	52 39 su
Chicago, IL	46 36 r	45 35 pc	46 34 pc
Dallas, TX	75 50 su	80 51 su	75 48 su
Detroit, MI	49 38 sh	47 35 sh	46 35 sh
Las Vegas, NV	80 56 su	81 57 su	82 56 pc
Los Angeles, CA	75 59 pc	75 57 su	75 59 su
Miami, FL	87 75 sh	86 75 th	83 74 th
New Orleans, LA	79 60 pc	75 53 su	74 54 su
New York, NY	67 47 pc	51 44 r	55 40 pc
Orlando, FL	88 72 th	81 62 th	81 62 pc
Phoenix, AZ	91 61 su	93 64 pc	91 61 pc
Portland, OR	71 46 su	65 46 pc	65 46 pc
Reno, NV	75 36 su	74 36 su	73 37 pc
St. Louis, MO	61 35 r	52 38 pc	49 36 pc
Salt Lake City, UT	66 46 su	65 42 su	66 45 pc
San Diego, CA	69 56 pc	68 58 pc	68 60 pc
San Francisco, CA	67 50 su	67 52 su	65 62 su
Seattle, WA	52 48 fg	53 48 fg	53 47 mc
Tucson, AZ	90 56 su	91 58 pc	90 57 pc
Wash. D.C.	63 39 pc	60 34 pc	56 39 pc

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