

Tourism Dept. Releases 1st Quarter Numbers

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Tourism says requests for information about the state have increased 11 percent during the first quarter of 2012 compared to last year. Tourism Department's quarterly travel newsletter says there was a 32 percent jump in information requests from February 2011 to February 2012. Hotel occupancy also saw an increase throughout the first quarter of 2012 as did taxable sales.

Police Arrest Man They Say Attacked Mother

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Police in Omaha have arrested a man they say attacked his own mother on Mother's Day. Deputies have arrested 33-year-old Karl Kjeldgaard on suspicion of robbery and violating a protection order. KETV says his arrest comes roughly three weeks after the attack on his mother. Kjeldgaard's mother says she had just attended church nearby when her son demanded money in the parking lot. Police say he then choked her and took her car.

Omaha 3-Year-Old Struck By Family's Van

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say a 3-year-old boy who was fatally injured in a parking lot of an Omaha church was struck by his family's van. Police say the child, identified as Christian Toliver of Omaha, was in the vehicle with his siblings and one of the doors was open. KETV says investigators believe the van was put into gear. The boy fell out and was run over. Toliver was taken by private vehicle a hospital, where he died later Sunday. Though police don't anticipate any charges being filed, the accident is being investigated.

Maintenance Projects Set At S.D. State Fair

HURON (AP) — The South Dakota State Fair is getting spruced up. The Huron Plainsman reports that several maintenance projects are planned to increase revenue and improve the appearance and safety of the fairgrounds. Work includes repairs to the grandstand and new restrooms and shower facilities at the Coyote Campground. The State Fair is held every year for five days ending on Labor Day.

Lincoln, Lancaster Co. Lack Tornado Shelters

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Tornado season often forces Nebraska residents to hunker down in their basements or other shelters as powerful storms rip through their homes and businesses. But officials in the state capital of Lincoln tell the Lincoln Journal Star that the city and Lancaster County — like many other Nebraska villages, towns, cities and counties — have no public storm shelters. That leaves thousands of people vulnerable at work or in their mobile homes, apartments or slab-foundation houses. Federal officials say there were 55 confirmed tornadoes in Nebraska last year, three above the 30-year-average of 52. Residents at four mobile home parks in northwest Lincoln once could find safety from such storms at the nearby Pfizer plant. But that arrangement ended two years ago, said Lincoln and Lancaster County's emergency management director, Doug Ahlberg. The Lincoln Regional Center, which is the state psychiatric hospital, had let neighbors use its basement tunnels for shelter from storms. But that ended about five years ago because state officials found out the tunnels violated fire codes.

S.D. May Boost Scholarship Program

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's Board of Regents is slated to decide this summer whether it's time to ask the state to invest more scholarship dollars in its high school graduates. The *Argus Leader* reports that more than 8,570 high school graduates in South Dakota have qualified for the Opportunity Scholarship program since it became available in 2004. The program offers \$5,000 in scholarships over four years to students who take advanced courses in high school, have an ACT score of 24 or higher, and go to a college or university in South Dakota. Officials are worried that if the scholarship

is not increased, students could look for financial deals elsewhere. "This seems to be something we need to look at," said Paul Turman, vice president for research and economic development for the regents. "The year we start seeing kids leaving and not taking advantage of this, we don't want to look backward and say, 'Oh, that's when we should have increased the scholarship value.'" When students began receiving the Opportunity Scholarship in fall 2004, it covered about 25 percent of their mandatory fees and tuition, Turman said. With inflation and annual tuition and fees increases, it covered only 13 percent

this past school year. That hasn't sent high school graduates running for the borders, said Kathryn Johnson, president of the Board of Regents. But graduates from South Dakota higher education institutions typically leave with some of the highest debt loads in the country. And many have to work to pay for college at the same time they are juggling classwork. "Beyond 20 hours a week, you drag, and it leads to students dropping out," Johnson said. "So there are reasons why increasing the purchasing power of the Opportunity Scholarship would be important, even if we haven't noticed a decline in numbers."

Remote S.D. School Slowly Regaining Students

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RAPID CITY — At a time when country schools are mostly a topic for history books, a one-room schoolhouse in Haakon County will reopen next fall after standing empty for seven years. "It's something we need to do for the people who live up there," Haakon School District Superintendent Keven Morehart said of Deep Creek School in the northeastern corner of the far-flung county. When the school closed seven years ago, it only had two students. At the end of this summer, four or five students will greet teacher Theresa Deuchar on the first day of school. In addition, several other children in the area will be of school-age in the next few years. Morehart, the district's superintendent for seven years, spoke enthusiastically about bringing back a rural tradition to a county that once had 46 rural schools. The Milesville School is the

only active K-8 rural school in the district. The two-room school, which is 30 miles north of Philip, has 14 students. Deuchar and Dani Foss teach seven grades with the help of two paraprofessionals at Milesville, one of 19 public schools in South Dakota with just one or two teachers, according to the Department of Education. Those schools typically provide kindergarten through eighth-grade educations. The Deep Creek School is 60 miles from Philip, the largest town in the county of 1,900 people. Reopening the school gives residents in the area their sense of identity back, Morehart said. "It gives them a center to go to." The Haakon School District encompasses most of the county and a small portion of northern Jackson County. Haakon County saw an almost 12 percent decline in population to 1,937 in 2010 from 2,196 in 2000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Over those same 10 years, the entire school district saw enrollment decline by more than 60 students. Deep Creek was one of six

rural schools in the district in 2000 that had combined enrollment of 55 students. Last fall, the timing was right when families in the Deep Creek area asked the school board for the third time to reopen the school. Just before the start of the 2011-2012 school year, the anticipated enrollment at Cheyenne School in the Haakon District fell to a point where it wasn't feasible to keep it open, Morehart said. Deuchar was then reassigned to the Milesville School. The district had her salary in the budget when residents from the Deep Creek area approached the board, Morehart said. After standing empty for seven years, Deep Creek needs a few improvements, but it will be ready in time for school, he said. District business manager Britni Ross estimates it will cost the district approximately \$49,000 annually to operate the school. Opening the school will not only return a sense of community to the area, it will save parents many hours of travel time.

"We're really glad. I didn't think we'd ever get it open again," said Adam Roseth, a rancher who once attended the school. Roseth and his wife, Jody, have a daughter in the second grade and two other children who have yet to start school. Bobbie Roseth now goes to school at the Cheyenne School in neighboring Stanley County, which is about 10 miles from Deep Creek School. So do T.J. and Jeanine Gabriel's two children. "It's 20 miles one way for us," said T.J. Gabriel, who also attended Deep Creek School. "We split the drive with Roseths, but it's still 40 miles a day." Gabriel and Roseth predict that there will be plenty of students to keep Deep Creek School open for years to come. "Within five years, there will be a pile of kids," said Gabriel, who has a 2-year-old at home. "There are a lot of little kids." "We should be able to keep it open for nine to 11 years if nothing changes," Roseth added.

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