

Spearfish Center Looks For New Home

SPEARFISH (AP) — Spearfish town leaders are looking for office space for a business outsourcing firm's call center whose building collapsed in last weekend's snowstorm. Insurance adjusters inspected the TMone center Tuesday to determine if the \$4.2 million structure can be repaired. Mayor Dana Boke says the city's trying to find a new home for the company's 225 Spearfish employees. The company says everyone will get paid this week. The city owns the building and leased it to the Spearfish Economic Development Corp., which in turn subleased the building to Iowa City, Iowa-based TMone LLC.

14,000 Attended Buffalo Roundup

PIERRE (AP) — The state of South Dakota says more than 14,000 people took part in the buffalo roundup at Custer State Park, matching crowd records from the previous five years. Though attendance was steady for the 48th annual roundup on Sept. 27, fewer people attended the arts festival held the following weekend. Custer State Park Superintendent Matt Snyder says the park is looking at starting the festival on Friday afternoon, immediately following the roundup. About 350 buffalo that were gathered during the roundup will be sold at the park's annual auction on Saturday, Nov. 16. Next year's roundup is Friday, Sept. 26.

Spearfish Annexes 660 Acres

SPEARFISH (AP) — Spearfish is 660 acres bigger, but many of its new residents don't like it. The City Council listened to emotional pleas from people during a two-hour hearing then voted 5-1 Monday night to annex the land. The Black Hills Pioneer reports many of the 1,635 residents who will be affected plan to push for a public vote in hopes of overturning the annexation. City officials argued that residents in city limits pay to provide police, fire and ambulance services in the area when Lawrence County officials can't respond. But the message of the Spearfish Valley residents is they didn't ask for city services, don't need city services and just want to be left alone. The city also approved the use of mountain bikes on Look-out Mountain.

Man In Reservation Drug Ring Sentenced

ABERDEEN (AP) — The last of eight people charged in a violent drug ring on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in the Dakotas has been sentenced to federal prison. The *American News* reports 22-year-old Andrew Kills Crow was sentenced to 51 months, or a little more than four years behind bars on counts of assault with dangerous weapons. Kills Crow pleaded guilty in return for prosecutors dropping drug and kidnapping counts. U.S. District Judge Charles Kornmann said the plea deal made him "very uncomfortable." But defense attorney Scott Kuck and prosecutor Kathryn Rich said they agreed that Kills Crow was the least culpable of those involved in the Mobridge, S.D.-based ring.

Distance Education Increasing Popularity At State Universities

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

SPEARFISH — Nearly 22,000 individual students enrolled in distance education courses through South Dakota's public universities during the 2012-2013 school year, up 8.5 percent from the previous year and up 65 percent overall during the past five. So says a report scheduled for discussion this afternoon by the state Board of Regents, whose members govern the public universities. Students in distance courses in the past year most frequently were undergraduates (75.5 percent), part-timers (69.9 percent) and female (64 percent). The University of South Dakota had

the largest slice of distance education with 34.4 percent of the enrollment and nearly 38 percent of the courses. South Dakota State University was right behind in enrollment at 33.4 percent, followed by Black Hills State University at 13.2, Northern State University 9.2, Dakota State University 7.8 and South Dakota School of Mines and Technology 2.0. Distance education covers a variety of delivery methods. Some courses are available solely through the Internet, others combine Internet and video technology and also involve correspondence, and there are classroom courses at off-campus locations. Students taking distance courses increasingly tend to be from outside South Dakota.

The 6,394 non-residents came from almost every state in the nation last year and represented just shy of 30 percent of the total taking distance courses. Five years earlier, the number was 2,399 and the percent was just under 24. Non-degree seeking students comprised 30.9 percent of undergraduates and 61.4 percent of graduate-level students in distance courses last year. Nursing, elementary education, pre-nursing and biology were the top four degree-specific programs for undergraduates. Among degree-specific programs, graduate students enrolled most often in education administration, business administration, administrative studies, and curriculum and education.

No Major Flooding Expected From Melting Snow

BY CHET BROKAW
Associated Press

PIERRE — No major flooding is expected from up to nearly 5 feet of rapidly melting snow that blanketed western South Dakota during an early fall storm that killed at least one person, collapsed several buildings and left tens of thousands without power, officials said Tuesday. Officials and residents meanwhile were working to clean up after the weekend storm in western South Dakota's Black Hills cut power to tens of thousands of customers, brought travel to a standstill, left cattle ranchers dealing with heavy losses and damaged numerous buildings. Smith said the area had abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions before the storm, so much of the water from melting snow is soaking into the unfrozen ground. Creeks and streams were running low, so they also can handle runoff, she said.

Minor flooding is possible, particularly where snow drifts block water from running into creeks and streams. Between half and inch to an inch and a half of rain is predicted for the area Thursday and Friday, but that also will soak into the parched ground, Smith said. Calen Maningas, a Rapid City firefighter working in the Pennington County Emergency Operations Center, said the city-county Water Rescue Team was put on notice to deal with any flooding or water damage problems, but no major flooding was expected. Rapid City is protected from floods by the green belt, essentially a giant park running through the city along Rapid Creek, which was established after the June 1972 flood that killed 238 people, Maningas said. "If a flood was to happen, it would just be in the park," Maningas said. However, people were warned to stay away from

Rapid Creek because more water was being dumped into it from Pactola Reservoir upstream in the Black Hills. The Rapid City Council has declared a winter storm disaster, the first step toward getting federal aid to help the area recover from a record-setting weekend snowstorm. Rapid City Fire Chief Mike Mataverne said the storm was the worst he has seen, according to the *Rapid City Journal*. Rapid City set a record for snowfall in October, with a total of 23.1 inches during the storm, according to the National Weather Service. The previous record was 15.1 inches in October 1919. About 55 inches fell in Lead, a two-day record for the month of October. Major roads and city and county offices had reopened, but some public schools remained closed Tuesday due to impassable bus routes, power outages and damage to schools. The storm contributed to

at least one death — a man in the Lead-Deadwood area who collapsed while cleaning snow from his roof — and early estimates indicated western South Dakota lost 5 percent of its cattle. The storm also toppled hundreds of power poles in the region and cut power to roughly 30,000 customers. An estimated 11,850 remained in the dark late Tuesday — 7,500 Black Hills Power customers and 4,350 customers of rural electric cooperatives. Vance Crocker, Black Hills Power vice president for operations, said he expects 95 percent of the company's customers will have service restored by the end of the week, but outages could last into next week for customers in more remote, hard-to-reach areas. Electrical workers, construction crews and National Guard members from eastern South Dakota and nearby states are helping to restore power.

OBITUARIES

Richard Somers

Richard Herbert Somers, age 58 of Yankton, SD passed away early Thursday, October 03, 2013 at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD. Private family services were held Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD with Rev. Rick Jensen officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will be in the Miramar National Cemetery, San Diego, CA. Richard was born as a military son on January 17, 1955 in San Diego, CA to Mr. Phillips who was a commander in the military. His career took him away from his three sons and had to put them up for adoption when Richard was seven years old. He was adopted by Peter and Velma (Place) Somers of San Diego, CA until they divorced. As a young man, he took care of his ailing mother, Velma, until her death in Lemon Grove, CA. He met his soon to be wife, Renee Peterka and was married on April 1, 1988 in Las Vegas, NV before moving back to South Dakota. He was a member of the Antioch Baptist Church and served in the U.S. Air Force from May 15, 1972 to May 14, 1976. He worked as a sergeant of security, a laborer at a lumber company in San Diego, Alumax and Mount Marty College/Con-

vent for many years. He also worked for Fullertons as a delivery driver and did road construction until he started to get very ill and had to medically retire. Richard loved WWE Wrestling and auto racing. His favorite football team was the Chargers and baseball team, the Padres. He also loved video games and computer games. He is survived by his sons, Christopher (Serena) Somers of Kankakee, IL and Geoffrey Somers of Yankton, SD; daughter, Felicia Somers of Kankakee, IL; one grandchild; step-mother, Pauline Somers of Oceanside, CA; his ex-wife, Renee Somers of Yankton, SD; and foster sister, Anita of San Diego, CA. He was preceded in death by his mom, Velma Somers, father, Peter Somers, father-in-law, Ronald Peterka, and brother-in-law, Kenneth Peterka. He has cherished all of whom he met while he was in the VA Hospital and the places he got to visit while he was there. Thank you to everyone who has taken care of him; he appreciated all that everyone had done for him.

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Eugene Heiberger

Eugene M. Heiberger, son of Leo and Anna (Lanners) Heiberger, was born on March 28, 1928 on a farm in Bridgewater. He passed away on Monday, October 7, 2013 at Canistota Good Samaritan Home.



Heiberger

Funeral mass will begin Friday, October 11 at 10:30 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Salem. Visitation will be from 12-5 pm on Thursday with a rosary said at 3 pm at Kinzley Funeral Home in Salem. There will be a prayer service at 7 pm at St. Mary's that evening. Gene grew up on farms in the Bridgewater and Salem area and graduated from Salem St. Mary's High School in 1946. On December 28, 1949, Gene was united in marriage to Helene Foley at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Salem. The couple made their home in Salem, also living for several years in Pierre until returning to Salem. Gene was employed at Vetter Motors, Degner Chevrolet, and co-owned and operated a Standard Oil Station with his brother Cy from 1955-1971. From 1971-1974 Gene and Helene moved to Pierre where he worked for Governor Richard Kneip in the motor vehicle division. Upon returning to Salem, he worked and retired from

Feterl Mfg. after twenty years as a dispatcher. Gene was a member of the Pierre Knights of Columbus, Salem City Council, St. Mary's Choir, Lay Board, and Catholic Order of Foresters. He was also a lifelong member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He loved going fishing, camping, and traveling with his family, and was an ardent Twins fan. His passion was golfing with his friends, grandsons, and his son-in-law, Bob Rayman. His mornings began with Mass and visiting with friends at Joy's Bakery. Gene and Helene also enjoyed working hard on remodeling and updating many homes in Salem. Gene is survived by his wife of 63 years, Helene of Salem; four daughters, Carla (George) Eichacker of Salem, Rebecca (Bruce) Terveen of Emery, Susan (Bob) Rayman of Salem, and Nanette (Paul) Struck of Yankton; twelve grandchildren, Tod, Tim, and Tammy Eichacker, Tracy Chase, Nathan, Jordan, and Ben Terveen, Mitch Rayman, Mindy Dold, and Allison, Emily, and Andrew Struck; sixteen great-grandchildren; one brother, Cy (Millie) Heiberger of Salem; one sister, Audrey Meyers of Silt, CO; three brothers-in-law, Charles Mulloy of Timber Lake, SD, Dean (Lori) Erikson of Salem, and Bill Foley of Billings, MT; three sisters-in-law, Mary Heiberger of Glenwood Springs, CO, Phyllis McCarron of Pasadena, CA, and Carmel Clarke of San Francisco, CA; a special niece, Annette (Harold) Ewold and many other

nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Steve, and four sisters, Charlotte Mulloy, Leona Erikson, Margaret Weber, and Luella Nelson. Visit www.kinzleyfh.com
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Wayne Heick

Funeral services for Wayne D. Heick, age 83 of Bloomfield, Nebraska, will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 10, 2013, at First Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomfield. Reverend Jacob Bobby will officiate, with burial in the Bloomfield City Cemetery. Military Honors will be conducted by VFW Post #4996 and American Legion Post #249, both of Bloomfield. Visitation will be Wednesday, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Brockhaus Funeral Home in Bloomfield. Wayne died Sunday, October 6, 2013, at the Good Samaritan Society in Bloomfield. Wayne Heick, son of John and Georgia (Stewart) Heick, was born June 16, 1930, on the family farm near Lindy, Nebraska. Wayne was one of eight children; four brothers and three sisters. He attended several schools and later graduated from Crofton High School in Crofton, Nebraska, in 1948. Wayne worked as a hired farm hand until he was drafted into the Marine Corps in 1952, during the Korean War. He served at Camp Pendleton as a cook

until 1956. After serving his country, Wayne attended Norfolk Junior College in Norfolk, Nebraska, where he received his Teacher's Certificate. He went on to teach at several schools until 1969. After the teaching portion of his career, Wayne farmed near Crofton, where he met and married Gloria Sazama. Wayne and Gloria were united in marriage on October 4, 1974. They later moved north of Bloomfield, Nebraska, where Wayne worked for the Knox County Assessor until 1976. He then became a night watchman and later a police officer for the City of Bloomfield for 17 years. In 1989, Wayne took over the Second Chance Consignment Store in Bloomfield, operating it until his retirement in 2009. After retiring, he went on to full-time fishing, bowling, and playing cards. Wayne is survived by his family, which includes Tim (Kim) Hilfiker of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Teri (Gregg) Peitzmeier of Neligh, Nebraska; grandchildren, Tiffany (Nate) Soper and Brandon Peitzmeier; great-granddaughter, Ashton; sisters, Shirley (Gordon) Mischke, Joyce Hoopes, and LaVonne Koehler; as well as several nieces and nephews, and numerous friends. He was preceded in death by his wife of 28 years, Gloria Heick; brothers, Vernon, Donald "Lee", Lloyd, and Darrell; and his parents, John and Georgia Heick. Yankton Press & Dakotan
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Allan Foxhoven

Allan B. Foxhoven, 88, of Yankton died Monday, Oct. 7, 2013, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton. A Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with th Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in St. Rose of Lima Cemetery, Crofton, Neb. Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with a rosary at 7 p.m. and vigil service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the Mass at church on Saturday. To post an online

sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com/.

Mary Rose

Memorial services for Mary E. Rose, 85, of Bloomfield, Neb., are at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, 2013, at First Trinity Lutheran Church, Bloomfield. The Rev. Jacob Bobby will officiate, with private family burial in the Bloomfield City Cemetery. Brockhaus Funeral Home, Bloomfield, is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Rose died Monday, Oct. 7, 2013, at the Good Samaritan Society, Bloomfield.

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