

MIDWEST DIGEST

Coach Meyer To Speak Wednesday At SDSU

BROOKINGS (AP) — The winningest coach in NCAA basketball will speak in Brookings on Wednesday.
Former Northern State University men's basketball coach Don Meyer posted 923 career victories in 38 seasons with Northern Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., and David Lipscomb University in Nashville.
Meyer, now retired, returned to the sidelines after suffering a serious car accident two years ago. The attending surgeon who was treating him also discovered he had carcinoid cancer.
He was honored at the ESPY awards last summer with the Jimmy V. Award for Perseverance.
Meyer's talk begins at 7 p.m. in SDSU's Performing Arts Center.

Officials Looking At Pierre Housing Crunch

PIERRE (AP) — Pierre economic development officials are continuing to discuss a plan to alleviate the city's workforce housing crunch.
Officials have said the lack of housing has hindered the city's efforts to bring new companies to town.
The Pierre Economic Development Corporation hosted a 90-minute meeting this past week to discuss the issue with about 50 residents, developers and owners of rental properties, according to KCCR-AM in Pierre.
Part of a proposal by Midwest Construction and Development is to build 100 apartment units and 40 single family homes, with 12 of the homes being worth \$160,000 or less.
Last Tuesday's public hearing was the first of many chances for public comment on the proposal.

S.D. Attorney General Warning About Scam

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley is warning residents of a robbocall scam that has resurfaced in the state.
The Consumer Protection Division says residents are receiving automated calls from out-of-state or foreign numbers spoofed to appear local on their Caller ID displays.
Service First Federal Credit Union in Salem told the state they have received multiple complaints from consumers about the scam. A recorded phone message tells callers there are problems with their accounts and action needs to be taken immediately.
Service First's president says the credit union doesn't do record-telemarketing calls.
Jackley says residents should be extremely cautious when asked for personal or financial information over the phone.

Sioux Falls Looks At \$2 Per Room Hotel Fee

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Overnight visitors to Sioux Falls might soon be chipping in \$2 each to help pay for the Sioux Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau.
If given city council approval, visitors would pay the fee on their Sioux Falls hotel rooms starting Jan. 1, according to the Sioux Falls Argus Leader newspaper.
The new policy would generate up to \$1.2 million in revenue next year.
The money would go directly to the visitors bureau to help market the city and lure conventions and tourists. In return, councilors plan to take back more than \$500,000 in city money that the bureau was set to receive next year.
The required petition was filed this past week to start the process of creating the business improvement district.

UNL Offers 1-Year Buyouts To Senior Faculty

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The University of Nebraska-Lincoln will offer early retirement to qualified faculty members.
UNL administrator Ellen Weissinger says up to 270 faculty members — about 30 percent of tenured faculty — are eligible for the one-year salary buyouts. They must be age 62 or older and have at least 10 years of service.
Sign-up for the program begins Wednesday and concludes Nov. 1.

Midland Lutheran Is Now A 'University'

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OMAHA, Neb. — Midland Lutheran College is now Midland University — an effort to raise the Fremont private school's profile on the heels of dramatically boosting its enrollment in a matter of weeks.
"We have some strong graduate programs already — for example, in education and business — and we plan to add others over time," said Midland President Ben Sasse.
"Systematically talking to prospective students taught us we could better market our programs under a university umbrella."
It's the latest change for the institution that has seen a whirlwind of activity in the last year. The school, which opened in Fremont in 1919, has seen its enrollment increase by more than 50 percent from the 2009-2010 year. That's because of an influx of students from sister school Dana College in Blair, which closed suddenly this summer.
In all, 321 of Dana's 600-plus students enrolled in Midland this fall, Midland spokesman Jon Fredricks said. That has taken

Midland's enrollment from 643 to 962.
Along with the leap in enrollment, Midland added four new athletic programs, all headed by former Dana coaches.
The new programs include men's and women's bowling, a competitive dance and cheer squad, wrestling and women's lacrosse. Midland had already been considering the addition of athletic programs when Dana announced its plans to close, school officials have said.
Among the head coaches from Dana hired at Midland is wrestling head coach Beau Vest, who, before joining Dana in 2008, led Missouri Valley College to two NIAA national team titles and three runner-up finishes. Vest has brought three assistant coaches and nearly all of his team with him to Midland.
Several Dana staffers have been hired in admissions, alumni relations, student services and information technology to assist with the increase in students, Midland officials said.
Only months before Dana's unexpected closure, Midland got a new president in 38-year-old Sasse, who took over after longtime president Steven Titus left in 2007.
Founded in 1883, the Fremont institution is

the product of college and church mergers, according to the school. Midland College was established at Atchison, Kan., by the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church on Sept. 15, 1887. The name "Midland" was selected because of the school's central location in the United States.
In 1919, the college moved to Fremont. The Fremont property had previously been called Fremont Normal School and Business College. In 1962, Midland merged with Luther Junior College, founded in Wahoo in 1883. Midland College then became Midland Lutheran College.
The latest name change makes sense, Sasse said, because, "people have always called us Midland when talking about us casually, and a large segment of our alumni have been asking for this change for years."
"They are overwhelmingly excited about the new opportunities for Midland as a university, and relieved that we have plans to ensure that the Luther College name will live on as the undergraduate portion of the new university," Sasse said. "We'll have more to say about that as we finalize details of the university structure."

S.D. Officials See Modest Camping Increase This Year

BY JOHN HULT
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SIoux FALLS — After a week-end of near-perfect camping weather, Keith Nipp woke Monday to the sound of raindrops plopping onto the canvas roof of his family's six-person tent.
Nipp, along with his wife and their three children, unfurled their tent Friday under a canopy of trees at the Big Sioux Recreation Area southeast of Brandon.
Labor Day weekend represents the unofficial end of summer, and officials with the state's Game, Fish and Parks Department are pleased with the numbers they've seen this year.
Statewide, 4.9 million people had visited the parks through July, according to Robert Schneider, assistant director of the state Parks and Recreation division. A total of 164,000 camping units were rented through that month, as well.
That's an increase of less than

1 percent during the same period last year but still a positive sign, he said, considering that four of the state's 17 park districts dealt with weather problems all summer.
North Point Recreation Area near Lake Andes dealt with the longest flood-related closure of the season. Much of North Point, which includes 111 campsites, was under water for more than a month, Schneider said.
"The majority of those campsites were not available on the Fourth of July," he said.
But there's still plenty of nature left to look at, which is good news for Bruce and Karen Petersen of Sioux Falls.
The couple camps about a dozen times each summer and both count Lewis and Clark as a favorite. Also on the list are Lake Herman Recreation Area, Lake Vermillion Recreation Area, Palisades State Park and, of course, Big Sioux Recreation Area.

They'll camp this fall, too — which surprises some of Karen Petersen's friends.
The Petersens aren't alone.

Reservations taper off but don't disappear after Labor Day, according to Jason Baumann, Big Sioux's manager.

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