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Windows broken at business

BROOKINGS – Windows were broken in a downtown business, according to Brookings Police.

The damage was reported at 3:12 p.m. Monday in the 400 block of Fourth Street, Lt. Marci Gebers said.

“The officer met with the owner of the property who reported windows had been broken out of the business,” Gebers said, adding there were a total of three windows broken.

The initial estimate was \$500, “but the owner was gonna get us a more accurate estimate after they were able to get the windows fixed,” Gebers said.

There are no suspects, she said.

“It’s unknown what was used to break out the windows. The windows were close to the rooftop of the business, so it’s unknown if someone was on the rooftop and caused the damage or how that was caused,” Gebers said.

If anyone in the area has video that shows what happened, call the BPD at 605-692-2113.

If anyone has information about this case, contact the Brookings Police at 605-692-2113, contact Crimestoppers anonymously by visiting www.brookingsareacrimestoppers.com or call 605-692-STOP (7867).

– From staff reports

Welcome

The Brookings Register welcomes the following new and renewing subscribers: Dennis Stroschein, Roger Herrick, Mac Harris, Janet van der Zalm, and Robert Short.

Lottery



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Megaball: 9
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From left: Heidi Gullickson of Brookings Area United Way, Chad Adamson of the Brookings School District, Daniel Scholl of SDSU, Darla Biel of Brookings County Youth Mentoring, Nikki Eining of Avera Behavioral Health, Carrie Sanderson of the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment, CPCM Advisory Board Chair Rep. Tim Reed, R-Brookings; Haifa AbouSamra, dean of the School of Health Sciences at the University of South Dakota and Brookings County State’s

Attorney Dan Nelson celebrate the designation of Brookings County as South Dakota’s first Resilient Community. Led by Social NET Works, a coalition of local stakeholders with representatives from healthcare, behavioral health, government, nonprofits and education met monthly to analyze Brookings County’s current strengths that help children and families deal with and recover from traumatic experiences.

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Brookings County:
A resilient community

■ Recognized by CPCM as first in state

BROOKINGS – The community of Brookings County became the first Resilient Community in South Dakota on Wednesday.

Representatives from two state universities, local city and county government, law enforcement, child protection services and child advocates gathered in the Brookings City & County Government Center chambers to celebrate the award.

Carrie Sanderson, director of the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment, congratulated those in attendance for their commitment to building resources and services to help prevent child abuse.

“Thank you for coming together to provide safety for the children of your community,” she said.

The Resilient Communities’ framework was created by the CPCM and its partner organizations to help address factors in communities that put children at risk for abuse and neglect. It also creates an environment that is trauma-informed, so community members understand the lifetime effects of experiencing childhood adversity. The

process also identifies existing resources in the community that can be used to strengthen multi-sector collaborations and prevention efforts.

Haifa AbouSamra, Dean of the University of South Dakota School of Health Sciences, also congratulated the facilitating committee, Social NET Works and its partners, for reaching the Resilient Communities designation.

“This award didn’t happen by chance,” she said. “It is the collective work of many individuals.”

The Resilient Communities framework follows the goals of the School of Health Sciences, which oversees CPCM, in providing a holistic philosophy.

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Graduation planned for May 30

By MATTHEW RHODES
The Brookings Register

BROOKINGS – Brookings High School will have an in-person graduation ceremony at the Swiftel Center this year, Superintendent Klint Willert announced at Monday’s Brookings School Board meeting.

The superintendent also updated the school board on current COVID-19 recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and quashed rumors relating to the school district’s mask mandate.

Graduation will be held at 2 p.m. May 30. Attendees will be limited to the immediate family members of the graduating seniors.

Participation will be limited to six family members per graduate, not including the graduate.

“So they are going to be

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Deaths in vehicle crashes up 38% in S.D. last year

PIERRE (AP) – A total of 141 people died in traffic crashes in 2020, increasing 38% from a year earlier, the South Dakota Department of Public Safety said Wednesday.

The number of crashes in which the fatalities occurred was 132 last year according to statistics released by the DPS.

In 2019, 102 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes, the lowest in state history since records have been kept beginning in 1947. The number of fatal crashes in 2019 was 88, also a record low.

DPS Secretary Craig Price said the 2020 total is the state’s highest since 2007. He said the department plans to increase its safety and enforcement efforts.

“Our efforts have worked in past years and we will continue our safety messages through the Office of Highway Safety and enforcement efforts between the Highway Patrol and local law enforcement,” he said. “Even one motor vehicle death is one too many and we plan to encourage driver safety.”

DPS said the three main factors associated with motor vehicle fatalities in 2020 were speed, alcohol use and failure to wear a seat belt. So far in 2021, fatality numbers are up compared to the same time in 2020 and those three factors are involved in most fatal crashes again this year, officials said.

The Price is Right Live coming to Swiftel Center

BROOKINGS – The Price is Right Live comes to the Swiftel Center on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 8 p.m.

The Price Is Right Live is the hit interactive stage show that gives eligible individuals the chance to hear their names called and “Come On Down” to win. Prizes may include appliances, vacations and possibly a new car.

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ticketed...it's going to help so we can manage the capacity of the crowd accordingly. So, we are on for graduation for the Swiftel," Willert said.

The goal for the event is to reserve seating for attendees so that the Swiftel Center can maximize social distancing parameters. There was no determination on whether or not masks will be required at graduation. He also said that graduation will be live-streamed as well for those who wish to watch virtually.

Willert updated the board about vaccines and herd immunity.

According to an attachment to the agenda, herd immunity is reached when 70-90% of the local population has either survived COVID-19 and has the antibodies or has been vaccinated. Health officials recommend being vaccinated over being exposed to COVID-19 due to safety concerns over the virus. Currently, nearly 33% of Brookings County has received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Willert also said there is a

plan in place for youths aged 16 or older to get the vaccination.

"There is a vaccination plan in place to vaccinate 16 and 17-year-olds...vaccination clinics will be held April 21 and April 22 from 3-5 p.m. – and this is open to anyone 16 years of age or older," Willert said.

To register your teenager, visit www.avera.org/covid-vaccine.

The superintendent also addressed a notion that had been brought to his attention, about the misconception that masks will no longer be necessary toward the end of the school year.

"To squelch any rumor that may be out there ... there's some chatter that after April 30 the masks are going away. There's been no projection internally or externally stating that. In fact, we've been very diligent ... we do envision maintaining our mask plan and approach through the duration of the school year just to make sure we get to graduation safely, effectively, and with the intent that we finish out the school year strong," Willert explained.

The board later unanimously approved the motion to adopt

the CDC recommendations for fully vaccinated individuals in the school district.

According to the board's agenda, the CDC recommends that "fully vaccinated people with no COVID-like symptoms do not need to quarantine or be tested following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, as their risk of infection is low.

"An individual is considered fully vaccinated more than two weeks following receipt of a second dose in a two-dose series, or more than two weeks after receiving one dose of a single-dose vaccine," the agenda item says.

This motion only applies to fully vaccinated people; it does not account for individuals who have had COVID-19 who may or may not have natural antibodies.

For more information, watch Monday's meeting at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9quyGlb_d48 or find the meeting agenda and attachments at <https://brookings-public.ic-board.com/>.

Contact Matthew Rhodes at mrhodes@brookingsregister.com.



CPCM photo

Brookings County individuals worked for more than a year to build on strengths and create opportunities for collaboration among law enforcement, child protection services, behavioral health, law enforcement, education, the court system and local advocates to fulfill the framework needed to become a Resilient Community. The group gathered at the City Council chambers on April 14 to receive the designation from the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment, which is a statewide group charged with building resilient families in order to prevent and ultimately end child harm.

RESILIENT: Protecting vulnerable

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ophy of care to the people of South Dakota, helping mandatory reporters recognize the importance of their duty and creating greater opportunities for law enforcement, healthcare providers, child protection service and behavioral health and workers collaborate to protect children.

"We are very proud of the work you have done," she said.

CPCM Board Chair Rep. Tim Reed, R-Brookings, recognized the people of Brookings for their ability to identify a problem and work together to find a solution.

"Today is just another example of that," he said.

One tie between adverse childhood experiences carrying over to adulthood was noted by Reed: research has shown that more than 50 percent of people suffering from alcoholism had suffered such experiences. A "resilient community can reduce some such bad aspects that hurt."

Brookings State's Attorney

Dan Nelson demonstrated the overall goal of Resilient Communities in announcing a new Brookings County program organized by Lutheran Social Services that will help treat perpetrators of domestic violence in the hopes of reducing the subsequent effects on children who live in that environment.

"It's the work you do in prevention that's as important as the work you do as a prosecutor," he said.

Nelson called the Wednesday event "a celebration of the hard work and dedication of many people to protect our most vulnerable population, the children of Brookings County."

Daniel Scholl, vice president of research and economic development at South Dakota State University, said the work being done with the Resilient Community program mirrors the ideal work of the university in sharing best practices, working together and building resiliency that can help serve the community and world.

Led by Social NET Works,

a coalition of local stakeholders with representatives from health care, behavioral health, government, nonprofits and education met monthly to analyze Brookings County's current strengths that help children and families deal with and recover from traumatic experiences, thereby aiming to mitigate long-lasting effects, referred to as Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). The coalition identified gaps that could be filled through a multidisciplinary approach to resource delivery.

Learn more about becoming a Resilient Community at Resilient Communities South Dakota – Center for the Prevention of Childhood Maltreatment (sdcpcm.com). CPCM is hosting a webinar on April 28 for any South Dakota community who would like to learn more about the Resilient Communities framework. Contact cpcm@usd.edu to register.

– From CPCM and John Kubal, The Brookings Register

22 new cases in county Wednesday

BROOKINGS – The state reported 225 new COVID-19 cases and one new death in South Dakota Wednesday.

Twenty-two of the new cases are in Brookings County.

Brookings County cases have risen to 4,048 total cases (six new confirmed and 16 new probable): 3,821 of those people have recovered (18 new), with 190 active cases (up by four) and 37 deaths (no change). A total of 13,053 people (42 new) have tested negative in Brookings County, and 146 people (no change) in the county have been hospitalized at some point, the state reported.

There are two COVID-19 occupied hospital beds at the Brookings Hospital, the DOH website reported Wednesday.

The county is in the "substantial" community spread category.

The number of COVID-19 cases in South Dakota rose to 120,379 (225 new – 166 confirmed plus 59 probable) as of midday Wednesday, according to the South Dakota

Department of Health.

Of the statewide cases, 2,391 are classified as active (down by 48 from Tuesday). As of Wednesday, 116,040 people have recovered (272 new), 7,168 South Dakotans have been hospitalized at some point (10 new), 113 people are currently hospitalized (up by seven) for transmission-based precautions, and 1,948 people have died (one new).

The SDDOH website reports 334,765 people (735 new) have tested negative in South Dakota.

The new death was a woman in her 70s from Turner County.

Increases in positive cases Wednesday include, but are not limited to, 22 in Brookings County, nine in Brown, 21 in Codington, 13 in Lincoln, 68 in Minnehaha and 20 in Pennington.

The SDDOH website reported midday Wednesday that 508,407 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered to 306,642 people in South Dakota, as reported to the S.D.

Immunization Information System.

Doses administered by Indian Health Services, Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, Department of Defense and Bureau of Prisons are not included in the state's vaccine count.

In Brookings County, 18,181 vaccine doses have been administered to 11,544 people, the SDDOH website reports. As of Wednesday, 32.9% of the total county population has received at least one vaccine dose, and 40.8% of those 16 years and older in Brookings County have received at least one vaccine dose.

Fifty-one percent of the state population has received at least one dose of a COVID vaccine from the state or federal allocation, according to the SDDOH website, and more than 36% of the state population has completed its vaccination series.

Learn more at www.covid.sd.gov.

– From staff reports

Chen to hold faculty recital Monday

BROOKINGS – Yiqun Chen, lecturer of saxophone, double reeds and jazz at South Dakota State University, will perform a faculty recital at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Founders Recital Hall of the Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center on the campus of SDSU.

Works by Chen Yi, Roberto Molinelli and Russell Peterson

will be featured. Colleagues accompanying Chen onstage are Xuan Kuang and Mark Stevens, piano, and Tammy Yonce, flute.

Seating for all performance activities at the Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center is limited due to the COVID-19 protocols. The concert will be livestreamed for viewing by

the public using the Facebook Live platform. For a link to the concert, visit the OLPAC website at <https://sdstate.edu/performing-arts-center>.

For more information, contact the SDSU School of Performing Arts at 605-688-5187.

– From SDSU Marketing & Communications

Regents OK vice president promotions

South Dakota State University President Barry Dunn has announced Michael Holbeck and Tracy Greene have been promoted to vice presidents following approval by the South Dakota Board of Regents at its recent meeting.

Holbeck is now the vice president for budget and finance and Greene is now the vice president, general counsel and human resources.

Greene started at SDSU

in 2012 as its first full-time university counsel. She had served as general counsel at Emporia (Kansas) State University from 2005-12 after being a staff attorney at the University of Idaho. Greene earned her bachelor's degree in business finance at the University of Idaho and her law degree at the University of Idaho College of Law.

Holbeck, who has two bachelor's degrees, a master's

degree and a doctorate from SDSU, has been employed at the university since 2007. He started as a budget analyst and through a series of promotions became the associate vice president for finance and budget in November 2018. He had been serving as interim vice president for budget and finance since March 2020.

– From SDSU Marketing & Communications

PRICE: Tickets on sale Friday

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a fan of The Price Is Right on TV, you'll no doubt love this exciting, live (non-televised), on-stage version of the show.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, April 16, at the Swiftel Center Ticket Office and online at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets are \$59, \$49 and \$39. This is a reserved seating

show. The show is appropriate for all ages.

No purchase is necessary to register for the chance to be a contestant. Registration is open to legal U.S. residents, 18 years or older. Ticket purchase will not increase your chances of being selected to play. For complete rules and regulations, including eligibility requirements, visit or call the

Swiftel Center Ticket Office. To enjoy the show, a ticket purchase is required.

For more information on The Price is Right Live, visit www.swiftelcenter.com, call 605-692-7539 and follow the Swiftel Center at www.facebook.com/swiftelcenter.

– From the Swiftel Center



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