

### **Lawmakers to mull child abuse, disease outbreaks and roads**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Lawmakers this week will consider measures to join states calling for a constitutional convention to require a balanced federal budget, make child abuse allegations clearer and strengthen the state's ability to react to deadly disease outbreaks. The third week in South Dakota's 39-day legislative session begins on Monday. The Senate State Affairs Committee on Wednesday is expected to hear proposals that came from the Jolene's Law Task Force, which studied child sexual abuse in South Dakota. Senate Majority Leader Tim Rave, a Republican from Baltic, says there will be an open forum on Wednesday about the state's transportation needs identified by an interim legislative panel. Lawmakers are expected to mount a push on Monday to pass a resolution calling for a constitutional convention to require a balanced federal budget.

### **South Dakota cattle on feed down 2 percent from 2014**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more animals reported 245,000 cattle on feed on Jan. 1, down 2 percent from last year. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says in its latest report that placements in feedlots during December totaled 32,000 head, down 26 percent from 2014. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 30,000 head, unchanged from last year. Other disappearance during December totaled 2,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2014.

### **South Dakota Pork Producers to host culinary competition**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Chefs from around the state will compete in Sioux Falls in the South Dakota Pork Producers Council 27th annual Taste of Elegance. At least 10 chefs will create original recipes using pork and compete for a \$1,000 grand prize and a trip to Napa Valley. Judging will take place February 8th at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. The judges for this year's event will be chef Charlie Torgerson, owner of Famous Dave's Franchises from St. Paul, Minnesota; Tim McCarty, executive chef at the Mayo Foundation in Rochester, Minnesota; and celebrated chef Michael Foley from Chicago. The list of competing chefs includes Nic Laughlin from Skelly's Pub and Grill, Sioux Falls; Christoph Waldburger from The Deadwood Grille, Deadwood; and Chris Convdry from Sanford Health, Sioux Falls.

### **USD offering camp for students interested in health care**

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — High school students interested in pursuing health care careers can now sign up for a health-care themed summer camp at the University of South Dakota. Registration for the university's 9th annual HealthCare Careers Summer Camp is now open to students who will enter grades 10 through 12 in the fall. Students selected to attend the camp will participate in an anatomy lab tour, CPR certification and field trips to area medical facilities, among other activities. Campers will also work with health care professionals and others in the

industry. Staffers from the Sanford School of Medicine and the USD School of Health Sciences will also be available. The application deadline is April 1st. Tuition is \$100 per student, which includes meals, lodging and all activities.

### **Moody County Sheriff's Office gets over \$6,000 for stun guns**

FLANDREAU, S.D. (AP) — The state has awarded more than \$6,000 to the Moody County Sheriff's Office for the purchase of stun guns. South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley says the stun guns are meant to be used during drug investigations. The award to the sheriff's office comes from the state's Drug Control Fund, which is funded with money seized in drug arrests. Moody County Sheriff Troy Wellman says the stun guns are "a huge asset" in maintaining the safety of officers and offenders.

### **Ex-office manager in Fort Pierre accused of stealing \$38K**

FORT PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The former officer manager of the Fort Pierre Development Corporation is being accused of stealing \$38,000 from the organization. Stanley County prosecutor Tom Maher tells KCCR-AM that 58-year-old Joni Boub is charged with one count of grand theft by embezzlement and 46 counts of forgery, which is one count for each check authorities are accusing her of forging. Authorities say the crimes happened between the summer 2013 and November 2014. Maher says Boub could appear in court Monday. It's unclear whether Boub has an attorney. The case is being investigated by the state's Division of Criminal Investigation, the city of Fort Pierre and the development corporation.

### **Lake Oahe conditions improving for walleyes, other game fish**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota wildlife officials say the conditions in Lake Oahe continue to improve for walleyes and other game fish. The Capital Journal reports officials have determined that baitfish populations devastated by the 2011 floods are rebounding. Game, Fish and Parks Department Senior Fisheries Biologist Mark Fincel says estimates show the lake had about 20 million rainbow smelt last year, that's about double the number from 2013. This estimate is relevant because rainbow smelt have a high fat content and are among the reasons why Lake Oahe produces large walleyes. Catch rates in 2014 were well below average, which Fincel described as "a very good sign." He said it shows fish were harder to catch because they weren't quite as hungry, meaning they were better fed and healthier on average.

### **Body of Wyoming man recovered from South Dakota lake**

LEMMON, S.D. (AP) — Crews have recovered the body of a Wyoming man after an all-terrain vehicle broke through the ice of a lake in northwestern South Dakota. Perkins County Sheriff Kelly Serr says 32-year-old Sam Lipp of Newcastle, Wyoming was among four people riding an ATV that broke through the ice of Shadehill Lake on Friday afternoon. The two men and two

children riding the four-wheeler were all thrown in to the water. One of the men, who is the father of the two children, was able to crawl out of the water up onto the ice with one of his children. The other child was rescued by ice fishermen who saw the accident. Lipp disappeared into the lake. On Saturday, a dive rescue team recovered his body.

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