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Rapid airport profits despite fewer flyers

John Lee McLaughlin
Journal staff

Despite passenger traffic falling in 2012, the Rapid City Regional Airport kept spending down and finished last year with a \$245,000 profit, according to its annual report.

Airport Director Cameron Humphres emphasized those are just preliminary numbers and that when all calculations are complete, the airport's

bottom line could look even better.

Airport officials budgeted expenses of \$4 million last year, but held costs at \$3.6 million, Humphres said. The airport spent about \$3.69 million in 2011, he said.

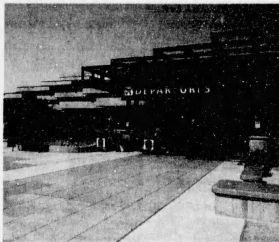
Humphres said tighter spending helped the airport stay under budget and post a profit, despite increases in the cost of insurance, electrical expenses and skyrocketing fuel

Rapid City Regional Airport credits tighter spending as one of the reasons why 2012 was a successful year.

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prices. Cost-cutting came from buying janitorial supplies and maintenance parts in bulk; using more efficient heating, cooling and lighting systems; and handling maintenance in-house rather than through subcontractors.

Airport, A4



SD takes aim at region's sex trade

John Hult
Argus Leader

SIoux FALLS | The first time Jessica met a man for sex in a hotel room, she wept.

He didn't seem to care. And by the time she walked out of the room, she didn't either.

"I was never the same after that first call," Jessica tells the Argus Leader. "That's when numb came. After that, I'd already done it."

Jessica didn't set out to become a prostitute — but by the time she had turned a trick, it felt like her only choice. She thought she had found a new life after an abusive childhood and marriage. She was with a man who had given her a car and had helped her get into a house. She felt safe, and quit her two jobs, confident he would take care of her and her children.

Instead, Jessica found herself caught in a web of drug addiction, abuse and sex for hire. Trapped by intimidation, fear and addiction, she spent almost a year in the sex trade before finding a way out.

Jessica is not the woman's real name. The Argus Leader is not using her name because she is an abuse victim.

Jessica's boyfriend introduced her to hard drugs — and she became hooked. Then he began demanding payment for the life she was living.

If she couldn't pay, she'd be out on the street.

So Jessica asked a friend for help.

"I said, 'How am I supposed to come up with money to pay \$1,700 for bills right now?'" she said. "He said, 'You know what to do!'"

Her friend offered to help her post an online ad for escort services. Soon she was being walked into the motel room on her first call. The next day, her boyfriend confronted her about the ad.

"He's got his hand around my neck, and he's saying, 'You weren't supposed to be that kind of person.' I said, 'I thought that's what you wanted!'"

He said, "If you're gonna do this, you're gonna do it for me," she said.

Later, Jessica learned the friend who suggested she go on her first call was in business with her boyfriend. Together, they had manipulated her.

"It wasn't a random situation," she said. "It was a setup situation, and I didn't realize it until it was too late."

This is sex trafficking. The trafficker carefully identifies a victim, threatens and deceives to entrap her in the scheme. It is a crime, defined in federal law in 2000.

Trafficking, A3

Tiny telescopes restore sight to macular degeneration patients

Kayla Gahagan
Journal correspondent

It was just a month ago that Lee McElwain was legally blind.

The Sturgis man's central vision had degenerated to the point that if you walked up to him on the street, your face would have been nothing more than a black blur to him.

"The things you miss the most are small things, sitting down and reading the paper, or reading the menu," the 78-year-old said. "It's the little things."

Those everyday events are again becoming part of McElwain's life, thanks to a new device and surgical procedure that offers the restoration of central vision in patients suffering from end-stage age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

AMD, which is the leading cause of blindness in people over age 65, affects an estimated 2 million people in the United States. The genetic disease destroys central vision at the macula, the central area of the retina where light-sensitive cells are the most dense, and it creates a blind spot in the center of the field of vision. It is not correctable by glasses, and until recently, it was not correctable by surgery.



McElwain

Eye, A5

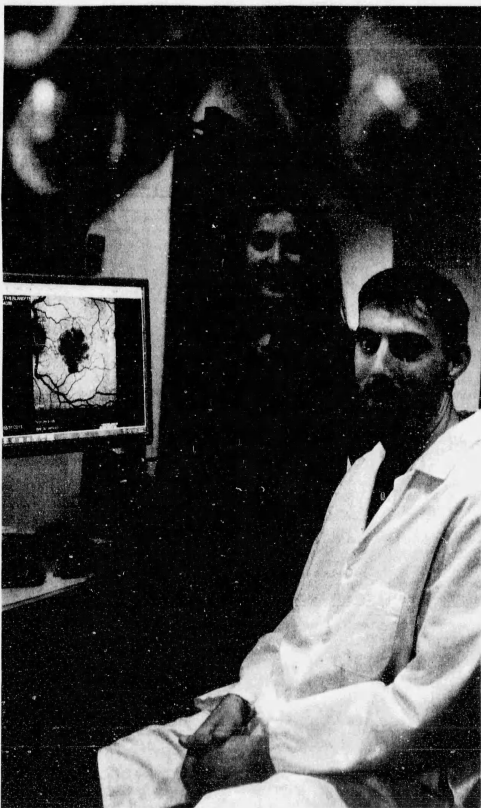


ABOVE: A miniature implantable telescope is about the size of a pea.

Photo courtesy U.S. Food and Drug Administration

RIGHT: Dr. Prema Abraham, left, and Dr. Stephen Khachikian are helping patients with age-related macular degeneration see again.

Benjamin Brayfield, Journal staff



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Summer 2013

Rapid City soccer teams to compete in Region II tournament

THE BIG NUMBER

1,409

Number of families that the South Dakota Rural Development helped by making essential home repairs last year.

Read about it on A3

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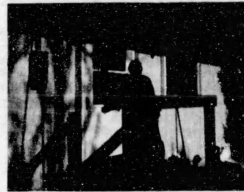
Home fix-up saves memories

Journal staff
Nellie Buckman has all smiles when her home renovations were revealed earlier this year.
Buckman's home in Pine Ridge was the first permanent home she ever had, and she raised 10 kids in it.
It was also in dire need of repairs.
"No more leaks in the roof; the house is now quite a bit warmer in the winter and cooler in the

summer," Buckman said.
USDA Rural Development partnered with Ogala Sioux Tribe Partnership for Housing to help Buckman with the application. Neighborhood Housing Services of the Black Hills provided additional funds to complete the renovations to the home, and Lofer Construction of Kyle, S.D., was the contractor for the project.
Buckman is the daughter of a migrant worker. When she was growing up,

her family moved around so she never really had a place to call home until her adult years.
Her children are now grown, but Buckman's home continues to be a gathering place for her large family.
"I love having a place to call home, to care for, and have all of my trinkets and memories surround me," Buckman said.
When USDA Rural Development Housing Specialist Ruth O'Neill

arrived at the home for a final inspection she stated, "I drove right by it. The house with a new metal roof and pretty pink siding. The trees were cleaned up and everything looked so nice. It looked like a new home."
Buckman had advice for others looking to fix their home.
"Don't worry about the past, look toward the future," Buckman said. "Rural Development will work you through your



Nellie Buckman stands in front of her newly renovated home in Pine Ridge.
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issues whatever they may be. They will help you fill out your application or share ideas on how to work with your credit. I thank them for keeping my house a home."

In South Dakota, Rural Development programs helped 1,400 families to obtain homes or preserve homeownership through making essential repairs last year.

STATE BRIEF

SD art show won by Ariz. woman

PIERRE | South Dakota artists have won all but one category at an annual art show at Crazy Horse Memorial in the Black Hills.
But the top prize, best of show, went to Navajo rug maker Juanita Bancroft of Tuba City, Ariz.
The awards were given at the 23rd Gift from Mother Earth Celebration art show.
Artisans are showing their work at the Crazy Horse Memorial during the weekend. The mountain carving of Lakota leader Crazy Horse is located between Custer and Hill City in the Black Hills.

Man gets 180 days for minor "contact"

HILL CITY | A 20-year old Hill City man has been sentenced to 180 days in jail with work release after earlier pleading guilty to sexual contact with a minor.
KEVN reports that Channing Bartels was also given a two-year suspended prison sentence. Bartels was originally charged with second-degree rape.
Prosecutors say Bartels was 19 when he performed a sex act on a 14-year-old girl, despite her claims that she pleaded for him to stop.

Western SD to get SWAT vehicle

PIERRE | The South Dakota Highway Patrol is set to get a new SWAT vehicle to help with drug investigations.
Attorney General Marty Jackley recently announced that the Highway Patrol will receive nearly \$241,000 for the vehicle from the drug control fund.
The vehicle will be used by multiple agencies for deployment throughout western South Dakota.
Col. David Price says the Highway Patrol considers illegal drugs to be one of its top priorities.

State authorities investigate death of Philip man

John Lee McLaughlin
Journal staff
State authorities are investigating the death of a 28-year-old Philip man who died Sunday.

Zane Nelson died early Sunday morning in Philip. The South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation is looking into the cause of death. State and local authorities wouldn't comment on the nature of the investigation.

An avid fisherman, Nelson was known for his abilities to snag lunker Northern Pike.
"Everybody said he was just the nicest kid. He never had anything bad to say about anybody and loved to fish," said Diana Oliver, Nelson's mother.
Nelson grew up in Philip, graduating from high school in 2003. He played football and placed at state wrestling tournaments during four years of high school, she said.

After high school, Nelson studied to be an electrician at the Mitchell Technical Institute and had been working on a ranch near Philip.
"He was always smiling and in a good mood," Oliver said. "I don't think there was anybody that didn't like him."
Nelson had stayed home from a family camping trip this past weekend to attend his high school reunion and be with friends during the Philip Festival Days, Oliver said.

"He was just around downtown," she said. "They are not thinking there was any foul play or anything. But they haven't been out to talk to us yet, so we don't know anything."
Nelson's funeral services are pending with the Rush Funeral Home of Philip.

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Trafficking

In 2011, the last year for which statistics are available, 42 Department of Justice cases involved human trafficking by force, and half involved sex trafficking. Ten of those cases were in South Dakota.

South Dakota's high share of sex trafficking cases reflects a priority for U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson. He recently announced the creation of a task force to crack down on the crime in this area.
Law enforcement officials say Sioux Falls' location makes it enticing to traffickers: near the Twin Cities of Minnesota, close to hunting lodges, the Sturgis motorcycle rally and North Dakota's oil fields. The reach and sophistication of online sites makes it easier to market prostitutes now, too.

The first case Johnson's office prosecuted involved Brandon Thompson, of Tea. He was charged for targeting more than a dozen victims, 10 of whom were minors.

"The debate is over about whether sex

trafficking is happening in South Dakota," Johnson said. "The only logical discussion to have is what to do about it."

Attorney General Marty Jackley, who was U.S. attorney until 2009, prosecuted a case of human trafficking in Oaconda, where hotel owners had enslaved immigrant laborers, but didn't prosecute any cases of sex trafficking by force, fraud or coercion.

Jackley said his office hadn't seen evidence of sex trafficking while he was on the job. His resources were directed toward the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Sting operations through the ICAC resulted in two of the sex trafficking cases prosecuted by Johnson's office.

Jackley said state law provides effective avenues for prosecuting prostitution. Trafficking rings such as that run by Brandon Thompson still are rare here, he contends.

"We do have widespread escort services in South Dakota, and I think the way to deal with that is to go after sites like backpage.com," Jackley said.

Attorney Tim Purdon is concerned about sex trafficking in the Bakken oil field. Rapid development there has brought a population boom to cities such as Williston, Dickinson and Watford City.

"There's no question we've seen an increase in prostitution arrests around the oil patch," Purdon said.

In Watford City, with a 2,000 population less than 2,000, seven people were arrested in November on prostitution charges.
Purdon is particularly worried about Native American victims. The Bakken Fields extend into the Fort Berthold reservation. The only sex trafficking case to have moved through federal court in North Dakota in recent years involved a man who ran a gang on the reservation. But Purdy suspects that there are more cases.

Minnesota's Civil Society legal aid service intends to hold training sessions regarding human trafficking next month in Sioux Falls and in August in Custer. The latter session coincides with the Sturgis motorcycle rally, long seen by activists as a hotbed of trafficking.

STIP Public Meetings

S.D. Dept. of Transportation has developed a Tentative 2014-2017 Four-Year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Tentative STIP includes all the state sponsored transportation projects for this time period.
Prior to final approval of the STIP by the Transportation Commission, public meetings will be held on the following dates and locations to receive public comment on the tentative program.
July 14, 2013 Rantula Convention Center Aberdeen 7:00 PM
July 17, 2013 Rantula Hotel Sioux Falls 7:00 PM
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