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CHRISTMAS-TIME IS HERE



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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Yankton, thanks to several events held in town this past weekend. **ABOVE:** The *Press & Dakotan* held its annual "Photos with Santa" event at LilyCrest in downtown Yankton, where more than 80 kids turned out to confer with St. Nick about their holiday wish lists. This youngster put together a well thought-out list for Santa, who was assisted by Mrs. Claus. **BELOW RIGHT:** The Yankton Parade of Lights was held in the downtown district Saturday night, followed by a tree lighting near the Meridian Bridge. Miss South Dakota Teen USA Alexis Rupp (left) of Sioux Falls and Miss South Dakota USA Jessica Albers of Yankton were on hand for the ceremonies, which attracted hundreds of people. **BELOW LEFT:** Mount Marty College presented its 30th annual Vespers service at the Bishop Marty Chapel Sunday, with two sold-out performances presented. To see or purchase images from these events, visit spotted.yankton.net.



'Tis The Season For Scams

BBB: Threat Of Predators Grows During The Holidays

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With the arrival of the holiday season and with scammers becoming more creative, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) of South Dakota is advising residents to use extreme caution concerning "phishing" scams.

Phishing is the act of trying to acquire usernames, passwords and financial information by acting as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication, according to the BBB. It is most often performed through emails, but is also done through phone calls and, more recently, by text messaging.

"It is very common any more to get these phishing scams, even if you have really good spam filters. They're just constantly looking for ways around that," said BBB state director Jessie Schmidt. "What happens is that you either go to

the site or click on the link, and it can load malware on your computer that searches for sensitive financial data."

One phishing scam that has surfaced recently that concerns area residents are emails from scammers posing as representatives of Wells Fargo. The message states that the customer's online account has been restricted because of failed login attempts, and it instructs the recipient to follow a fraudulent link to solve the problem.

LARRY YOUNG

Wells Fargo market president for southeast South Dakota, said this sort of activity generally picks up during this time of the year.

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Huskers Headed For Capital One Bowl

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The No. 23 Nebraska Cornhuskers will play No. 6 Georgia in the Capital One Bowl on New Year's Day.

Bowl officials announced the selections on Sunday, one day after the Huskers' disappointing 70-31 loss to Wisconsin in the Big Ten championship game.

Nebraska fell to No. 23 in The Associated Press top 25 after Saturday's loss. The Huskers had been ranked No. 14.

Georgia is coming off a thrilling 32-28 loss to Alabama in the Southeastern Conference title game.

The Jan. 1 game will be played at noon central and televised on either ESPN or ABC.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Dec. 3
22 shopping
days to Christmas

Daugaard Says He'll Propose Cautious Budget

By The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard will propose a cautious state budget with moderate spending increases that are unlikely to give school districts and medical providers as much state funding as they want.

Daugaard has said he'll propose boosting state aid to schools by the rate of inflation up to a maximum of 3 percent, as provided in state law. He also will ask the Legislature to give medical providers a small increase in Medicaid reimbursements to cover the effects of inflation.

But the governor will not use Tuesday's speech to



Daugaard

by the improvement in revenues, but we also need to be cautious."

the Legislature to propose any larger permanent increases to make up for budget cuts made in the 2011 legislative session, the *Argus Leader* newspaper reported.

"After the cuts that we all had to share the sacrifice of, now we're at a situation where as revenue improves, we should be able to improve expenditures," the Republican governor said. "I think we need to be heartened

Dave Hewett, president of the South Dakota Association of Health Care Organizations, said offsetting the effects of inflation is a start, but medical facilities are still being paid less than they were four years ago.

Sandy Arseneault, president of the South Dakota Education Association, said the teachers union wants the Legislature to give school districts more than inflationary increase provided in state law.

"I hope we can follow the law and give the schools what they statutorily are required to do, and then remember that many of our schools are still facing finan-

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The Weight Is Over! Winners Of Challenge Announced

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The YankTON Challenge held its award ceremony at The Landing bar Saturday and honored those businesses participating in the annual weight-loss contest, as well as individuals that lost the most weight.

Christy Hauer, executive director of The Center and a chairperson on the Yankton Chamber of Commerce Healthcare Committee, said a total of nearly 8,000 pounds has been lost by participants between both years the program has been in existence.

"We are really pleased with the progress of the YankTON Challenge event as a whole," she said. "This year, even though total weight loss is down

a little bit from where it was in 2011, we are still pleased with how the event went."

Hauer said while there were some huge prizes the first year the event was held, this year the prizes were scaled down a bit based on the survey that was sent out at the end of the inaugural event.

"Last year we had six total prizes for participants, including top three weight losses in a few different categories," she said. "This year, we have a total of 18 prizes, so we are really excited about that. Having more prizes allows more people, businesses and organizations that participated to be recognized."

She added that the reception for the program

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Truxedowas one of the teams honored during the closing celebration for the annual YankTON Challenge Saturday. Truxedo was the top "loser" in the Medium Business category, producing a weight loss of 5.45 percent. Vishay Dale Electronics (4.65 percent) won the Large Business category, while Yankton Rexall Drug took the Small Business division.