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YSD Expands Dual Credit Opportunities At Yankton High School

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The Yankton School Board took little action at its final regular meeting of 2013 Monday night, but one decision will add another opportunity for students when they return after the New Year.



Johnke

The board approved offering college algebra for dual credit through Mount Marty College effective for the spring 2014 semester. Yankton High

School students can obtain the four college credit hours by earning YHS credits in both pre-calculus and trigonometry.

"It's a great benefit," said YHS Principal Jennifer Johnke. "It's definitely a good deal for our students."

Johnke added that the agreement will not add any additional costs to the district, as the classes qualified for the dual credit as they are currently taught.

The board chose not to consider a resolution presented by Lynn Peterson of CorTrust Bank, which requested the board's support for a congressional hearing to consider removing certain tax exemptions from farm credit services and credit unions. Dave Wright and Don Fiedler of Services Center Federal Credit Union and Neil Connot of Farm Credit Services of America gave presentations in rebuttal to Peterson's position.

Board member Jay Williams opined that the taxation laws

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City Hears Housing Report



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Scott Knudson of Community Partners Research presented the preliminary findings of a housing study to the Yankton City Commission Monday night.

Study Points To Area Of Local Need

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The Yankton City Commission received a preliminary report Monday on the future housing needs of the community.

Coincidentally, the commission also voted to sell a developer property for a proposed low-income apartment complex that would address one of the recommendations in the draft study.

Suspecting a shortage of housing in Yankton, local



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officials commissioned Community Partners Research, Inc., of Lake Elmo, Minn., earlier this year to complete a housing analysis. Yankton Area Progressive Growth funded the undertaking, and the City of Yankton took the lead in hiring and working with the consultant to produce the report.

Scott Knudson of

Community Partners Research presented some highlights Monday night from the work done so far and sought input from the commission before a final report is issued.

Yankton has high occupancy and good demand for rental housing, the study found. A 2 percent vacancy rate probably exists in market-rate housing, and a 1.5 percent vacancy rate probably exists for units with a tax credit. A waiting list exists for more

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State Seeks Ideas To Boost Video Lottery Play

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Net machine income was up slightly through the end of November for video lottery compared to one year ago. After four straight years of constant decline from 2008 through 2012, that turnaround is welcomed by the South Dakota Lottery Commission, whose members are searching for much greater growth as they assemble today for a strategy-setting meeting.



Daugaard

Gov. Dennis Daugaard spoke about video lottery at several points during his budget speech to the Legislature last week. The money lost by players in the privately owned machines is split 50-50 between the businesses and state government.

Daugaard described video revenue as "soft" in the current budget year that began July 1, 2013, and said he was revising downward that part of his budget estimate. Later in the speech he said he was projecting a "moderate" increase from video lottery for the 2015 budget he was recommending. That budget starts July 1, 2014.

The lottery's commissioners and administrators are trying to overcome the lingering effects from the recession, South Dakota's smoking ban, an aging player base, business owners hesitant about investing too much in new games, and more competition overall from casinos in Iowa, Minnesota, Deadwood and Indian reservations.

They held a planning workshop last month with business people involved in video lottery. At the meeting today they'll formally approve a set of priorities with short-, medium- and long-range goals.

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN,
I'VE GOT TO BE GOOD
ALL THE TIME?! DON'T
I GET WEEKENDS OFF?!!



Dec. 10
15 shopping
days to Christmas

Bid Award Process For Post Office Ongoing

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The winning bidder in the former Yankton Post Office auction has a few more hurdles to overcome, according to a federal government official.

Last week, the online bidding process ended with a high bid of \$206,000.

"The successful bidder will now have (until Dec. 19) to provide an additional deposit (of 10 percent of the sale price) to move the sale process forward," said Sally Mayberry, a regional public affairs officer for the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA). "After the deposit is received, the transfer of title to the new owner will occur within approximately 30 days."

Once the closing takes place, information about the winning bidder will be released, she added.

The downtown Yankton post office was closed in January 2012 and put up for sale. Postal operations were consolidated into the annex at 506 West 25th Street. That facility was built in 2000.

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Hudson Works To Teach Children The True Meaning Of Christmas

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When Ann Hudson was a young girl, Christmas was a difficult time. Like many families, hers didn't have much, so giving gifts to one another wasn't always possible.

"When I was a kid, we had nothing. We didn't have a car, and we barely had food," Hudson said. "So I know what a lot of kids are going through."

To help area youth experience the true meaning of the holidays, the Yankton woman last year helped organize a one-day "Free Shopping Christmas Store" for children. The event gave each child the opportunity to collect gifts for their family members.

"It's important to me because I see too many people taking things instead of giving things," Hudson said.

The store was an immediate success, with more than 100 children attending.

"They just loved it," Hudson said. "One little boy got his grandpa a little tool set, and his grandpa still asks him for those tools, and he's so excited that he always runs to get it for him."

"We also had three little girls that are foster children, and they had never seen such a thing in their life. Their eyes were as big as saucers."

The store was such a hit that Hudson took on the role of lead coordinator and began preparing for this year's event, which returns Friday, not long after last year's store "closed."

Hudson said she and her husband, Dick, have been accumulating the gifts for the families — mostly out of their own pocket with some assistance



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Ann Hudson is shown with some of the gifts she has collected during the past year for the "Free Shopping Christmas Store" for children. The event will be held Friday in Yankton and offers area children the chance to collect gifts for their family members.

from other donors — for roughly eight months.

"We've been shopping since Easter — five or 10 things here and five or 10 things there," she said.

"We've shopped in stores from Texas to Minnesota, and I think we've been to every store in town. We try to buy from a child's point of view, and we've had a lot of fun."

The couple has added roughly 600 gifts to the collection, which features some items left over from last year. Presents include food, clothing, tools, makeup,

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