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Suspect Sent To HSC

Man Accused In Yankton Slaying Found Incompetent To Stand Trial

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A man accused of murdering a Yankton resident last year will be committed to the South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC) until he is deemed mentally competent to face charges. Darwin Abel Jans of Yankton has been charged with second-degree murder and aggra-

vated assault in connection with the death of 59-year-old Larry D. Goodman. During a hearing Friday in the Yankton County Courthouse and Safety Center, Circuit Judge Glen Eng said he had received the results of a psychiatric evaluation on Jans earlier in the week. It found with "reasonable certainty" that Jans had paranoid psychosis at the time of the alleged crime, which made him incapable of knowing he

had committed a wrongful act. It was the third evaluation the court had ordered on Jans. The first evaluation requested by the prosecution was completed in April by Dr. Travis Hansen at HSC. It found that Jans was competent to stand trial and was not insane at the time the alleged

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Dec. 21
4 shopping days to Christmas
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Illnesses At YHS Are Not E. coli

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Despite rumors Friday of an E. coli outbreak in the Yankton School District, Superintendent Wayne Kindle said there was no evidence for it.

He heard the rumor of an E. coli outbreak Friday morning. "We haven't had any parents call in and confirm their kids are sick due to E. coli," Kindle stated.

Despite that, he made contact with school and city officials about safety measures at the Yankton High School/Summit Activities Center.

Kindle said 145 kids, or approximately 16 percent of the student body, were absent from the Yankton High School by the end of Friday. Absences were smaller at other schools. Ten students were absent from the Yankton Middle School; 14 were absent from Beadle Elementary; five were absent from Lincoln Elementary; six were absent from Stewart Elementary; and five were absent from Webster Elementary.

"It's a high number (of absences), but we've had that many kids absent before with the flu," Kindle said.

In another health matter, city officials said they are taking proactive measures after learning that at least one individual with a confirmed cryptosporidium infection had been in contact with the Summit Activities Center pool. Cryptosporidium is a protozoan that can cause gastrointestinal disease in humans.

City Manager Amy Nelson said that staff treated the pool Dec. 7 after learning of the case.

"The pool was 'shocked' as a preventative measure," she stated. "Shocking is a chlorination treatment used to kill bacteria that can cause illness in water. While the individual with the confirmed cypto diagnosis was in contact with our pool, we do not know that the bacteria was present in our water. Summit Activities Center staff took this measure

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Giuseppe Goes To Work



Giuseppe and owner April Smythe help spread a little Christmas spirit at the Bethesda Nursing Home in Beresford.

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Dog Brings Piece Of Home To Care Facility

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BERESFORD — Despite only being 8 years old, Giuseppe has practically been a part of the Bethesda Nursing home staff since August. A model employee, he shows up to work on time every day, is well-mannered, knows a few tricks, is festively dressed for the holidays and loves to keep Bethesda's residents and staff entertained.

He's also a Boarder Collie/Black Lab mix. Giuseppe's owner, LPN April Smythe,

adopted Giuseppe from the Humane Society in Bemidji, Minn. when the pup was just six weeks old. She said his visits started in August — sporadically at first but gradually becoming more consistent.

"We were talking at lunch one day about wanting a nursing home dog and I said I would bring in my dog," Smythe said. "After that conversation, I just started bringing him to visit. (Giuseppe and I) would sit outside with a couple of residents on my days off. Then I asked if

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Kramer Named YAPG President

From P&D Staff Reports

A man with more than 30 years of economic development experience has been named as the new president of Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG).

The organization announced Friday that John A. Kramer has been hired as Yankton's economic development director.

"John's extensive experience in economic development and demonstrated strong leadership ability made him an outstanding choice for the next president of YAPG," said Pam Rezac, who serves as chairwoman of YAPG. "He has a great understanding of rural areas and has generated successful economic development outcomes in communities similar in size to ours."

A media release from YAPG described Kramer as a "seasoned" economic development professional who has headed business attraction and retention efforts in seven states and cities.

He has been director of programs stretching from Broomfield, Colo., to St. Cloud, Minn., during the past 27 years and has held positions in Iowa, North Dakota and Montana. Kramer has also managed startup development corporations and established development entities in the Central and Upper Midwest. He is familiar with the region's assets, liabilities and opportunities for growth.

He was most recently employed as the CEO of the



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Donations Honor Past MMC Presidents

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Thanks to two donations, Mount Marty College will honor its past as it invests in its future.

The school recently announced it has received two \$50,000 gifts intended for naming opportunities in the new Avera Science and Nursing Laboratory Complex. The naming rights will be tributes to former MMC president S. Evangeline Anderson and long-time MMC employee S. Marie Helene Werdel.

The donation in Anderson's name was made by Jim and Joyce Donohoe of Dallas and Jerry and Elaine Donohoe of Chicago.

The gift to honor Werdel was provided by Al and Irene Kurtenbach of Brookings. "It's a wonderful gift for Mount Marty, and we're so grateful to have the Sisters recognized," said Barb Rezac, MMC chief



This image depicts the interior of a new lab being built as part of the Avera Science and Nursing Laboratory Complex on the campus of Mount Marty College.

IMAGE: MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE

advertisement officer. Anderson served as the college's president from 1957-1974, helping MMC expand from a two-year institution to a four-year baccalaureate school.

During that time, Jim and Jerry Donohoe's mother, Ruth, was a faculty member

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Raises Taken Off City Agenda

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The Yankton City Commission voted Friday to take an item regarding employee raises off its agenda. Commissioners had been set to discuss a 0.5 percent base adjustment and an approximately 1.2 percent step increase for non-union eligible employees.

When the agenda item came up during Friday's meeting in City Hall, Commissioners David Knoff made a motion to have it removed.

"That was a recommendation from the city attorney to allow us some more time to work on our negotiations (with the city employees' collective bargaining unit)," City Manager Amy Nelson said after the meeting. "We'll bring it back in the new year and go from there."

Nelson declined to get into any detail as to why it was

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