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KELLY HERTZ/P&D
Deb Fischer-Clemens spoke at a human trafficking program at the Avera Professional Pavilion in Yankton Monday night. She discussed the signs of human trafficking abuse health professionals should look for and how they should react in those situations.

Looking For The Warning Signs

Expert: Healthcare Professionals Can Spot 'Red Flags' Of Human Trafficking

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Future nurses who could potentially cross paths with a victim of human trafficking have to know what to do in such a situation.

Deb Fischer-Clemens, senior vice president of Public Policy of the Avera Health System, gave a presentation held Monday evening at Yankton's Avera Professional Pavilion that described human trafficking in South Dakota and how healthcare professionals like doctors and nurses should react if they encounter a human trafficking victim.

Fischer-Clemens said her interest in human trafficking started in the early 2000s when a story broke about a group of captive Filipino women who were forced to do manual labor at a hotel in Chamberlain. Since then, she has kept an eye on the human trafficking issues that have been occurring in the state.

Last year, she was approached by

SD Budget

Revenue Picking Up

Daugaard: Better Revenue Will Allow Larger Proposed Budget

BY JAMES NORD
Associated Press

PIERRE — Gov. Dennis Daugaard said Monday that better-than-expected state revenues will allow him to propose larger budget increases for the 2016 legislative session.

Daugaard

Daugaard is to outline his spending priorities in a Tuesday budget address to lawmakers at the Capitol. Daugaard told The Associated Press that he plans to discuss issues including paying off debt and the work of an education task force

that examined how to raise teacher pay in South Dakota.

But, the governor said he won't outline specific proposals from the task force until his State of the State speech.

Daugaard also said he will discuss the state's work with the federal government on a potential Medicaid expansion, but didn't say whether he would propose an expansion of the program for low-income and disabled people on Tuesday.

In The Loop

KELLY HERTZ/P&D
An American flag twists itself into a loop in the breeze as it flew at half-mast Monday above the grounds of the Yankton County Government Center. Flags flew at half-mast to commemorate the anniversary of the 1941 Pearl Harbor attack, as well as to honor the victims of last week's mass shooting in California.

County Set For A New Look On The Internet

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Local entities have been reaching out to customers and constituents for years using the Internet — but one is trying to improve that experience while making it more secure.

Last week, the Yankton County Commission voted to have Intuvio Solutions of Madison design a new website for the county.

Commission Chairman Todd Woods told the *Press & Dakotan* that the current website is long out of date.

"The current website, I believe, has outlived its usefulness and needs to be updated," Woods said. "It was difficult to navigate. It seemed like it was hard for people to go through and look at it. It's not really appealing to look at. … It's time to update it so it looks a little more modern, a little more fresh and a little easier to use."

Woods

He added the move is also aimed at boosting security.

"We won't have the website hosted on our servers," he said.

Daniel Buresh, co-founder and Head of Software Development for Intuvio Solutions, told the *Press & Dakotan* that his firm's primarily focuses on designing websites for health and financial entities.

"Intuvio started in 2008, mainly in medical software," Buresh said. "We've done a lot of work in the financial sector as well and we also do some graphic design on the side."

He said Intuvio has worked with governing entities.

CORRECTION

In Monday's *Press & Dakotan* concerning the agricultural risk management conference, the caption for the photo had the identities switched. The caption should have read: "Dr. Steven D. Johnson (right), Farm and Ag Management Specialist from Iowa State University, talks with Lonnie Meyer of Tripp at a farm risk management conference held in Yankton last week." We apologize for the error.

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YSD Celebrates Computer Science Education Week

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As computers continue to dominate our lives, computing skills are becoming increasingly sought after in career fields nation-wide.

Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 7-11) is part of a campaign launched by the Association for Computing Machinery in 2009. Since then, CSEd Week has been engaging students and teachers as well as the computing community at large to advocate for computer science education.

Yankton School District (YSD) will also do its part in celebrating CSEd Week by having students at the elementary level participate in "Hour of Code," a nationwide campaign that works to get kids interested in computer science by breaking down the basics of computer coding into tutorials and virtual games.

"Before, no one had the opportunity to experience computer coding within the elementary schools," said Carey Mitzel, Beadle Elementary School principal. "Now, this year, all the students are going to have that opportunity, which I think is really neat."

YSD students will join the nearly 2 million kids across the nations who are participating in this event. They will be the code.org site to take part in a variety of coding activities related to popular themes – "Frozen," "Minecraft," "Star Wars" and "Flappy Code." In addition, they will have the opportunity

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A Tropical Touch

KELLY HERTZ/P&D
The Yankton Middle School seventh/eighth grade chorus brought a Caribbean flavor to the holidays with its performance of "Island Noel" during the YMS Bands and Chorus concert Monday night at the middle school gymnasium. The sixth-grade band and the seventh/eighth grade band also performed, offering holiday tunes as well as the patriotic "Thank You, Soldiers," which the chorus sang at the school's Veterans Day program last month.

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NORTH
OF 15TH STREET

TOMORROW: Lawmakers Respond To Daugaard's Budget Address