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Security Changes Made At YSD

BY ALISSA WOOCKMAN

In the wake of an incident regarding two intruders at Yankton High School last Thursday, the Yankton School District (YSD) has installed new security measures.

A new intercom system has been put in place at YHS's front entrances. All entrance doors to the school were locked Friday and will continue to remain locked throughout the school year.

The system allows visitors to ring the office. The office secretaries are then able to speak to the individual, ask for identification and unlock the doors from the office. Only one door remains unlocked for 10 seconds until the person enters, and is then locked behind that person.

The system also comes with a camera so administrators have a full view of the entrance and the

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'A Marvelous Life'

Longtime USD Professor Wayne Knutson Dies at 89

From P&D Staff Reports

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota has lost a dynamic champion of the arts.

Distinguished Professor Emeritus Wayne S. "Doc" Knutson, whose influence on theater and the arts spans from the University of South Dakota to the Black Hills, died late Monday. He was 89.

Knutson, who taught and held several leadership roles at USD across 35 years, entered hospice care in early November due to heart trouble.

"Dr. Wayne Knutson was an amazing man, with many areas of interest and many talents," said Larry Schou, dean of USD's College of Fine Arts. "He spent his career at USD helping build up the programs in



COURTESY: USD ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS Wayne Knutson outside USD's Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts, early 1970s.

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Figure Skaters To Perform And To Aid Pantry

BY ALISSA WOOCKMAN

The holidays are a time to give back. To do that, the Yankton Area Ice Association (YAIA) is holding an event to give back entertainment as well as support to a local non-profit.

Yankton Figure Skating is presenting its mid-season performance of "Holiday on Ice" Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Pine Acres Kiwanis Ice Arena.

This production provides a chance for the community to see what the skaters have accomplished so far this season, as well as enjoy some holiday-themed routines.

Admission for the performance will be used to raise goods for the Contact Center's Food Pantry. YAIA is asking for audience members to donate an item for the night of entertainment.

"I call it our give back to the community," said Pam Erickson, YAIA figure skating coordinator. "Every year we pick our one charity that we decide we want to give back to. This year, we are really trying to raise a lot of items for the Food Pantry."

After a decision by the organization not to hold a holiday performance last year, the group wanted to make sure this year's event was successful.

Skaters are responsible for choreographing their own routines, providing their own music and organizing their own costumes/props.

There are four Ice Skating Institute (ISI) certified coaches that the other skaters can utilize. One of the coaches, Katie Bratberg, is a junior at Yankton High School and has been coaching for the past two years for YAIA. As a freestyle 4 level skater, Bratberg has been skating for nine years and participating in competition for four.

"My favorite part about being a coach is passing on how much I love skating to the younger girls and how much

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SD Budget Address

A Medicaid Move?



PHOTO: JAMES NORD/AP

South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard speaks during his budget address at the state capitol in Pierre Tuesday. Daugaard proposed broadening eligibility for South Dakota's Medicaid program even though he shares some lawmakers' concerns about expanding it.

Lawmakers Eye School, Medicaid Funding

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF

Gov. Dennis Daugaard's budget address shows Medicaid expansion and school funding will emerge as major priorities in the 2016 Legislature, lawmakers said Tuesday.

District 18 Sen. Bernie Hunhoff (D-Yankton) said he senses a change in priorities.

"You know, I've had a lot of concerns about recent state budgets, as we've socked away tens of millions of dollars into reserve funds while decreasing funding for schools,

increasing tuition costs and failing to take advantage of the new federal program expand health care services for South Dakota's low-income workforce," he said.

"But maybe we've turned the corner. I'm encouraged by Governor Daugaard's FY 2017 budget. Finally we have South Dakota's real priorities on the front burner in Pierre. If we can wrangle support for the governor's proposals to freeze college and tech school



Hunhoff



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tuition and better fund our scholarship programs, then we'll be making some headway."

Hunhoff gave up his Democratic leadership role to focus on Medicaid expansion, and he's excited about the governor's effort.

"Expanding Medicaid would help our economy as a whole, our Native

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Daugaard Recommends Expansion If It's Free

BY JAMES NORD

Associated Press

PIERRE — Gov. Dennis Daugaard proposed an ambitious budget Tuesday for a state bolstered by better-than-expected revenues, backing new state aid to hike teacher pay and freeze tuition while also proposing a plan to expand Medicaid.

The \$4.8 billion budget proposal, which the Republican governor outlined in his annual address, includes more than \$80 million in new general state spending for the upcoming budget year.

Daugaard's openness to broadening eligibility for the health coverage program for low-income and disabled people is a departure from many other Republican governors around the country who have steadfastly resisted expanding the Medicaid program in part because of opposition to the federal health overhaul.

The governor said the state's cost would have to be covered by savings to move forward. The proposal pays for the state's share of the expansion in part by expanding access to services that are fully funded by the federal government, with the goal of freeing up enough state funding to pay for the addition of more residents to the Medicaid program.

"I cannot tell you today that everything will come together, but if it does, we should seize

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Christmas Store Teaches Children About Giving

BY REILLY BIEL

There's a fun opportunity coming up for parents who want their children to experience the joy of giving.

On Saturday, Dec. 12, the fourth annual Christmas Store, a non-profit organization, will be open from 1-5 p.m. at Riverview Reform Church in Yankton. Children from junior kindergarten through fifth grade can select gifts for their immediate families at no cost.

The event was started in 2012 by the late Ann Hudson of Yankton. According to her husband Dick, Ann didn't have much growing up and saw too many people take than give. She wanted today's

children to understand that the joy of giving could be stronger than the joy of receiving.

After Ann passed away in 2014, Dick became president of the board of directors for the Christmas Store.

"That first year, we had around 100 kids participate," he said. "We had a few more the next year, and last year there were over 200 kids and we gave away more than 1,000 presents."

The presents given out have ranged from infant to adult-aged gifts. The gifts are either donated by community members or purchased by Christmas

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Songs And Artwork



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Fifth- and sixth-grade students from Yankton's Sacred Heart Middle School presented their Christmas Concert and Art Display Tuesday night at Link Auditorium. Besides offering seasonal and non-seasonal tunes, the students also displayed some of their artwork.

Happy Holidays



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