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# Seeking A Clear Message

Advocates Taking Steps To Educate About Legalized Marijuana

*EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a two-part series examining the mixed messages young people are receiving about marijuana since its legalization for recreational use in some parts of the United States.*

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South Dakota voters have had two opportunities to legalize marijuana as a medicinal tool, and two times the effort failed.

One of the main advocacy groups behind the efforts, voted on in 2006 and 2010, was the South Dakota Coalition for Compassion. The group's former campaign coordinator, Emmett Reistroffer, said since the last electoral defeat, the group has since disbanded. However he and others affiliated with it have continued to spearhead efforts for some form of legalization at the state level ever since.

"Lately, a lot of us (who had been involved in the coalition) have wanted to

switch gears and advocate for industrial hemp in South Dakota," Reistroffer said. "We're seeking sponsors in the Legislature and so far I've had some good conversations with folks."

As states continue to pass legislation allowing possession of marijuana for medicinal purposes (20 as of 2014) and recreational use (Washington and Colorado), conflicting federal stances on the drug and controversy

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## State Of The State

# Daugaard May Point To Growth, Challenges

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PIERRE — When Gov. Dennis Daugaard delivered his first State of the State speech to open the 2011 legislative session, he spent a third of his time on economic development. He declared he was embarking not on a one-year plan but one that would cover four years.



Daugaard

The Republican governor returns to address the Legislature again Tuesday on opening day of the 2014 session. Now he is year four of that plan and of his governorship. He hasn't formally declared his intention to seek re-election this year, but the operative assumption is he's running.

In his 2011 speech Daugaard acknowledged South Dakota's economy was coming out of the recession. Labor statistics indicate the jobs lost in the recession have been replaced and businesses kept hiring. Employment was at a record high as of November.

In fact, unemployment is at an extreme low in many of South Dakota's regional hubs. Shortage of skilled workers in some occupations has been described as a barrier to growth in some communities.

Daugaard talked about the need for workforce development in both of his 2012 and 2013 speeches to legislators. State government has seen limited success in efforts to bring back former South Dakotans and to recruit people to move to South Dakota from other states.

Workforce development will be a theme again Tuesday for the governor, along with many other topics as State of the State speeches typically have been, according to spokesman Tony Venhuizen.

Voters in November 2012 rejected one of Daugaard's proposals to allow a state board to give tax rebates to large business projects. Last year legislators crafted their own South Dakota Jobs package of incentives.

Hanging over the 2014 session are the revelations and ongoing investigations, reviews and audits of state government's involvement in the EB5 immigrant-investor program that was secretly implemented under the previous governor, Mike Rounds, for whom Daugaard was lieutenant governor. Daugaard in his 2011 State of the State

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## Tiny Dancers



JAMES CIMBUREK/P&D

Youngsters show their stuff at halftime of the Yankton-Brandon Valley boys' basketball game on Saturday at the Summit Center. The girls were part of a dance camp hosted by the Yankton High School Dance team. For details on the game go to page 7.

## Kleinschmit Named Youth Of The Year

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Perhaps more comfortable selling candy bars and other items to people across Yankton, Kyle Kleinschmit recently had to sell himself.

And the so-called "Candy Bar Kid" found success doing that, as well.

"I always make time to help my community, because they've helped me so much," the 15-year-old Yankton High School freshman said.

"School is the first priority, but once that is done for the day, I'm all about helping out."

A fixture on the volunteer scene, Kleinschmit was recently named Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Club of Yankton at the Brookings Club Corporation competition.

The title recognizes "outstanding contributions" to family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club, according to the organization.

If Kleinschmit's community-wide accomplishments were listed on a resume, high up would be his feat of selling 2,500 candy bars in just 10 days during a juvenile diabetes fundraiser.

"He's got that knack for talk-



COURTESY PHOTO

Yankton High School freshman Kyle Kleinschmit, center, was named Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Club of Yankton during a recent competition at the Brookings Club Corporation. Kleinschmit is pictured with Jesse Bailey, left, the lead academy teacher at the Boys & Girls Club of Yankton, and Kelsie Thoreson, Teen Court Coordinator.

ing to people," his mother, Toni Kleinschmit, said. "His big thing is sales. He can sell anything to just about anybody."

When it came time to sell himself to an audience and a panel of judges at the Brookings competition, Kyle said he was "just myself" — the confident, outgoing boy that sold all those candy bars.

"I'm very honored, because I know it's a big award," Kyle

said. "I'm really proud of it. I know I can give back to my community even more now, hopefully, since the word is out there."

After winning the organizational competition (where he represented the Moody County Club), Kleinschmit advances to the state competition on Feb.

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## Legislature To Debate Common Core Standards

BY CHET BROKAW  
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PIERRE — State Education Secretary Melody Schopp expects to spend much of the upcoming South Dakota legislative session defending the Common Core standards that establish what students should know in math and English at each grade level.

She's ready for the battle.

"We're going to stay firm, and hopefully the message will be clear that it's the right thing for South Dakota," Schopp said.

School districts this year began implementing the standards, adopted by 45 states, but those guidelines are coming under increasing attacks from some lawmakers and others who argue they take away too much local control of schools.

Rep. Jim Bolin, R-Canton, a retired teacher who has criticized the standards for several years, said he and other lawmakers will introduce bills in the legislative session starting Tuesday that seek to limit or even scrap Common Core.

The effort will include proposals to phase out the standards over several years, put the brakes on the standards pending additional study, allow parents to exempt their children from testing and prevent information on individual students from being given to the federal government.

"Fundamentally, it goes against the basic principle of American education, which is that local people who pay local taxes to support their local schools are going to be cut out of the educational process. They're going to lose control of their local school," Bolin said.

Schopp said the federal government was not involved in the state-led effort to develop the standards, though federal officials have supported the project. The standards were developed by

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## Around The World

Annika Gordon (left) looks on as Lauren Eidsness solos during the Yankton Children's Choir's performance of "Riu, Riu, Chiu," a Spanish Christmas carol, at Sunday's winter concert at the Riverview Reformed Church in Yankton. Gordon also soloed during the number. The choir presented "A Musical Journey Around the World," taking the large crowd in attendance on a global tour with many songs sung in foreign languages. Jaclyn Mathison is the choir's director. To see or purchase images from this event, visit [spotted.yankton.net/](http://spotted.yankton.net/). (Kelly Hertz/P&D)



## Vermillion

# Construction Under Way At Landfill

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VERMILLION — It's been a long time coming, but work has finally commenced on two projects at the Vermillion Sanitary Landfill.

Landfill manager Bob Iverson spoke to members of the Vermillion City Council about efforts to rebuild the baler building and to make a new leachate pond and collection system during a special meeting Monday afternoon.

Iverson said crews started laying the beams in "right after Christmas."

"They'll probably start putting up the building within the next two, two and a half

weeks," he said. "They'll put up the building and get it heated, they'll do all the plumbing and electric (work), and then they'll pour all the concrete outside."

Before the building could start, approximately 20,000 cubic yards of clay were hauled in to build the foundation, which had to be raised up close to eight feet, Iverson said.

The main structure of the building will be held up by 10 piers that measure eight by 12 feet and are 18 inches thick.

"The footings ... are 18 inches thick and two feet wide," Iverson said. "It takes a lot of concrete to hold up this building."

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