

## \$38M Tech School Bond Expansion Approved

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota Legislature has approved a bill that would allow more than \$38 million in bonds to be sold to finance program expansions at two of the state's four technical institutes. The measure increases the bonding limit to \$18.5 million at Western Dakota Technical Institute in Rapid City to pay for agricultural science and diesel programs. The \$20 million in new bond money at Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls will be used to expand auto body and diesel programs and to expand construction technology. Student fees are used to pay off the bonds. The House on Wednesday agreed to Senate changes to the measure, sending the bill to the governor's desk.

## Watertown Woman Claims \$64,000 Jackpot

PIERRE (AP) — A Watertown woman has claimed a \$64,000 Dakota Cash jackpot. South Dakota lottery officials say Charlotte Troska won the jackpot in the March 2 drawing. The odds of winning it are one in about 325,000. Dakota Cash is played only in South Dakota. The jackpot is at \$20,000 for the next drawing, on Wednesday.

## Suspect Arrested In Jewelry Theft In Aberdeen

ABERDEEN (AP) — A man suspected in the theft of a bracelet worth more than \$30,000 from an Aberdeen jewelry store has been arrested in Florida. Brown County prosecutor Chris White tells the *American News* that the man was arrested Tuesday on unrelated charges, and Florida law officers discovered he was wanted in South Dakota. Authorities did not immediately identify him.

## Man Pleads Not Guilty In Fatal Traffic Crash

PIERRE (AP) — A man accused of driving recklessly and causing a fatal crash in central South Dakota has pleaded not guilty in federal court to involuntary manslaughter. Authorities allege that a vehicle driven by 19-year-old Charg Hebb, of Lantry, collided head-on with another vehicle on a Ziebach County road last October. A passenger in Hebb's vehicle, Arleigh McLellan, was killed. Hebb faces up to eight years in prison if convicted. A trial date was not immediately set.

## Arrests Made In String Of Beadle Co. Burglaries

HURON (AP) — Four Huron men have been arrested in a string of burglaries at seven rural residences in Beadle County earlier this year. Authorities say tips from the public and records from a Sioux Falls pawn shop led to the arrests that were made when search warrants were executed Friday and Monday. Sheriff Doug Solem says authorities recovered a large number of stolen items, including guns and knives. Cash and drugs also were seized. The suspects range in age from 18 to 32. They were arrested on burglary, stolen property and drug charges.

# Economic Dev. Fund Could Get \$7M Kickstart

BY DIRK LAMMERS  
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PIERRE — A proposed change to a comprehensive bipartisan economic development plan would kick start the effort with \$7 million from the state's general fund. Building South Dakota would be funded on an ongoing basis by a portion of the contractors' excise tax collected on large projects and some of the unclaimed property that the state receives from abandoned bank accounts. Senate President Pro Tem Corey Brown said the appropriation would help get the program started earlier. "With the way this was structured, a lot of the funding doesn't really kick in until the next fiscal year and the one after that," said Brown, R-Gettysburg. Another major change would add a safety valve, withholding spending if projected ongoing revenues would be insufficient to fund education, Medicaid and state employee costs, Brown said. "I think that's a reasonable compromise," he said. A negotiating committee planned to consider the proposed changes Thursday morning. South Dakota currently has no incentive plan because a previous program that re-funded construction taxes for large industrial projects was allowed to expire on Dec. 31. A replacement plan suggested by Gov. Dennis Daugaard was rejected by voters in the November election. Republicans and Democrats worked for the past two months to find a compromise to help level the playing field with other states that do a better job recruiting large projects. The bill also helps communities build the infrastructure needed to encourage development, works with the state's technical centers on training and helps K-12 schools bear the cost of English language training when a project draws workers from other cultures. South Dakota charges not only a 4 percent

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sales tax on construction projects, but also a 2 percent contractors' excise tax on gross receipts. Few other states have a contractors' excise tax, so construction is cheaper elsewhere. The new plan would refund part or all of the state sales tax paid by projects of more than \$20 million that would not located in South Dakota without such an incentive. The contractors' excise tax collected on those projects would be placed in the Building South Dakota Fund so the state can reinvest in future projects. The new fund would also get a portion of unclaimed property that the state receives from abandoned bank accounts. Pat Costello, commissioner of the Governor's Office of Economic Development, pledged his support for the bill, especially the portion that helps attract large projects to the state. "There are pieces of it that we like more than others," Costello said, but he said he's thankful for the bipartisan effort.

# Daugaard Signs Veterans Bills In Capital Rotunda

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard on Wednesday signed four bills dealing with veterans issues during a ceremony in the Capitol rotunda. The bills approve special license plates for veterans with disabilities, allow veterans to receive credit for certain military training and expertise, expedite licenses, registrations and permits for spouses of activity duty military and designate March 30 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day. Daugaard, flanked by dozens of military veterans filling the Capitol's wide marble staircase, garnered the most enthusiastic response from the retired troops when signing the Vietnam Veterans Day bill. The governor also commemorated three other measures signed Monday. Two of the bills set additional working state

holidays. One designates the third Friday in September as POW/MIA Recognition Day, and the other makes Aug. 7 Purple Heart Recognition Day. The third bill signed Monday appropriates nearly \$7 million of additional funds to help build a new \$41 million state veterans home in Hot Springs. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will provide 65 percent of the project's cost, and the state will issue bonds to pay its share. The plan is to build a 100-bed veterans home in Hot Springs on the same property as the current facility. The bill contains a special clause that allowed it to take effect the moment Daugaard signed it. The governor told the group of veterans that construction is expected to start within weeks.

## S.D. Legislature Bans Cellphone Use By Young Drivers

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota Legislature has passed a measure banning beginning drivers from using cellphones behind the wheel. The Senate voted 23-10 Wednesday to accept a change in the bill made by the House. The measure will become law if signed by Gov. Dennis Daugaard. The measure would ban young drivers from using cellphones or other electronic devices until they get unrestricted licenses at age 16. The House added language that says a law enforcement officer cannot stop a young driver just for driving while using a cellphone. A law officer could issue a ticket for driving while using a cellphone only after stopping a young driver for some other traffic violation.

## OBITUARIES

### Dorothy Darcy

Dorothy Ann Darcy, 81, of Yankton, passed away Monday, March 4, 2013 at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton, SD. Private family memorial services will be held with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial of the cremated remains will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, at a later date. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with service details. Dorothy Ann was born September 4, 1931, in Yankton, to Lawrence & Marie (Mines) Ryan and was the youngest of six children. She attended school at Sacred Heart School, Grove School and Mount Marty College. Dorothy married John E. Darcy on April 30, 1955 at Sacred Heart Church, Yankton, SD. To



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this union, four children were born: Mary, Kathy, John and a stillborn son. She was employed at Dales, MTron, Stockmen's Livestock and South Dakota Human Services Center, until retiring. They bought and remodeled houses and sold fireworks for numerous years in Yankton. Dorothy enjoyed cooking, gardening, garage sales and spending time with family. She would do whatever she could to lend a hand to anyone in need, family or not. She is survived by her son John (Cathi) Darcy of Yankton, SD; daughters, Kathy (Darcy) Brewer and Mary Darcy, both of

Yankton, SD; grandchildren: Crystal Jensen, Michael Brewer, Michael Darcy, Patrick Brewer, Patricia Darcy and Robert Darcy; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, infant son, brothers: George, James and Patrick Ryan, sisters, Mary Lanning and Margaret O'Connor.

A special thank you to Mike O'Connor for all the generous help and support during this difficult time.

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### Edward Young

Sept. 8, 1931-March 5, 2013 Ed Young, 81, of Wakonda, SD, passed away Tuesday, March 5th at Wakonda Heritage Manor after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born September 8th, 1931 to JJ and May (Dickerson) Young in rural Wakonda. He attended grade school at Ireland Country School and graduated from Wakonda High School in 1949. He later married his high school sweetheart, Wanda Hatch, on September 1st, 1951. He joined the US Army in 1952 and was stationed at Fort Knox, KY and Germany. He returned home in March 1955 and started farming north of Wakonda, where they raised their family and still reside today. He retired from farming in 1996. He had a keen



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mind that occupied him in his shop right up until taking his blueprints with him. He is survived by his wife, Wanda, of 61 years and 5 children, Jeff (Joan), Kennewick, WA, Kathy Glidden (Jim), Papillion, NE, Valerie Anderson (Doug), Great Falls, MT, Julie Forney (Greg), Spirit Lake, IA, & Mark (Christine), St. Cloud, MN. He had 14 grandchildren, Eric, Evan, Jared, Nicole, Shannon, Ashley, Cody, Corey, Janelle, Brian, Nicholas, Nathan, Anthony & Tara and 8 great-grandchildren, Jacob, Tanner, Zachary, Evelyn, Audrey, Eliza, Tristan & Grayson. A sister, Carol McMahon, Colton,

SD and many relatives and friends, also survives him. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Marge Hendry, brothers Bob & Willard (Jim), infant daughter, Nancy & grandson, Travis Anderson. Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Saturday, March 9, 2013 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Wakonda. Burial of ashes will take place at a later date. Visitation will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, March 8, 2013 at the Fr. McMahon Center in Wakonda. For obituary and online condolences visit hansenfuneralhome.com

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### William 'Bill' Cameron

William (Bill) Garrald Cameron, 61, went to be with his Lord God on March 5, 2013 after a long and difficult fight with cancer, with his family by his side at his home in Juneau, WI. The funeral service for Bill will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Harvest Ev. Free Church, W7444 Hwy. 33, Beaver Dam with Pastor Robert Johnson and Pastor Todd Werner officiating. A visitation will be held on Friday, March 8, 2013 from 4-6 p.m. at the Koepsell Funeral Home, N7199 N. Crystal Lake Road, Beaver Dam, and on Saturday, March 9th from 10-11 a.m. at Harvest Ev. Free Church in Beaver Dam. Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Beaver Dam. Graveside Military Honors will be conducted by the Beaver Dam American Legion Post # 146. Bill was born to Garrald and Mildred (Zdenek) Cameron on February 2, 1952 in Yankton, SD. His father was an EMT and his mother was a supervisor at the Yankton State Hospital. He graduated from Yankton High School in 1970 and met and married the love of his life, Pamela J. Swannstrom, 3 years later. After high school Bill joined the army and was based in Hawaii. Upon completion of his army duties in 1976, he and Pam returned to the mainland to finish his degree from the South Dakota School of Mines, where he graduated in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He then started working for John Deere and eventually settled in Juneau, WI. He spent over 30 years with John



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Deere in the engineering and regulations departments, finally retiring in May of 2012. He was a member at Bible Baptist Church, now of Harmony Baptist Church. Bill had many tremendous accomplishments throughout his life, including designing and building his family a home from the ground up with the help of two of his sons and the rest of his family. Bill is survived by his wife Pamela; his children: Laura (fiancé William Bilicki) Cameron, Matthew (Stephanie) Cameron, Sarah (Shawn) Neal, Caleb Cameron, Christine (Dustin) Erickson, Daniel (Rachel) Cameron, Suzanna (Jonathan) Rhine and David Cameron; his mother Mildred Cameron; his three brothers: Dick Cameron, Don (Diane) Cameron, and Scott (Maria) Cameron, and his sister Joan Stocking. He was blessed with eight grandchildren and is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father Garrald Cameron and his brother Bob. Bill was a loving and wonderful husband and father, who was loved greatly and will be missed immensely by all who had the honor of knowing him. Koepsell Funeral and Cremation Services in Beaver Dam is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at www.koepsellfh.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan  
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### Joseph Thaler

LAKE ANDES — Joseph Gene Thaler, 83, died on March 4, 2013 at Select Specialty Hospital in Omaha, NE. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 8, 2013 at First Lutheran Church in Lake Andes, SD with burial following in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Ar-mour, SD. A luncheon will be served at First Lutheran Church in Lake Andes following the burial. Visitation will be Thursday, March 7, 2013 from 7-9 p.m. at Koehn Bros. Funeral Home in Lake Andes. Joseph Gene Thaler from Omaha, Nebraska, passed away peacefully after a long illness on March 4th 2013. Gene was born on a farm near Tyndall, South Dakota on October 10, 1929 to Joseph and Mary (Slopak) Thaler. He enlisted into the army in 1948 and then was drafted back into the Army to serve in combat in the Korean War. Gene graduated from Southern State Teacher's College with a degree in elementary education. He taught elementary school for 41 years. Seventeen of those years he taught in Lake Andes, South Dakota and eleven years in Morse Bluff, Nebraska. He also taught in Wagner, South Dakota, Montrose, South Dakota, and Osmond, Nebraska. He served in the South Dakota National Guard for over twenty years. He was united in marriage to Alice Heims in 1955. To this union were born Patrick, (Kathy) West Fork Arkansas,



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children and 4 great grandchildren. Alice Thaler passed away in 1980. In 1986 he was married to Barbara Chandler Simpson and inherited 2 step daughters. Jean-nie Simpson (Jim), Fremont, Nebraska, and Marcy Simpson Houseman, (Jimmy), Lake Andes, South Dakota. His step-daughters couldn't have loved him more were he their own Father. Gene retired from Morse Bluff Elementary school in 2000. He loved riding his motorcycle, traveling, taking care of his yard, his cats, and was an avid reader. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Alice Thaler. He is survived by his sister Caroline, Scotland, South Dakota, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and his wife of 27 years, Barbara Chandler Thaler.

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### Vesta Hanson

Vesta M. Hanson, 99, of Viborg, SD passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Viborg. Vesta Myrtle Hansen was born on September 25, 1913, to T.C. Hanson and Bertha (Polley) Hanson. She was born and raised in Wakonda, graduating from Wakonda High School in 1931. Vesta attended Northern State College and earned her State Teaching Certificate. While teaching, Vesta continued her education, earning her Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Elementary Education with a Minor in music. Vesta taught in Ashton and Platte schools for three years, then Sioux Falls Kindergarten until 1952, when she went to Northern State to teach Early Childhood and Elementary Ed. She taught at Northern State for 27 years and retired in 1979. Vesta enjoyed traveling with her sister Margaret every summer after retirement. They traveled to many countries in six of the seven continents. Survivors include nieces;



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Deanne Leapley, Bonnie Wright, Cindy (Paul) Thraikill, Linda Hanson, 1st cousin Russell Polley; several grand nieces and nephews and great-grand nieces and nephews, also several special cousins on both sides of the family. She was preceded in death by; her parents, sister Margaret, brother Lyle, nephew Pastor Steve Hanson, two nephews-in-law and an infant nephew. Funeral services will be 10:30am, Saturday, March 9, 2013 at United Methodist Church in Wakonda. Burial will follow in Hur-ley City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2013 with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m. at the Hansen Funeral Home in Irene. For obituary and online condolences visit hansenfuneralhome.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan  
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