

Gertsema Case Moved To December

From P&D Staff Reports

The DUI case involving Yankton School District (YSD) superintendent Dr. Joseph Gertsema has been continued to December. The court date had been scheduled for Tuesday Nov. 13 in Vermillion.

Gertsema's attorney, Mike Stevens, told the Press & Dakotan he had to move the date because of a scheduling conflict.

Gertsema was arrested for driving under the influence at approximately 1:20 a.m. on Oct. 7 after he failed a sobriety test at a state highway patrol checkpoint about three miles east of Vermillion.

Gertsema has served as the Yankton superintendent for 23 years. The new court date is scheduled for 9 a.m. Dec. 11 in Vermillion.

Maurices To Hold Coat Drive Beginning Thurs.

Maurices at the Yankton Mall, 2101 Broadway, is holding a Coat drive to benefit Women's Shelter and the Clothing Closet.

"While we participate in a number of Maurices-sponsored benefits throughout the year, we are especially proud when we have the opportunity to support causes right here at home," says Store Manager Katie Kiger.

The coat drive begins on Thursday, Nov. 15, and continues through Saturday, Dec. 15. Customers can drop off their donations any time during store hours. Items needed include gently used winter coats, boots, scarves, hats, gloves.

For each donation, people will receive a coupon for 20 percent off any one regular-priced Maurices item.

L&C Visitor Center To Close For Season Friday

The Lewis and Clark Visitor Center, operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the National Park Service will close for the season at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16.

The center, which is located on Nebraska Highway 121 near the Gavins Point Dam, will reopen in March.

Pancake Breakfast Set For Nov. 18 In Tabor

TABOR — The American Legion Hall of Tabor Post No. 183 will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 18, running from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The menu will include pecan, blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes; eggs, sausage and ham; juice and coffee; and fresh, hot doughnuts with new winter flavors like blueberry and cinnamon spice.

Social Security Office To Begin Reduced Hours

Effective Nov. 19, the Yankton Social Security office will be open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., a reduction of 30 minutes each weekday. In addition, beginning Jan. 2, 2013, the office will close to the public at noon every Wednesday.

While agency employees will continue to work their regular hours, this shorter public window will allow them to complete face-to-face interviews and process claims work without incurring the cost of overtime. The significantly reduced funding provided by Congress under the continuing resolution for the first six months of the fiscal year makes it impossible for the agency to provide the overtime needed to handle service to the public as it has done in the past.

In addition, on Nov. 23, the day after Thanksgiving, all Social Security field offices will be closed to the public. Employees working that day will focus on reducing backlogged workloads.

Most Social Security services do not require a visit to a local office. Many services, including applying for retirement, disability or Medicare benefits, signing up for direct deposit, replacing a Medicare card, obtaining a proof of income letter or informing officials of a change of address or telephone number are available at www.socialsecurity.gov or by dialing our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778. Many online services also are available in Spanish at www.segurosocial.gov.

Community Holiday Feast Slated For Nov. 21

The 17th annual Yankton Community Holiday Feast, a free holiday meal to the public, will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church, 2407 Broadway, Yankton on Wednesday, Nov. 21, running from 4:30-7 p.m.

Volunteers and donations are needed. To donate turkey and dressing, pies and/or cash, or to volunteer, contact Donna Madson at 760-3170. Cash donations are accepted at First National Bank of South Dakota, 332 Broadway, Yankton.

There is also meal delivery for shut-ins only. To arrange this, call 760-3170 by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16.

Two Seniors Named BAMAAR Students of Month

Tom Kellen and Kristian Bilbrey, both seniors enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses at Yankton High School, have been recognized as BAMAAR Students of the Month for October 2012.

Kellen is the son of Mike and Holly Kellen of Yankton. He currently is enrolled in the Intro to Building Trades, Cabinetry and Technical Drafting CTE courses and has taken Exploring Technology, TMS I, TMS II and Personal Finance previously.

"Tom has been in my Technical Drafting class and has gone above and beyond what has been asked. He is great to have in class, works hard and excels in drafting," according to YHS CTE Instructor Bret Johnson, who nominated him for the award.

"While at Yankton High School he has always displayed a leadership role and citizenship skills. I would describe Tom as someone with a lot of enthusiasm and fun to be around," Johnson continued. "He has gone the extra step and worked on his cabinetry plans at home using his drafting skills."

Kellen plans to attend college for architecture and eventually get into custom cabinetry. For him, the best part of his CTE coursework is the feeling of ac-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Kristian Bilbrey and Tom Kellen were recently recognized as BAMAAR Students of the Month for October 2012.

complishment he gets when he finishes something he has put effort into.

Bilbrey is the daughter of Curt and Kelly Bilbrey of Yankton. She is enrolled in the CTE courses of World of Work and Intro to Vehicle Maintenance.

"During Kristian's World of Work class, she has shown excitement and enthusiasm for her class and future career," said Ryan Hage, her YHS World of Work Coordinator, who nominated her for the BAMAAR

award. "Kristian's bubbly personality has been welcomed at her job placement sites, her attendance has been great, her appearance professional, and she always arrives on time."

Shadowing to find out which career she would like to further her education in has been her favorite part of her World of Work class. It has allowed her to watch to determine if she would be truly dedicated to the profession and to see if it was a career she would like. Following graduation,

show up at hospital emergency rooms. Since they can't afford to pay for expensive emergency care, hospitals have to charge insured patients to offset losses in charity care, he said.

"People stay healthier when they have health insurance coverage. For people who are poor and can't get that coverage currently, this is important to them," Hewett said.

South Dakota's Medicaid program now covers about 116,000 children, adults and disabled people at a cost of \$300 million a year to the state.

Most of the estimated 48,000 low-income people who aren't covered are adults without children, Daugaard said.

State officials are conducting a study on how much they would cost.

"Is it sick people? Is it mostly young people? Young adults are cheaper to cover than 60-year-olds," he said.

Daugaard said he doubts any Medicaid expansion will come by 2014, when much of the federal law goes into effect. But he said it might be possible in 2015 or 2016.

He said he hopes federal officials will allow flexibility on the income ceiling for eligibility, what ages to cover or what medical services would be included.

Under the new system, the federal government will cover the full cost of Medicaid expansions through 2016. The state's contribution would then begin to rise in stages to 10 percent.

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Daugaard said he would consider expanding Medicaid after more is known about the impact and how much flexibility the state will have in administering the program.

"You can wait, evaluate your budget situation, see how your economy is going, and see how your Medicaid costs are coming into control," the governor said.

Daugaard, along with many other Republican governors, opposed the new law and had hoped it would be repealed if Obama was not re-elected. The new health law's first postelection deadline is Friday, when states must notify the federal Health and Human Services Department whether they will set up an online marketplace for residents and businesses to use in shopping among competing policies. Daugaard announced in September that South Dakota instead will let the federal government operate and pay for the online system, known as an exchange. Coverage is slated to begin in 2014.

Dave Hewett, president of the state health care association, said all patients will suffer if more low-income residents aren't allowed into Medicaid. He said people without coverage often delay getting medical care until they are very sick and then

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Commissioner Donna Freng agreed with Sinclair.

Commissioner Garry Moore, who made the motion to convene in executive session, said some details needed to be addressed.

"We don't know at this point if whoever we choose will accept the position ... or if (that individual) will muster up to the background check," he said.

Allen noted that the commissioners had already done extensive study of the 11 applicants for the job. He added that the job could only be offered in open session.

"I don't see the reason for an unnecessary executive session," Allen said.

The commissioners subse-

Bilbrey plans to attend a beauty college in Rapid City before enrolling in an Omaha school to study more in-depth so she can become an esthetician.

Students who are enrolled in CTE classes at YHS are eligible for the BAMAAR Student of the Month awards and can be nominated by their CTE instructors. A panel selects up to two monthly winners throughout the school year. For being named BAMAAR Students of the Month, Kellen and Bilbrey received T-shirts, certificates and other prizes donated by local businesses.

The award, which received the name BAMAAR because it is sponsored by the building association, manufacturers association and area retailers, was first presented during the 2008-2009 school year. It was designed to recognize outstanding students enrolled in Career and Technical Education classes at YHS and is awarded by Yankton High School in conjunction with the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC).

To honor all of the monthly BAMAAR winners, a recognition ceremony will be held in the spring. At that time, at least one of the monthly winners will be named the BAMAAR Student of the Year.

quently defeated the motion to go into executive session 3-2. Sinclair, Freng and Chairman Bruce Jensen opposed the move, while Moore and Mark Johnson supported it.

With no closed session, the commissioners then used paper ballots to vote on their preferences for the superintendent post. One individual received three first preference votes, and another garnered two votes.

Jensen said he would contact the first choice — whose name was not disclosed pending his acceptance of the job — as designated by the commissioners. The background check would then begin.

The commissioners were unsure if the background check would be completed in time for next Tuesday's meeting.

You can follow Kelly Hertz on Twitter at twitter.com/kelly_hertz

OBITUARIES

Betty Brown

Betty Jean Brown, age 77, of Springfield, SD, died Monday, November 12, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall, South Dakota.

Memorial services are 11 a.m., on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton, South Dakota with Reverend David Gunderson officiating. Inurnment will be at the Lakeport Cemetery in rural Tabor, South Dakota.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

Betty was born April 2, 1935 in Yankton, South Dakota to John and Elsie (Neuendorf) Medeck. She attended Sacred Heart Grade School in Yankton and then graduated from



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most 10 years. After her daughter, Kimberly, was born, she stayed home to raise her family and became active in Atonement Lutheran School. Betty served as a substitute teacher and assisted with many school activities. After Duane retired in 1989, they moved west of Yankton. She was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Betty enjoyed listening to music, dancing, playing cards, and doing crossword puzzles. She also enjoyed the com-

panionship of her many pets, but above all, she loved visiting with people.

Betty is survived by her husband, Duane Brown of Springfield, SD; daughter, Kimberly (Joel) Nelson of Elk Point, SD; and a close family friend, June Ruppelt of Springfield.

To send an online sympathy message, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Online condolences at:
www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Payton Hand

ELK POINT — Payton N. Hand, 12, of Elk Point died Monday, Nov. 12, 2012, at Sanford Children Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home, Elk Point.

Agnes Thompson

ELK POINT — Agnes Thompson, 100, of Elk Point died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012, at WeLife Assisted Living, Elk Point.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home, Elk Point.

Richard Teske

Richard Edward Teske, 68, of Yankton died Saturday, Nov. 10, at the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minn., as a result of a sudden heart attack on Wednesday, Nov. 7, the morning of the day he was supposed to be admitted to the hospital for carotid artery surgery.

A memorial service is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton. Inurnment will be in the columbarium at the Garden of Memories Cemetery, Yankton.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Betty Brown

11:00 AM, Thursday
 St. John's Lutheran Church
 Yankton

Richard Teske

10:30 AM, Saturday
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My nomination for the 2012 Yankton Citizen of the Year is:

This person should be the Citizen of the Year because:

MY NAME: _____
 MY ADDRESS: _____
 MY PHONE NUMBER: _____

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Larry Hoff

Funeral services for Larry A. Hoff, 69, of Kaylor will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 17 at the United Church of Christ in Scotland with Rev. Ron Shifley officiating. Interment will follow in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home of Scotland. There will be a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening at the church.

Larry died on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls following a brief illness.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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