

### Daugaard Working To Finalize Budget Proposal

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard says he is almost finished with the budget proposal that he will present to legislators next month. Daugaard tells KCCR radio that he has made most of the budget decisions he can make at this time. Meetings with legislative leaders regarding the proposals and details are planned for Monday. Daugaard's budget speech to legislators is planned for Dec. 4 at the state Capitol in Pierre.

### Neb. Schedules Health Care Law Hearings

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska lawmakers have scheduled a joint hearing to examine how the federal health care law will affect the state budget. The Health and Human Services Committee and the Appropriations Committee will meet Tuesday to examine the impact the health care law might have on the budget in upcoming years. The National Conference of State Legislatures will brief lawmakers in the morning about the health care law and Medicaid, as will the director of the state's Medicaid Division. Lawmakers will also study the new costs and long-term state savings that are possible under the health care law.

### Hunters Invited To Register For Special Hunts

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks is encouraging hunters to register for special winter depredation hunts of nuisance species. Applicants are placed in a pool of hunters who can be called if landowners in their area are having problems with wild game getting into livestock feed. The *Argus Leader* reports that registration for potential seasons for deer, antelope and turkey opens Saturday. If a depredation hunt is authorized, participants are selected by random drawing. Keith Fisk with the agency's wildlife damage program says hunters would need to be able to be at the hunt location within a day or two.

### Iowa Mom Pleads Guilty In Drunk Toddler Case

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — An Iowa City mother arrested after her 23-month-old son was found to be legally drunk has pleaded guilty to felony child endangerment and neglect or abandonment charges. Natasha Kriener was charged in February after doctors found the toddler had a blood-alcohol level of .09 percent, above the state's legal limit of .08 percent. Police said the toddler's father had taken him to the hospital because he was crying and had poor balance. Cedar Rapids television station KCRG-TV reports that the 27-year-old Kriener pleaded guilty Monday. She had been set to go to trial in September, but failed to appear for a hearing and disappeared for nearly three months. She was arrested Nov. 1 on a warrant. She faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted of the charges.

## Grief Counselor On Hand For N.D. Community

NEW TOWN, N.D. (AP) — A grief counselor who provided support to a Minnesota reservation following a deadly shooting spree and victims of the Oklahoma City bombing is in New Town to help the community deal with the death of four residents. Jacqueline Gray has been on hand since Wednesday, offering grief support following the deaths of Martha Johnson, 64, and three of her grandchildren — Benjamin Schuster, 13, Julia Schuster, 10, and Luke Schuster, 6 — on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, the *Minot Daily News* reported in a story published Saturday. Police described Kalcie Eagle, 21, who

killed himself the same day as the shootings, as a person of interest. Eagle lived a block from Martha Johnson. Gray is associate director of indigenous programs at the Center for Rural Health and the Department of Pathology at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences. She previously offered grief counseling at Minnesota's Red Lake Reservation after 10 people were killed in 2005, and after the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, which killed 168 people. "There are things that are the same and things that are different," Gray said of the

concerns people have in New Town compared with the concerns at previous tragedies. "I think parents are concerned about their kids dealing with a classmate who has died, and also worried about dangers that might remain," she said. The FBI, which has is handling the investigation because it happened on a reservation, has said community members are no longer in danger. The Fort Berthold Reservation is home to the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara, who are known as the Three Affiliated Tribes.

## SDSU Student Tracking Elusive Bobcats

BY MARK WATSON  
Black Hills Pioneer

HOOVER — Northern Butte County is barren, sparsely populated and good bobcat country. On any given day, Eric Ness can be found checking his cage traps to see if any of the elusive cats are inside. Ness, a graduate student at South Dakota State University, began a two-year study of bobcats in the prairies of western South Dakota for the state Game, Fish & Parks Department. "They are curious on harvest rate and the population," Ness said. Ness began trapping in late summer around Hoover. Using cage traps he hoped to capture a large number of bobcats, but things started slow for the novice trapper. He enlisted the guidance of state trappers who said he was in good bobcat country and his sets looked good. "But the bobcats here are so rare," Ness said. "They don't travel much, so you really have to find where they hang out. It's been so dry that I haven't been able to find much sign or tracks or scat." There is a short bobcat trap-

ping and hunting season that begins in mid-December and ends in February. During the 2011-2012 season 713 bobcats were killed statewide with the largest numbers coming from: 41 in Butte County; 51 in Meade County; and 85 in Harding County, according to the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks. The vast majority of the bobcats were trapped. After a month of running his trap line with no bobcats in his traps, he took to the air to locate better habitat for the bobcats. He found a large stock pond and ravines with good cover for grouse and rabbits, prey species for bobcats. "What I've been trying to find is areas they would like to be in," he said. He placed his 23 traps throughout the area, often times placing two traps at one location in hopes of trapping a female and her young. Finally he saw two eyes staring back at him from inside a trap. "I caught him by a little cedar tree," Ness said. "He was a 23-pound male, a very good looking cat, with no fleas, no ticks and no parasites."

Ness and another GF&P biologist conducted fieldwork on the bobcat and fitted him with a radio collar. But unfortunately days later, the signal from the bobcat's collar disappeared. "It could have malfunctioned, the cat could have been hiding in culvert or, since it was a young male, it could have traveled out of the area," Ness said. He has expanded his trap line ever since, and what once took him a couple hours to check, now takes him most of the day. Next week he will begin a new trap line near Union Center in Meade County. Ness said collaring bobcats will allow him to see what type of terrain they prefer, to see movement patterns and even will indicate if one of the animals has died so biologists can determine how they died. Additionally the bobcats will be part of a mark and recapture study. Biologists are able to estimate the population when they look at the number of marked or collared animals killed versus the non-marked animals. Ness said his study is slated to last two years and with functioning collars, data could be collected for another few years after that.

### Husband, Wife Arrested After Northeast Neb. Shooting

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — A Madison, Neb., couple have been arrested following a shooting outside a Norfolk bar and a high speed chase. Sioux City, Iowa television station KTVI reports that 28-year old Jordan Beehn and his 25-year-old wife, Kelly Beehn, were arrested early Saturday morning following a high-speed chase on Highway 24 in Stanton County. Sheriff's deputies arrested Jordan Beehn on suspicion of driving drunk, then learned that he was a suspect in a Norfolk nightclub shooting. Norfolk police say Beehn and his wife were leaving the Norfolk bar early Saturday when Kelly Beehn got into a fight with another woman. Police say when another man tried to break up the fight, Jordan Beehn shot the man in the face. The shooting victim was flown to Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City.

### OBITUARIES

#### Dessa Taylor

Dessa Taylor, age 97, of Yankton, passed away on Thursday, November 22, 2012 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 26, 2012 at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton, with Rev. Rick Jensen officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery. Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with service details. Dessa was born September 11, 1915 on a farm in Woodbury County IA to Armour and Pearl (Davis) Payne. Following graduation from Menville High School in 1933, she attended the National Business Training School in Sioux City, IA. Dessa married Floyd D. "Bud" Taylor on May 29, 1937 in Menville, IA. They had two children, Jerry and Joan. In 1954 the family moved to Yankton, SD where Dessa resided until her death. She worked in banking and finance, including eleven years as credit manager for Sears Roebuck and Co. in Yankton, SD. From 1968 until her retirement in 1985, Dessa was employed by the City of Yankton in the City Treasurers' Office and



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as Deputy Finance Officer. In her retirement, she enjoyed bridge, golf, and spending time with her family and friends. She is survived by one son, Jerry D. (Dianne) Taylor of Batesville, AR; a son-in-law, Charlie Gross of Yankton, SD; three granddaughters: Christie (Doward) Hudlow of Houston, TX, Anne (Brian) Gates of Denver, CO, and Julie Taylor of Clayton, NC. In addition, she is survived by four great-grandchildren, two nieces and one nephew. Dessa was preceded in death by her husband, Bud, daughter, Joan Taylor Gross, grandson, Jeffrey D. Taylor, two brothers and two sisters, including Dick Payne and Carol Larson of Yankton, SD. Memorial may be made to United Church of Christ, 218 W. 5th Street, Yankton, SD 57078. Yankton Press & Dakotan November 26, 2012

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#### Ardith Jones

Ardith A. Jones, age 77 of Yankton passed away Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at the First United Methodist Church, Yankton, with Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories, Yankton, SD. Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Monday, November 26, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD and then one hour prior to the service at the church. Ardith was born December 9, 1934 at her farm home near Verdigré, NE to Wenzel and Vlasta (Janovec) Kurka. She was baptized and confirmed at Lutheran Church in Niobrara, NE. She attended rural school near her farm home in Verdigré, NE and started high school in Niobrara, NE; graduating in 1952. On December 23, 1952 she married Dale V. Jones at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton, SD. They started their married life



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in San Diego, CA where Dale served in the United States Navy. After his honorable discharge they moved back to their family farm and farmed from 1954-1966. To this union two children were born Karen and Dailen. While living in Niobrara she was active in Eastern Star, Church Work, 4H, and other activities. In 1966 they moved the family to Yankton, SD where Ardith worked at Fantles, Montgomery Wards, and Sunshine Foods. After retiring her and Dale wintered in Mission, TX, where they enjoyed golfing and being with friends up until Dale's cancer and death in 1998. Ardith stayed in South Dakota and went back to work doing demos, something she loved up until her health forced her to quit. After three back surgeries put her in a wheel chair, she was still able to stay in her home and went back to work as a volunteer at the Sacred

Heart Hospital. Her little dog Pal, of fifteen years was the love of her life. They were meant for each other. She was a 50+ year member of O.E.S. and of the V.F.W. Auxiliary. Ardith was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Yankton. Ardith is survived by her daughter, Karen (James) Gaulke of Yankton, son, Dailen (Linda) Jones of Riverton, WY, three grandsons; Brad Gaulke, Brian Gaulke, Blake Jones, two granddaughters, Raelyn Jones and Tina Campbell, five great grandsons, one great-granddaughter, and her beloved dog, Pal. She was preceded in death by her infant grandson, parents, husband, in 1998, aunts, uncles and cousins. Yankton Press & Dakotan November 26, 2012

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#### Louise Guthmiller

Funeral services for Louise Guthmiller, 94, of Tripp will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27 at Frieden's Reformed Church in Tripp. Interment will follow in Frieden's Reformed Cemetery, Tripp. Visitation will be held on Monday from 3:00 p.m. until a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tripp. Louise died on Saturday, November 24, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Society of Tripp. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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#### Terry Foxhoven

WYNOT, Neb. — Terry Joseph Foxhoven, 59, of Wynot, Neb., died at his home on Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012. Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the Holy Family (Sts Peter & Paul) Catholic Church, Bow Valley, Neb., with the Rev. Eric Olsen officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Wynot. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, with a vigil service and video tribute at 7 p.m., at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Bow Valley. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the church. Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington, is in charge of arrangements. To send online condolences or to view the video tribute, visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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