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CORRECTION

Tuesday's *Press & Dakotan* story on Gayville-Volin's Veterans Day program contained incorrect information on the World War I armistice. The signing took place on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918.

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Bidding For Downtown Post Office Extended

From P&D Staff Reports

The online auction for Yankton's former post office building downtown has been extended due to more bids being placed on the property.

The auction on the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) website was tentatively set to close Tuesday. However, according to the GSA site, some auctions are designed to extend based on bidding activity.

As of press time Tuesday night, the current high bid for the building was \$117,000 and the closing time was rescheduled for 2:32 p.m. today (Wednesday).

To view the auction, visit <http://gsaauctions.gov>.

Built in 1905, the downtown Yankton post office was in service until January 2012, when it was closed and postal operations were consolidated into the annex at 506 West 25th Street. The building was put up for auction earlier this year, but the deadline for the sale was extended due to a lack of bids.

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Union Contract Rejected

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A contract deal between the City of Yankton and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 3968 was unanimously rejected by AFSCME members present at Kingsway Church Tuesday night.

Local 3968 executive director Matt Miller said the rejection stemmed from a disagreement over the contract's proposed cost of living compensation.

"With the .5 percent cost-of-living proposal,

the city employees would actually be making less money in 2014 than in 2013 if the current package was accepted," Miller said. "The result speaks to the frustration of the city employees over feeling valued and respected in the city of Yankton."

Yankton City Manager Amy Nelson said, negotiations will restart to create a new contract.

"At this point, the management team will sit back down with the collective bargaining unit and go back to the negotiations," Nelson told the *Press & Dakotan* Tuesday night. "Nothing is finalized until a proposal that is both agreed upon by management and collective bargaining

unit is brought to the City Commission. At that point the City Commission considers it and they make the final approval."

Nelson said employees will still operate under the previous contract, which was passed in 2010, until a new agreement is reached.

Miller said he was unable to give a time-frame for when negotiations would begin again, hoping they will start as soon as possible.

Miller said the difference between the two parties is less than \$71,000.

He added both sides' best interests are in

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Safety At School



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

Gayville-Volin superintendent Jason Selchert demonstrates an access feature at a building entrance, part of the school's security measures. The district's new 1,400-square-foot front entrance also incorporates several security features, part of an overall upgrade for the district.

Gayville-Volin Upgrades Security With New Addition

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GAYVILLE — At her front office desk, Carla Christiansen handles phone messages, emails — and an occasional buzzing sound.

The Gayville-Volin administrative assistant responds to the buzz, signaling a visitor is standing at the school's front entrance. The procedure marks part of the district's expanded security system, made possible by a new addition.

The 1,400-square-foot addition and other building improvements carry a price tag of around \$200,000, taken from the capital outlay fund.

School board chairman Todd Bailey said the project has met a number of the district's needs.



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ity by the administration," he said. "It also made available additional spaces for much-needed offices and school-use rooms as well as address needed repairs of the canopy at the original front entrance."

Superintendent Jason Selchert said he found solid support for the project from the district's families.

"Every parent has said it was a good idea,

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Burbank

Man Gets 15 Years For Sex Offenses

BY TRAVIS GULBRANDSON
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VERMILLION — A Burbank man has been sentenced to 15 years in the state penitentiary for sex-related offenses, including the rape of a child.

Joseph T. Night, 63, was sentenced to 15 years for rape in the first degree and 10 years for sexual contact with a child under 16 years of age at a hearing Tuesday afternoon in the Clay County Courthouse.

The charges will be served concurrently, and are a Class 1 felony and a Class 3 felony, respectively. In South Dakota, rape in the first degree is classified as when the victim is under 13 years of age.

During the sentencing, Judge Glen Eng also ordered Night to comply with the terms of a psychosexual evaluation, and to pay more than \$2,000 in related fines and court costs, as well as any costs of counseling for his two victims.

Night's charges stem from an incident that took place in May.

In an interview with the *Vermillion Plain Talk* earlier this year, States Attorney Teddi Gertsma said law enforcement responded to a 911 call that said an assault was occurring.

On further investigation, more charges were filed, Gertsma said.

In court on Tuesday, Gertsma said Night subjected two boys to sexual contact, including rape.

She added that in an evaluation, Night said he was "not horrified" by what he had done, and that the boys will recover.

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Orchestration



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

More than 200 high school musicians were on hand Tuesday for the annual Yankton College/Yankton High School Orchestra Festival, held at YHS. The day culminated with a public concert at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre, with Joseph Rodgers serving as the guest conductor. The musicians hailed from Yankton, Norfolk and Sioux Falls Lincoln, Roosevelt and Washington high schools. To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net.

School Board Approves Building Projects

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The Yankton School Board Tuesday approved the funding for a \$2.8 million design build project that will address environmental concerns, life safety issues and outdated equipment in the Yankton School District's (YSD) buildings.

The district will enter into a contract with Sioux Falls-based Johnson Controls, Inc., which presented its assessment of the buildings' needs during the school board's Oct. 14 meeting.

The school district first conducted facility walk-throughs in 2009 to identify major mechanical and environmental needs in its buildings following the availability of 0 percent construction bonds through the American Recovery



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and Reinvestment Act. A preliminary list of improvement measures totaling \$5.5 million was identified, but YSD chose not to move forward with the project.

"During that time frame we were grappling with cuts to general fund budget funding, and, in light of those considerations, chose to put those projects on the back burner for future consideration," said YSD business manager Jason Bietz.

However, the board chose to reconsider the project in January after the district suffered major mechanical failures during the past few years.

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