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A Shot Of Prevention

Avera Joins Other Systems In Employee Flu Shot Mandate

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Avera Health will require annual influenza vaccinations for all employees, health care providers and volunteers beginning with the 2013-14 influenza season, the organization said Friday.

The announcement was part of a joint statement made by South Dakota's three largest health systems, with Sanford Health

and Regional Health also requiring the vaccinations. Exceptions may be granted for medical or religious reasons.

Officials said the decision was made to maximize patient safety and to protect employees against influenza.

"The flu shot isn't perfect, but the more people get flu shots, the less people transmit it," said Jan Johnson, infection prevention nurse at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (ASHH). "Immunizing the people who are

around the people that are at the highest risk for complications for the flu is a good thing to do."

She added that ASHH actually has had the requirement for its employees to receive the vaccinations since last year, and called the organization-wide mandate a "positive move."

"We're seeing this all across the country,



COURTESY PHOTO

Jan Johnson (left), infection prevention nurse at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, gives a flu shot to fellow Avera nurse Mary Bartunek. Avera was one of three organizations to announce Friday that flu vaccinations will be required for employees beginning with the 2013-14 flu season.

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Claw And Order



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Work continued Friday on the reconstruction of Fifth Street between Broadway Avenue and Douglas Avenue. Beginning next week, access to Fifth Street from Broadway will be closed. Because of the rain this summer, the project has experienced some difficulties.

Man Arrested In Connection With Area School Thefts

Yankton Man Allegedly Linked To Thefts In Yankton, Crofton, Menno And Wynot

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A Yankton man has been arrested in connection with several area school burglaries.

Michael Langley, 57, was arrested Thursday on two counts of second-degree petty theft and two counts of third-degree burglary, according to the Yankton Police Department.

The arrest follows a joint investigation that involved the Yankton Police Department, the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation, the Crofton (Neb.) Police Department, the Cedar County (Neb.) Sheriff's Office and the South Dakota Highway Patrol.

Langley is alleged to have committed school burglaries in Menno, Yankton, and Crofton and Wynot, Neb.

"A lot of dedicated individuals on both sides of the river were working on the case, and once we found out they were having the same problems we were (in different jurisdictions), we went out to get the evidence and information we needed to catch the suspect," said Yankton Police Lt. Todd Brandt. "It came together (Thursday) through the collaborative efforts of all the different agencies."

Additional charges are expected to be filed by the other jurisdictions, he stated.

Here is a synopsis of the burglaries:

• A report was received at

11:28 a.m. Aug. 24 that there had been a burglary at Beadle Elementary School. The incident occurred sometime after 11 p.m. the previous night. The building was entered on the ground level by breaking out a class room window, according to Yankton School District Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle. The principal's office was broken into, and money was taken.

• A report was received at 7:12 a.m. Aug. 27 of a burglary at Webster Elementary School. Glass was broken out of a door to gain entry to the facility, Kindle said. An attempt to enter the principal's office was unsuccessful. However, money was still taken from the school.

• The school in Menno was broken into earlier this week. Menno School District Superintendent Dr. Chris Christensen was unavailable for comment Friday.

• Glass was broken in a door to gain entry to the high school in Crofton between midnight and 5 a.m. Thursday, according to Principal Todd Strom. In addition to the damage, items were stolen. However, Strom declined to say what was taken. He said Friday afternoon that he was compiling video footage of the incident for authorities.

• Glass was also broken out of a door to gain entry to a building at the Wynot Public School between midnight and 3

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P&D ARCHIVE PHOTO: KELLY HERTZ
Former University of South Dakota basketball coach and athletic director Jack Doyle died Friday in California at age 80.

Former USD AD Doyle Dies

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VERMILLION — Jack Doyle, a man whose pioneering efforts in University of South Dakota athletics are still being felt to this day, has died.

Doyle, 80, who served as the athletics director at USD for 15 years, passed away Friday morning at his home in Encinitas, Calif., with his wife, Lois, at his side.

"This was a shock to us," said Chris Doyle, of Rapid City, one of Jack and Lois Doyle's sons. In a phone conversation with the *Vermillion Plain Talk*, he called from an airport as he prepared to board a flight to California.

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Third Evaluation Being Sought In Murder Case

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After examining the findings of a psychiatric evaluation done on a man accused of murdering a Yankton resident in 2012, the Yankton County State's Attorney Office said Friday it will ask the court for a new study.

Darwin Abel Jans has been charged with second-degree murder and aggravated assault in connection with the death of 59-year-old Larry D. Goodman.

During a status hearing in the Yankton County Courthouse and Safety Center, Deputy State's Attor-

ney Erich Johnke told Circuit Judge Glen Eng that he had filed a motion for a new psychiatric evaluation earlier in the day.

It would be the third psychiatric evaluation in the case.

The first evaluation requested by the prosecution was completed in April by Dr. Travis Hansen at the South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC). It found that Jans was competent to stand trial and was not insane at the time the alleged crime was committed, according to Johnke.

A second evaluation was re-

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Buche's Foods Purchases Gemar Stores

Ownership Transition Set To Take Place In Phases

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When he purchased the Tripp grocery store earlier this year, R.F. Buche wanted to reassure a fellow grocer of his intentions.

Buche made a courtesy phone call to Greg Gemar, who owns stores in neighboring Scotland and Tyndall.

"I went into this saying, 'Greg, I want to let you know that I'm not out to get a bunch of business from your two stores. If I can just get Tripp people to shop with us, that's good enough. I want to get along and not come after a bunch of your business,'" Buche said.

He wasn't ready for Gemar's response. "That was when Greg expressed to me that he was going to be retiring," Buche said.

The phone call ultimately led to Buche's purchase of Gemar's stores in Bon Homme County. In both cases, the stores are the only grocery in town. Scotland has a population of about 830 residents, while Tyndall

has about 1,100 residents.

Rather than tackle a transition at both stores at once, Buche will take possession of the Tyndall store today (Saturday) and the Scotland store Jan. 18. In both cases, he will close the store at noon for inventory, then open the next day as Buche's Foods.

"I will have opened three stores in 11 months," Buche said, expressing a note of amazement at the quick turn of events. "When we get Scotland, it will make 11 locations in eight communities."

Maintaining a grocery store is crucial for any community, Buche said.

"A town needs three things: a bank, school and grocery store," he said. "If you don't have all three, you have problems."

The Buche family has operated grocery stores for 108 years. The purchases of the Tripp, Scotland and Tyndall stores mark an eastward move for Buche, who is headquar-

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Customers walk into the Buche's Foods store in Wagner on Monday. Buche's Foods has purchased the Gemar stores in Tyndall and Scotland. The company will take over the Tyndall store today (Saturday) and the Scotland store in January.