

Yankton superintendent pleads guilty to DUI

■ Gertsema resignation effective June 20, 2013

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The Yankton School District's superintendent was sentenced in Vermillion Tuesday morning for a charge relating to a DUI arrest in October.

Joseph Gertsema pleaded guilty to first-offense DUI, and was fined \$350. He will have to pay an additional \$170 in court-related costs, as well.

Magistrate Judge Tami Bern also revoked Gertsema's driver's license for a period of 30 days.

"I'm glad it's over, and I look forward to spending Christmas with my family," Gertsema said following the hearing.

Gertsema's court appearance comes on the heels of his resignation as superintendent, which the Yankton School Board accepted at their regular meeting Monday night.

His resignation will be effective June 30, 2013.

"The board is certainly very appreciative of Dr. Gertsema's 22 years of dedicated service to our district and our community," said school board president Chris Specht at

Monday's meeting.

Gertsema said Monday that the accomplishment for which he felt the most pride was that of student achievement.

"The thing that has really driven me, contrary to what some people may think, has always been the kids," he said. "Without the students here, we don't need to be here tonight."

Gertsema was arrested at approximately 1:20 a.m. Oct. 7 after failing a sobriety test at a South Dakota Highway Patrol checkpoint about three miles east of Vermillion on Highway 50.

— Press & Dakotan reporters Derek Bartos and Nathan Johnson contributed to this report.

HOLIDAY SOUNDS



The Vermillion High School concert choir and the VHS Symphonic Winds presented their annual holiday concert Monday night in the high school's Performing Arts Center. The concert featured performances by "4th Period Choir," the concert choir and the combined choir. The event concluded, after several selections were performed by the Symphonic Winds, with director John Alpers leading the audience in the singing of several traditional Christmas tunes. The vocal groups were directed by Trisha Fischer, with accompaniment by Christy Kimball.

(Photos by David Lias)

FOR THE RECORD

Cases Disposed 11/23-29/2012

John Paul Welter, 603 Douglas Ave., Yankton; Open container, \$54.00 plus costs
Patrick R. Peterson, 29B N. Ranch Oak Pl., Sioux Falls; Open container, \$54.00 plus costs; Fail to obey lawful order, \$104.00 plus costs
Jade Christine Fickbohm, 47879 300th Street, Alcester; Speeding other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Jacob Jay Nair, 115 Prospect, Vermillion; Obey traffic device unless directed by policeman, \$54.00 plus costs

Jacob James Raysby, 503 Chestnut Street, Springfield; Speeding other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Kelly Quentin Inberg, 7617 W. Leah St., Sioux Falls; Hunt within 660 feet of dwelling/livestock, \$79.00 plus costs

Ashley Fenner, 502 N. Dakota St., Vermillion; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Martina Courtney-Bottger, 124 E. Main #4, Vermillion; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Alvin Alton Longsoldier, 515 Elm Street, Vermillion; No drivers license, \$54.00 plus costs

Kristen McKayla Johnson, 723 N. Norbeck St., Vermillion; Speeding other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Christopher Lee Jones, 100 Block E. Cherry Street, Vermillion; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$134.00 plus costs

Carol L. Markham, 3402 8th Street, Columbus, NE; Speeding other roadways, \$79.00 plus costs

Jerrold W. Daisy, 102 E. 21st, Yankton; Speeding other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Chelsey Tyley Wood, 403 E. Main #C, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Larry L. Kimball, 16 S. Pine St., Vermillion; Careless driving, \$54.00 plus costs

Lori Ellen Brosz, 1604 E. Northstar Ln., Sioux Falls; Speeding other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

James P. Thorson, 368 Wildflower Road, Yankton; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Karen McBride, 3805 Churchill Drive, Columbia, MO; Speeding other roadways, \$79.00 plus costs

Jessica Anguiano, 3607 Alpine Ave., Sioux City, IA; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Judge Tami Bern presiding
Clinton Fabian, 933 W. Clark St. #8, Vermillion; Impersonation to deceive law enforcement officer, recharged; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, recharged; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, recharged; Fail to maintain

financial responsibility*, \$54.00 plus costs; Impersonation to deceive law enforcement officer*, \$300.00 plus costs; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage*, \$371.00 plus costs; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less*, dismissed; *This offense has a previous disposition and may have been previously reported as having been disposed

Clinton Fabian, 933 W. Clark St. #8, Vermillion; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, recharged; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, recharged; Use or possess of drug paraphernalia, dismissed; Driving while license is canceled*, \$54.00 plus costs; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage*, \$371.00 plus costs; Possession two ounces of marijuana or less*, dismissed; Five days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court; *This offense may have been previously reported as having been disposed

Susan Berg, 324 Prospect St., Vermillion; Driving under influence-1st offense*, \$350.00 plus costs; *This offense may have been previously reported as having been disposed

Louis Sitting Crow, 9 Antelope Place, Dakota Dunes; Driving under influence-1st offense, recharged; Fail to maintain financial responsibility, dismissed; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, dismissed; Following too closely*, \$54.00 plus costs; Driving under influence-1st offense*, \$350.00 plus costs; *This offense may have been previously reported as having been disposed

Susan Berg, 324 Prospect St., Vermillion; Reckless driving*, \$77.00 plus costs; *This offense may have been previously reported as having been disposed

Clinton Anthony Fabian, 933 W. Clark St. #8, Vermillion; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage*, \$371.00 plus costs; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license*, dismissed; Five days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court; *This offense may have been previously reported as having been disposed

Stephanie Lamb, 31494 453rd Ave., Gayville; Driving under influence-2nd offense*, \$500.00 plus costs, thirty days county jail; Open alcoholic beverage container accessible in vehicle*, dismissed; Twenty days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court; *This offense may have been previously reported as having been disposed

Brittany Ann Lammers, 719 Cottage Ave., Vermillion;

Driving under influence-1st offense, recharged; Driving under influence-1st offense, \$350.00 plus costs

Daniel Goeden, 112 E. Cherry Street #201, Vermillion; Domestic abuse – violation of protection order*, \$275.00 plus costs; Petty theft 2nd degree-\$400 or less*, dismissed; Thirty days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court; *This offense may have been previously reported as having been disposed

Adam Wells, 24 S. Pine Street, Vermillion; Domestic abuse – violation of protection order*, \$300.00 plus costs; Thirty days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court; *This offense may have been previously reported as having been disposed

Sarah Blaine, 911 E. Duke St. Lot 30, Vermillion; Reckless driving, \$350.00 plus costs

Aaron Dakota Norman, 400 E. Pine #413, Vermillion; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, \$371.00 plus costs; Use or possess of drug paraphernalia, dismissed

Chase Ian Kinchen, 1017 James St., Vermillion; Entering or refusing to leave, \$150.00 plus costs; Thirty days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court

Larry Lewison, 707 N. 4th Street, Beresford; Driving under influence-1st offense, recharged; Possess loaded firearm while intoxicated, recharged; Open alcoholic beverage container accessible in vehicle, dismissed; Driving under influence-1st offense, \$350.00 plus costs; Possess loaded firearm while intoxicated, \$300.00 plus costs; Five days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court

Tyler Hoebelheinrich, 421 Clark Street, Vermillion; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, recharged; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, recharged; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, \$371.00 plus costs

Connor O'Hara, 445 N. Pine Street, Vermillion; False report to authorities, \$300.00 plus costs; Thirty days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court

Amber Marie Vonk, 1605 15th Ave., Rock Valley, IA; Driving under influence-1st offense, \$350.00 plus costs

Christa Lynn Kemnitz, 2049 10th St., Brookings; Driving under influence-01st offense, \$350.00 plus costs

Ryan Glazier, 700 E. Cherry St. Mick #321, Vermillion; Possess two ounces of

marijuana or less, dismissed; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, \$371.00 plus costs; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Chad Weston Richardson, 421 E. Main Street, Lawton, IA; Impersonation to deceive law enforcement officer, dismissed; Displaying another's license as one's own, \$300.00 plus costs; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs; Thirty days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court

Annie Danielle Jones, 4213 N. Jans, Sioux Falls; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage*, \$371.00 plus costs; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed; *This offense has a previous disposition and may have been previously reported as having been disposed

Stephanie Ruth Otto, 9503 W. Prentice Avenue, Littleton, CO; Driving under influence-1st offense, \$350.00 plus costs

Brachton Scott Barber, 2116 E. Briar Den Court, Sioux Falls; Under twenty-one driver, \$54.00 plus costs; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, \$371.00 plus costs; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed

Zenon R. Dotson, 214 Bower #103, Vermillion; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, \$371.00 plus costs; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed

Joseph Wingo, 813 Madison St., Vermillion; Simple assault, \$300.00 plus costs; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, \$371.00 plus costs; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed; Thirty days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court

Jason Michael Jorde, 317 N. Dakota Street #710, Vermillion; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, \$371.00 plus costs; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed

Anthony Roeber, Mickelson Hall #412, Vermillion; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs; Five days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court

Jacob Taylor Malon, 901 Rose St. #269C, Vermillion; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs, fourteen days county jail; Twelve days county jail is suspended based on the

conditions of the court
Cody Michael Ness, 201 Harvey St., Viborg; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license*, \$204.00 plus costs; Fail to maintain financial responsibility*, dismissed; *This offense may have been previously reported as having been disposed

Anthony J. Roeber, Mickelson Hall #412, Vermillion; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs, fourteen days county jail; Twelve days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court

Taylor Ryan Gabel, 2219 Sheridan Lake Road, Rapid City; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Amber Marie Vonk, 1605 15th Ave., Rock Valley, IA; Possession of alcohol by minor, dismissed

Tyler Hoebelheinrich, 421 Clark Street, Vermillion; Disorderly house, dismissed

Mallory Colleen Clark, 522 9th Ave. W., Spencer, IA; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Brittany Nicole Mouw, Norton Hall #508, Vermillion; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Alexander Joseph Kline, 901 Rose Street #224, Vermillion; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Andrew James Janish, 206 S. Pine Street, Aberdeen; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Miles Patrick Death, 907 Rose St. #221A, Vermillion; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Cases Disposed 11/30-12/6/2012

Rayna Lynn Hernandez, 16 W. Main Street #101, Vermillion; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, \$209.00 plus costs

Marion Farley Yeawolo, 901 Rose #322, Vermillion; Unauthorized use of vehicle by restricted licensee, \$54.00 plus costs

Kyle Skoglund, 3210 5th Ave., Sioux Falls, IA; Migratory bird hunt restriction, \$25.00

Lyle Francis Bowes, 2621 22nd Ave. S., Brookings; Speeding other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

Danh Thanh Tran, 4009 1/2 Maxson Rd., El Monte, CA; Speeding other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

Staci A. Dasilva, 3800 Glen Oaks Blvd. Apt. 115, Sioux City, IA; Speeding other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Brittany Ann Brosz, 201 S. Bismark St., Parkston; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Marissa Ann Mockler, 31685 470th Ave., Burbank; Speeding other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Robert Allen Love, 311125 475th, Akron, IA; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Jerry Russell Caton, 1901 Douglas, Yankton; No drivers license, \$54.00 plus costs

Terry Allen Bertelsen, 29363 332nd Ave., Gregory, SD; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Brennan Bird, 31666 473rd Ave., Elk Point; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

John Allen Smidstra, 3588 140th Street, Rock Rapids, SD; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Daniel James Rohmiller, 715 N. Plum #110, Vermillion; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$54.00 plus costs

Danielle Loren Mueller, 5119 S. Marion Road, Sioux Falls; Speeding other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

Jeremy Michael Schmidt, 709 Tom Street, Vermillion; Simple assault, dismissed

Chad W. Conaway, 1015 W. Main, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Nathaniel John Lien, 1202 W. 10th St., Yankton; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Thomas John Jones, 600 W. 6th, Apt. 6, Yankton; No drivers license, \$54.00 plus costs

Ismar Juarez Cifuentes, 821 W. 7th St., Grand Island, NE; Open alcoholic beverage container accessible in vehicle, \$54.00 plus costs

Desha Erickson, 308 East National, Vermillion; Speeding in school zone, \$19.00 plus costs

Torin Scott Swanson, 1215 11th Street, SW, Willmar, MN; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Blake Robert Smiley, 17602 Pleasant View Rd., Red Owl, SD; Possession of alcohol by minor, dismissed; Fail to obey lawful order, dismissed

Theryn D. Groetken, 304 Milwaukee Street, Utica; Speed on four-lane in rural areas, \$19.00 plus costs

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