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# A Second Helping

Yankton Pizzeria Earns 2nd Honor From Magazine

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Charlie's Pizza House of Yankton's spicy meatball and sauerkraut pizza is no stranger to *Food Network Magazine's* annual "50 States, 50 Pizzas" list, having made it on the list in 2011.

So naturally it should come as no surprise that it once again made the list this year — except it was a surprise to Charlie's manager Diana Gunderson.

"I started getting text messages congratulating me," Gunderson said. "Then I had tons of orders for meatball and sauerkraut pizza on Tuesday and Wednesday, and then my granddaughter called and said Facebook was just swarming with cool things to say about Charlie's Pizza House, but I have not been contacted by *Food Network Magazine*. And I haven't seen the article yet. This is a nice Christmas present."

Gunderson, who's managed Charlie's along with her husband since 1999, initially

thought people must be referring to the pizzeria's last win.

"I was like, 'Oh, this has to be some mistake' because there had already been an article back in 2011 featuring Charlie's Pizza House in the *Food Network Magazine*," she said. "I don't know how this came about at all. I haven't been able to track it down yet. No one from Food Network has contacted me, so it has taken me by surprise — but



KELLY HERTZ/P&D  
 Charlie's Pizza House employees (from left) Wyatt Shutt, Cory Knodel and Logan Fleer are shown with the pizzeria's spicy meatball and sauerkraut pizza, which was recently named the top pizza in South Dakota by *Food Network Magazine*.

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## SD Crime Victim Bill Makes '16 Ballot

BY JAMES NORD  
 Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — A constitutional amendment that would expand the rights of crime victims during court proceedings will likely go before voters on the 2016 ballot.

Secretary of State Shantel Krebs' office validated the measure Monday, but the certification can be challenged through Jan. 20, Krebs said. The amendment is the first in a recent wave of eight ballot measures, ranging from allowing medical marijuana to instituting nonpartisan elections, that the office has finished reviewing.

The measure is patterned after "Marsy's Law," which California voters approved in 2008 after the murder of college student Marsalee Nicholas. Nearly 80 percent of Illinois voters approved a "Marsy's Law" amendment to the state constitution in 2014.

Supporters are pushing the proposal in several states other than South Dakota, including Montana and North Dakota, said Jason Glodt, who heads Marsy's

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## Goodwill Never Sleeps



KELLY HERTZ/P&D  
 Yankton's Slumberland Furniture store recently donated 24 mattresses to needy families in the area as part of the franchise's holiday bed giveaway. The beds were delivered last Friday, just in time to provide a warm bed for the Christmas season. Pictured are, from left: Craig Anderson; Jenny Bollig; Peggy Olson, owner; Mary Crossman; Larry Olson, owner; and Barb Hemlick.

## Slumberland Continues Tradition Of Donating Beds To Needy Families

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When it comes to the spirit of giving, Yankton's Slumberland never sleeps.

Yankton's Slumberland Furniture has been donating new mattresses to needy families for more than 20 years as part of a corporate holiday bed giveaway.

This year, the giving continues as the local store has donated 24 mattresses to those Yankton residents that could use a warm, resting spot for the holiday season.

Local franchise owner Peggy Olsen welcomes the opportunity to continue the tradition.

"I grew up around here and I come from a very humble background," she said. "My mom and dad grew up on a farm and we didn't have much when I was growing up. It's always been, 'You give.' It doesn't matter what you get, it's giving."

That is what makes you feel good."

Slumberland has donated more than 20,000 new beds to families nationwide since its Making Homes for the Holidays program began. Each year, more than 1,000 new beds are given away across the 12 states Slumberland serves.

"I'm thankful that we have a profitable enough business that we can afford to purchase mattresses on our own — out of our pocket — and give it back to the community," Olsen said. "I know how important it is to give back to the community that supports us."

Yankton's United Way and Knights of Columbus organizations have spent the past several years partnering with Slumberland to aid in the charity program.

Using its connections to social services and child protection agencies in the area, United Way develops a list of peo-

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## Listen! Kazoos In Concert

Members of the Yankton High School Girls' Choir added some kazoos to their performance of "A Holly Jolly Christmas" during the YHS Choir and Orchestra Holiday Concert, held Monday night at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre. The concert, which was postponed from two weeks ago due to weather, featured the orchestra and various singing ensembles delivering holiday favorites ranging from "White Christmas" and "Good Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" to a medley from "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." (Kelly Hertz/P&D)



## City Looks Back On 2015

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The city held its final Yankton City Commission meeting of the year Monday, taking a step closer to wrapping up the year's business.

After the meeting, officials took some time to look back at the commission's year and what's ahead in 2016.

Yankton City Manager Amy Nelson said Yankton saw a positive year.

"I think overall we had a really good year," she said. "We had some interesting challenges, we got moved ahead on a lot of projects and we've got a lot of projects planned for next year and agreed upon."

She added there were a number of accomplishments on the year.

"I think the biggest accomplishment was getting an agreement with BY-Water for the development of land outside of the city's water jurisdiction," she said. "That was kind of a quiet success, but really a long time in the making and I think that was a big step towards development in our community and working with BY. I'd also say, although N. Douglas Ave. isn't done yet, getting a plan put together and a consensus on how we're going to complete north Douglas was sort of low-hanging fruit, but it was a long time in the making."

Nelson said the city's rising sales tax income was also a positive step.

"(There was) the turnaround in our sales tax, and everybody's responsible for that — not necessarily just the city," she said. "I think going from negative months to consistent positive months in sales tax is a really big accomplishment."

However, Nelson said there are a few things city officials would have liked to have done before the end of 2015 that just couldn't due to time, money or other complications.

"The collector well is nearly complete, and the raw water transmission main is the same," she said. "I would've liked to have been a little fur-



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