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Sentinel Bill Advances

The Law Would Allow School Districts To Arm Teachers And Other Personnel With Guns

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PIERRE — A bill that would allow South Dakota school districts to arm teachers and other personnel with guns was narrowly endorsed by a Senate committee Friday.

The State Affairs Committee voted 5-4 to send the bill to the full Senate after supporters said it could help prevent tragedies like December's grade school shooting in Connecticut, particularly in rural schools that don't have a police presence. Supporters also said 15 other states are considering similar proposals.

Representatives of school boards, school administrators and teachers opposed the bill, which has already been approved by the House. Educators said arming teachers could make schools more dangerous because it could lead to accidental shootings and put guns in the hands of people not adequately trained to shoot in emergency situations.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard has said he likes the idea of the bill, but is reserving judgment until he sees the details of any measure passed by the Legislature.

One of the bill sponsors, Sen. Craig Tieszen, R-

Rapid City, said he dealt with an armed student and other threats of violence in schools as a policeman. He said school boards need the option of arming teachers, but could choose not to do so if they oppose it.

"If we think we're immune in South Dakota from school violence, we should probably think again," the former Rapid City police chief said. "As trite as it sounds, the best way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun."

But Jeff Marlette, superintendent of the New Underwood School District and a combat veteran, said arming school personnel could be dangerous because teachers, administrators and others are not trained to shoot another human being.

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ELIZABETH FLORES/MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE/MCT
Amy Wolf gets help from her daughter Audrey Wolf, 6, with shoveling the early snowfall Friday, February 22 in Minneapolis. Gusty winds and iced-over roadways made for treacherous Midwest travel Friday as a major winter storm headed east over the Great Lakes.

Local Archers Perform Well At World Festival

Four Local Competitors Place In Top 10 At World Festival

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A group of young Yankton archers traveled to Las Vegas recently on the hunt for some strong tournament finishes.

Out of the eight who attended the National Field Archery Association's (NFAA) World Archery Festival earlier this month, four placed in the top 10.

One of them, Kendra Hunhoff, 14, medaled with a second-place finish among 12-14-year-old girls.

"The first day, I got to see what my competition was like," she said. "I felt kind of nervous, because I was shooting against more girls than I usually do. I was kind of surprised that I placed."



NATHAN JOHNSON/P&D

Eight youth archers competed earlier this month at the National Field Archery Association's (NFAA) World Archery Festival. They were (from left): Kendra Hunhoff, Gabby Keiser, Hannah Bartos, Owen Warren, Cedar Bartos and Elliot Cull. Not pictured are Ally Hagen and Brandon Shuey.

at the tournament were Hannah Bartos, 11, with a fifth-place finish; Cedar Bartos, 16, with an eighth-place finish; and Owen Warren, 9, with a 10th-place finish. The remaining competitors were Elliot Cull, Ally Hagen, Gabby Keiser and Brandon Shuey.

Eric Tollefson, the Level 4 National Training System Coach that has been working with the young archers for about the last eight months, said he is quite proud of his students.

"Most of the (students) have been involved with our JOAD Program," he stated. "Some of them are shooting four or five times a week. Our top archer is probably shooting 150 arrows a day."

The size of the World Archery Festival and its many distractions unnerved some of his students the first day of the tournament, according to

Tollefson. However, many of them improved on the second day.

"We're really pleased with how well they did," Tollefson said. "We're turning out some really fine archers at this complex."

"We've got a tremendous program here," he added. "When we tell people we've got 60-plus kids involved in the JOAD program in a town of about 14,000 people, they're always amazed. We're really starting to be recognized not only for the number of archers we're bringing to tournaments but also the quality of our archers."

Yankton overall was well-represented during the festival, which had more than 1,800 shooters from all 50 states and about 30 countries, according to Bruce Cull, the president of the NFAA.

Cull, a Yankton resident, was accompanied by a handful of community officials, including City Manager Amy Nelson, Mayor Nancy Wenande, City Commissioner Dave Carda and Carmen Schramm of the Chamber of Commerce. The city has had an annual presence at the festival since the NFAA moved its headquarters here. Officials promote Yankton as an archery destination for competitors and businesses.

"Having the city and Chamber there showing their support of what archery is doing in the community was a real plus," Cull said.

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Storm Wreaks Havoc On Travel Across The Midwest

BY STEVE KARNOWSKI
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MINNEAPOLIS — A major winter storm turned Midwest commutes into treacherous challenges Friday before the system petered out over the Great Lakes.

At least four deaths were linked to the storm, including three from traffic accidents, brought on by gusty winds and snow-covered roadways.

Places in Kansas and Missouri saw a foot or more of snow on Thursday, and spent Friday digging out and clearing its miles of roadways. Impressive totals included 18 inches in the southern Kansas town of Zenda; 17 inches in Hays, Kan.; 13 1/2 inches in northeast Missouri and south-central Nebraska; and 12 inches in parts of Kansas City, Mo.

The system lost strength as it moved north and east Friday. Illinois' totals ranged from 7.5 inches in west-central Rushville to a mix of sleet and freezing rain in the St. Louis, Mo., suburbs. The town of Truman in southern Minnesota received 8 inches.

Eulas Henderson was in no hurry Friday morning while clearing still-falling snow from the sidewalk outside his Detroit home. Even as he shoveled, Henderson's work was being covered.

"It's not frustrating. I enjoy it. It's the normal thing to do in the winter time," said Henderson, a 56-year-old security guard.

The storm also brought fresh snow for the American Birkebeiner cross-country ski race, which is expected to draw a record field of more than 13,000 competitors and another 15,000 spectators to the northern Wisconsin city of Cable.

"It's snowing real hard and I'm seeing all kinds of cars in the ditch," said Leslie MacLin, a skier from Evanston, Ill. But she was expecting good conditions for the race Saturday.

The Minnesota State Patrol blamed the snow for over 500 accidents Friday. One driver was killed when she lost control, came to a stop in oncoming traffic and was broadsided

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FACE OFF

Rushmore players celebrate their first period goal against the Oahe Capitals in the opening game of the South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association JV Girls' Tournament on Friday at Alcoa Arena in Yankton. The eight-team tournament runs through Sunday, with the championship set for 1:30 p.m. For more on the hockey tournament and other local sports, turn to page 8. (James D. Cimburek/P&D)



Official: Flu Season On Its Way Out

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The flu season came early this year, and it appears an early departure could be on the horizon as well.

According to Jan Johnson, infection prevention nurse at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (ASHH), ASHH has not had any hospitalizations for influenza since the end of January. The hospital has also been testing fewer patients for influenza, likely indicating that fewer peo-



Johnson

ple are reporting flu-like symptoms, she said.

"I think we probably reached the peak, and now we are starting to come down on the other side," she said.

"But we are still seeing some positive tests, so it is still out there."

As reported in the Jan. 10 Press & Dakotan, ASHH saw flu patients daily at the beginning

of last month, when normally that type of volume of cases doesn't occur until February or March.

Along with seeing an earlier start to the flu season, ASHH has also seen a higher number of influenza cases and hospitalizations this year compared to the last few years, Johnson said.

This falls in line with statistics statewide, as South Dakota had 857 lab-confirmed cases through Feb. 16, according to

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