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## S.D. House OKs Sentinel Bill

### How Area Reps Voted:

- DISTRICT 16** — Jim Bolin (R): Yes; Patty Miller (R): Yes
- DISTRICT 17** — Nancy Rasmussen (R): Yes; Ray Ring (D): No
- DISTRICT 18** — Bernie Hunhoff (D): No; Mike Stevens (R): Yes
- DISTRICT 19** — Stace Nelson (R): Yes; Kyle Schoenfish (R): Yes

### Measure Would Allow Armed Staff In Schools

BY CHET BROKAW  
Associated Press

PIERRE — A bill that would allow school districts to arm teachers and other personnel with guns was approved Tuesday by the South Dakota House after supporters said it could make would-be attackers think twice about entering a school building.

Representatives voted 42-17 to send the

measure to the Senate for further debate. Supporters said school boards, particularly in rural areas where no law enforcement officers are stationed in school buildings, need the option of arming teachers, administrators or volunteers to protect against attacks like last month's school shooting in Connecticut. Opponents countered that arming teachers could make schools more dangerous because it could lead to accidental shootings

and put guns in the hands of people who are trained to teach, not shoot people. The bill's main sponsor, Rep. Scott Craig, R-Rapid City, said the measure leaves it up to each school board to decide whether to train and arm teachers and others. Schools are now inviting targets for potential mass murderers because they are considered gun-free zones, he said.

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## Auditor: Yankton Co. Property Tax Bills Available

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Property tax bills should be available to the public today (Wednesday), according to Yankton County Auditor Paula Jones.

Yankton County received approval Tuesday morning from the South Dakota Department of Revenue to proceed with calculating the property tax figures. Jones told the *Press & Dakotan* late Tuesday afternoon that she was creating the tax list in the county's computer system to make them available to the Treasurer's Office.



Jones

"We're pretty darn close," Jones said. Once they are in the computer system, taxpayers can go to the Treasurer's Office to pay the bills.

For those waiting to get their tax notices through the mail, Treasurer Pam Marchand has said it will probably be at least the third week of February before they are processed and sent out.

According to state law, property taxes are due Jan. 1 of each year. However, they are not considered

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## Crofton Begins New Recycling Program

BY DEREK BARTOS  
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CROFTON, Neb. — Thanks to a new program, the city of Crofton (Neb.) will begin providing a curbside recycling program today (Wednesday) with no increase in cost to its residents.

Instead of offering a weekly trash pickup, the city will now alternate between collecting garbage and recycling each week.



Knox County

Art's Garbage/Waste Connections of Norfolk (Neb.), Crofton's waste management contractor, will provide both services.

"It's new for us, and it's new for Art's Garbage," said City Clerk Nancy Foxhoven. "We're kind of a pilot program for them."

The new service is a welcomed change for many residents, Foxhoven said. Previously, individuals who wanted to recycle any materials needed to travel to Hartington (Neb.) or Yankton, as there was no local collection available, she said.

"We had a lot of requests to do some type of recycling from our residents," she said.

Foxhoven said the city had looked into offering recycling in the past, but could not find an affordable source to provide the service.

"So we started talking to Art's about having people who were interested in this, and they decided to come up with a program," she said.

Vicki Haddock, Waste Connections district manager, said the business had struggled in the past to find a solution for cities looking to add recycling, as the added service typically required another pickup with additional costs.

"This is the solution we came up with,

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## A Learning Experience

### Exchange Pastor Makes Most Of Time In Gayville

BY ANDREW ATWAL  
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A pastor from Cameroon is wrapping up a three month long learning experience in Gayville today (Wednesday).

Tim Sodea, who is the pastor at seven Lutheran churches in Cameroon, has been visiting the Gayville Lutheran Church as part of a pastoral exchange. The purpose of the exchange is so each pastor can learn from each other about the church life in each place.

"Each evangelical Lutheran church in the United States is related to another church in a different part of the world, and we're related to the churches in Cameroon," said Ralph Egbert, pastor of Gayville Lutheran Church. "It's mostly people from the United States going over there to put roofs on churches and support the education system they have in Cameroon."

While in Gayville, Sodea has lived with Egbert and has spent time traveling around South Dakota meeting people. He has also been to Rapid City, Mitchell, Aberdeen, Sioux Falls, Springfield, Canton and Pierre, among others.

"While he's here in Gayville, he does pretty much everything that I do," Egbert said. "He comes with me when I do funerals, hospital visits and make calls, along with at-



ANDREW ATWAL/P&D

Tim Sodea is a pastor that has been visiting Gayville Lutheran Church from Cameroon since November. He has followed Pastor Ralph Egbert's daily working activities along with observing what the church does well to take back to his congregations in Cameroon. He is shown here with a traditional instrument called the Sanzie, which he often plays during church services.

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## Area Woman Named Neb. Mother Of The Year



COURTESY PHOTO

Jan Schiferl (third from right) of Crofton has just been named the 2013 Nebraska Mother of the Year. She succeeds another Crofton resident, Joyce Stevens. Schiferl will compete in the national competition in April.

BY LINDA WUEBBEN  
P&D Correspondent

CROFTON, Neb. — The Nebraska Mother of the Year honor will remain in the Crofton area for another year.

"When Joyce Stevens came to me to tell me she wanted to nominate me, she cautioned me it probably wouldn't stay in the same area two years in row," said brand-new 2013 Mother of the Year Jan Schiferl. "So I thought I didn't have a chance; I didn't give it another thought after I sent in my application."

Stevens won the title in 2012. Schiferl was shocked when husband Greg handed her the phone a couple weeks ago and told her to return a call to this woman she had never heard of. At that moment, Jan didn't believe there was any rush. Greg came to her with the phone again and insisted she return that call immediately — he wouldn't tell her why.

"I was shocked to get that call," Schiferl said

and wondered what she would do next.

"I'm not the type of person to be in front of people and talk about myself," she said. "What had I gotten into?"

She wasn't challenged by the first set of questions in the application but the second set for the National Mother of the Year will go much further into depth.

For Schiferl, a typical day as a mom includes such stories as the one about confirmation class and missing supper. Making sacrifices every day for her children is a just a way of life for her.

"Ever since I was a little girl, all I wanted was to be a stay-at-home mom," said Schiferl. "I'm very thankful Greg was able to make it happen. Sure, he was on the road a lot with his job but he always made time for the family."

She thought back fondly on all the many sacrifices they made as a young couple in order to

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