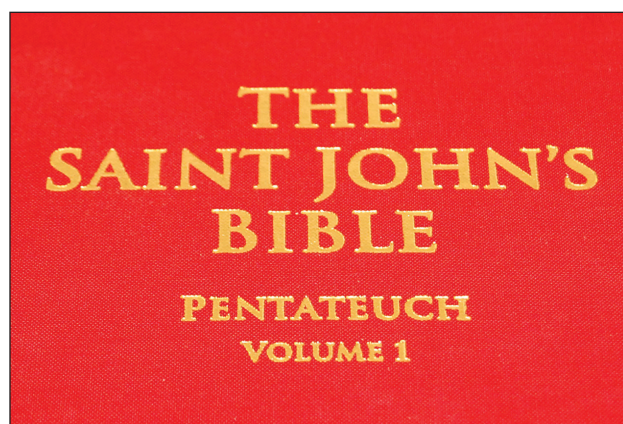




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## Tax Plan Unveiled

### Ricketts Emphasizes Taxes, Jobs, Education In First State Of The State

BY GRANT SCHULTE  
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts called on lawmakers Thursday to lower property taxes statewide while expanding tax

breaks for farmers, ranchers and military retirees.

The new Republican governor unveiled his tax plan along with job and education initiatives in his first State of the State address



Ricketts

since taking office on Jan. 8.

In a speech focused heavily on the economy, Ricketts recommended a slowdown in state government spending increases to pay for the tax reductions. His proposed budget would lower the annual growth rate to about 3.1 percent annually over two years, down from the traditional 5 percent yearly average.

"It is easy to view a government budget as

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PHOTO: RANDY TRAMP  
Rachel Cure works on the cataloging process at the Dakota Territorial Museum, in preparation for the museum's projected move to the Mead Building in three years.

## Big Plans In Process For Local Museum

BY RANDY TRAMP  
P&D Correspondent

A town square, specialized events and traveling exhibits are a few of the visions that Crystal Nelson and the board of directors of the Yankton County Historical Society and the Dakota Territorial Museum have for the Mead Building, which is scheduled to be the museum's new home in 2018.

Nelson said that the new museum will be something for the entire family. Kids will have hands-on exhibits alongside exhibits that will interest mom, dad, grandpa and grandma.

"We want the entire family to enjoy the new museum together," Nelson says.

The funding is gradually coming. In September, the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) awarded an \$112,505 grant to the museum. Also a \$6,000 grant was received in 2013 from the National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grant.

These grants aid in the museum's "Move Plan." The entire collection will be inventoried before the transfer to the Mead building can occur. The inventory

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### Sports



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### CORRECTION

In the Tuesday, Jan. 13, edition of the Press & Dakotan, it was reported that following a two-vehicle accident at 13th St. and Picotte St., the drivers of both vehicles were issued citations for driving on a suspended license and failure to yield. This was according to an initial description from the Yankton Police Department. In subsequent reports, it was announced that driver Kyler Wuestewald was the sole recipient of both citations.



SHAUNA MARLETTE/P&D

A group formed to help reduce the cost of purchasing food for Yankton School District lunches, the ESD Food Buying Group, is expanding to four schools for the next school year when Brookings joins Yankton, Brandon Valley and Harrisburg. Pictured is Sandi Kramer child nutrition supervisor for YSD in the dry goods storage room at Yankton High School.

## ESD Food Buying Group Expands

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE  
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For Sandi Kramer, child nutrition supervisor for the Yankton School District (YSD), keeping food costs low is a challenge as she juggles with meeting the nutritional standards set at both the state and federal level.

In an effort to help reduce costs, she and the food directors from Harrisburg and Brandon Valley joined together three years ago to form the ESD Food Buying Group. Now, because of the success they have had with the program, it is adding Brookings High School, as well.

The initial buying group was kept small in order to work out the "bugs," Kramer said but now is the time to expand.

"We are finding that the more volume the better, so we have asked the Brookings School District to join," Kramer said.

### School Serving

SD High School Lunch Costs Per meal:

Yankton High School	\$2.50
Brookings High School	\$2.70
Sioux Falls Schools	\$2.80
Brandon Valley High School	\$2.85
Harrisburg High School	\$2.95
Mitchell High School	\$3.25
Aberdeen Central High School	\$3.45
Huron High School	\$3.60

\* — Milk prices were included in these figures

With the addition of the Brookings School District - chosen because of its comparable size to the three schools already involved - the ESD Food Buying Group will be among the largest group in

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## ABS Celebrates 40 Years Of Growth

BY JORDYNNE HART  
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Ability Building Services (ABS) of Yankton is celebrating 40 years of growth and service this month.

To commemorate the anniversary, ABS will be having an open house from 4-6 p.m. Thursday Jan. 29 at 909 West 23rd St.

This private not-for-profit community agency provides pre-vocational activities, vocational training, residential training and other supports and services as needed to people with disabilities.

ABS currently supports 138 people with services.

Staff members at ABS, many of whom have been there more than 30 years, will say that over the past 40 years, the agency has evolved into something much more than what it was at the beginning.

"When I first started here, we were taking care of people and we were making those decisions in their life," long-time staff member and service coordinator Vivian Bakke said. "Now, the people are making their own decisions. It's all about what each person wants. It's not

"What is good for one person is good for everyone."

Talk began in the early 1970s of starting a sheltered workshop in Yankton to provide services for people with developmental disabilities.

"A lot of people were institutionalized at this time," said executive director Beth Kathol. "But services like ABS were progressing."

According to the ABS's timeline written by quality assurance coordinator Carrie Winterringer, on Jan. 6, 1975, "the workshop," which ABS



JORDYNNE HART/P&D  
Pictured from left to right are long-time ABS staff members Carrie Winterringer, Vivian Bakke, Gigi Healy, Rich Wright, Bonnie Schnabel, Beth Kathol and Sharon Oien. Not pictured is Pat Ballensky and Rod Deacon. ABS is celebrating 40 years of growth and service this month.

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