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## County Declines To Join In Ag Study

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Concerned about the implications of such a study, the Yankton County Commission declined Tuesday to take part in a rural development site feasibility analysis funded by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture.

Greg Henderson, director of Planning and Development District III (PDIII), said his organization is capable of doing the research necessary to identify sites that could be conducive to large dairies or feedlots and is offering to do it for all 16 counties in its coverage area if the respective county commissions agree to it.

He said 13 counties have consented to the research, while Yankton County is now among three that have said no.

"What the state is trying to do is identify locations that it can market," Henderson said. "It's going to California. It's going to the Netherlands. It's going wherever it has to go to try to attract people to come here. What it's trying to do is say, 'In this state, we have this many locations that are conducive to this if you're interested.'"



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Santee Sioux Nation Police Chief Rob Henry (front) and Knox County (Neb.) Sheriff Don Henery stand next to the rescue boat that the tribal police are offering for assistance with county needs. The Santee Sioux police department obtained the boat, which has been used for joint tribal-county training, with a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) grant.

## Santee Sioux, Knox Co. Come To Rescue

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SANTEE, Neb. — Santee Sioux Nation police chief Rob Henry has found a new mode of transportation for responding to emergencies.

Henry's department has received a 21-foot rescue boat for covering the Missouri River and Lewis and Clark Lake, which border the reservation in northern Knox County, Neb. The boat, motor and trailer were purchased with a \$25,000 grant through the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ).

The Santee Sioux police department hopes to receive the go-ahead from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to install

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our first boat, and it's a real asset for us," he said. "In the past, we relied on other people to provide us with their private boats. Getting our own boat is something that we've planned for a long time."

Now, the Santee Sioux police force has offered its boat as needed to assist the Knox County sheriff's department. The tribal police department stores the

a radio in the boat within the next two weeks, Henry said.

"This is

boat in a shed and would still operate the craft on missions.

"We just saw it as neighborly, to offer the boat once we got it," Henry said. "If Knox County gets a call, we can assist them with our boat and personnel. We have helped out in the Weigand area, and with our agreement (with the sheriff's department), we can respond anywhere in Knox County."

For Knox County Sheriff Don Henery, the Santee Sioux offer has provided a tremendous boost that will complement county, state and federal resources.

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## Alliances Break Down Farm Bill

BY THOMAS BEAUMONT

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DES MOINES, Iowa — For decades, country and city interests had come together every few years to pass the farm bill, a measure that provided billions of dollars in subsidies to farmers and businesses in rural areas and food stamp money for urbanites.

No more.

The recent defeat of this year's farm bill — traditionally a sturdy, albeit lonely pillar of cooperation in Washington — highlighted how the country-city political marriage became yet another victim of partisan politics in polarizing times. The divorce throws into doubt the future of sweeping agriculture and nutrition spending.

Here's how the breakdown of a longtime coalition happened: Newly emboldened conservative groups pressured rural-state Republicans — many representing agricultural districts — with radio ad campaigns to oppose the five-year \$940-billion bill, calling its proposed cuts to food stamps too little. Hardly faultless, Democrats, whose districts mostly encompass urban areas home to food-stamp recipients, refused to budge on cuts they considered too deep. Each party was fearful of angering their core supporters.

It was the height of partisanship over a measure that long had been devoid of it.

"That kind of thing wouldn't have happened at another moment in time," said Rep. Allyson Schwartz, a Pennsylvania Democrat who opposed the measure.

Rep. Steve Daines, R-Mont., voted for it, and bemoaned the result of House failure to pass it: "Doing nothing is worse than doing something."

Traditionally, Democrats and Republicans have worked closely together to pass farm bills.

Long ago, conservative rural lawmakers whose numbers in Congress were shrinking became aware that they alone couldn't muster enough votes to pass a measure paying for farm programs. So they agreed to include food-stamp money in the farm bill in exchange for support from their more liberal urban peers.

It was a mutually beneficial relationship. Conservative lawmakers were mindful that the measures included subsidies for farm-growing regions home to their

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### YPD Investigating String Of 10 Car Burglaries

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The Yankton Police Department has a suspect in custody after 10 vehicle burglaries were reported Tuesday.

According to Lt. Todd Brandt, the unidentified suspect is currently being held on an unrelated charge.

The burglaries occurred Monday night and mostly took place along Walnut Street north of 15th Street, although several were reported in the surrounding area.

"Several items have been recovered from the vehicle thefts," Brandt stated.

Because no damage was reported with the burglaries, he said that would indicate the vehicles were not locked.

"We are encouraging everyone to check their vehicles to make sure they are not missing any items," Brandt said. "In addition, keep vehicles locked and remove valuable items from them."

The investigation into the case is ongoing, he stated.

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Tessa Dee, a University of South Dakota graduate and Mitchell native, was recently crowned Miss South Dakota. She is shown being crowned by Miss South Dakota 2012, Calista Kirby.

## USD Graduate Crowned As Miss South Dakota 2013

BY EMILY NIEBRUGGE

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After placing third in the Miss South Dakota pageant last year, Tessa Dee knew she needed to focus her energy on improving herself and all areas of competition in order to be crowned Miss South Dakota.

That hard work all paid off when Dee was crowned Miss South Dakota in Hot Springs last Saturday.

The Mitchell native is already hard at work as Miss South Dakota. Dee began participating in pageants in 2011, when she was crowned Miss Rolling Plains. She was the third runner-up and that year and was awarded Rookie of the Year.

"I had never been in anything like that before, but I wanted to do something like that where I could focus my energy, and that seemed to be the right place," Dee said. "I did it and worked hard this past year and now I'm Miss South Dakota."

"It's a truly humbling experience to be chosen out of 15 other beautiful, intelligent, unique women."

MISS SOUTH DAKOTA TESSA DEE

Dee said she has always been a competitive person, and took a year to focus on bettering herself in the four Miss America points: service, scholarship, style and success. Dee's platform is Project Bookworm, an organization that encourages young children and their parents to read.

"I really knew that I wanted to focus my energy on becoming Miss South Dakota, so I worked really hard and I improved myself in all areas of competition and had a positive attitude

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