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License Incentives Mulled

City Commissioners Hesitate To Embrace Proposal

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Having received its first application Monday for a full-service restaurant liquor license, the Yankton City Commission discussed whether it should offer an incentive for such a permit.

Ultimately, the commission appeared hesitant to dive into an issue that some argue should be left up to the Legislature to decide.

Jean Hunhoff of Czeckers, which is not yet open but will be in the former Elks Lodge at 407 Walnut Street, applied and received approval for the full-service restaurant license. She is the first to do so.

The owners of The Landing at 104 Capital Street have said they are also interested in the license.

City Manager Amy Nelson said she decided to present the issue to the commission after hearing there are restaurant operators interested in the license but wary of the cost. She added that she is not aware of any communities in the state offering an incentive for the license.

In February 2009, the commission set the fee for a new full-service restaurant on-sale liquor license at \$70,000.

According to a 2008 state law, the price of the license had to be at least the price of the most recently sold on-sale liquor license sold within the

city between Jan. 1, 2003, and Jan. 1, 2008. The most recent sale at that time was \$70,000.

The restaurant liquor license fee cannot be changed for 10 years from the time it was set.

Restaurants seeking such licenses must make at least 60 percent of their gross revenue each year from food sales. They must submit a report with supporting documentation to the city annually to prove food sales meet the requirement. If the criteria is not met, the license is revoked.

According to Jason Evans, the deputy director of the Property and Special Taxes Division at the South Dakota Department of Revenue, nine full-service restaurant liquor licenses have been issued in



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Yankton City Commissioner David Knoff asks a question during Monday night's meeting. Knoff served as acting mayor during the meeting.

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Board Tables Parade Changes

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Due to concerns expressed by community members about proposed changes to the Pioneer Days Homecoming Parade, the Yankton School Board tabled action on the revisions at its meeting Monday night.

Last week, an open meeting was held at Yankton High School to discuss modifications to the parade that included the elimination of float-building and float-riding by students, with the exception of homecoming royalty.

The changes were proposed by a committee consisting of teachers, alumni, parents, students, administration and community members in response to safety and insurance liability concerns surrounding the parade. Last year, a student was injured when her leg was run over by a float. Two years ago, a student was injured after falling out of a golf cart.

Following the open meeting, numerous community members voiced their displeasure with the proposed changes, according to school administration officials and school board members.

"I've probably had more people contact me — coming into my office or just out in the streets — to discuss with me this homecoming parade than I had people approach me about previous opt-outs," said school board president Jim Fitzgerald.

Taking the feedback from the community into consideration, the school board recommended that the parade's committee reconsider some of the proposed changes, hoping that home-room students would be allowed to continue building floats and ride on them during the parade. To address liability concerns, it was proposed that all parade participants sign waivers that would waive the

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Off The Wall



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The dog days of summer are here, and Monday's warm days gave anglers an opportunity to hit the Missouri River to do some fishing. These boats lazily trolled the tailwater below Gavins Point Dam Monday afternoon, taking advantage of windless conditions and, more importantly, the lack of releases from the spillway. Gavins Point Dam discharges are being raised slightly to 20,500 cubic feet per second today (Tuesday). There could also be more uncertainty with the weather, as storms may creep through the area later in the day. For forecast details, see page 2.

Stomach Virus Outbreak

Salad Mix Production Halted

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A Mexico processing facility voluntarily suspended production of salad mix that's been linked to the outbreak of a stomach bug in Iowa and Nebraska, a California company announced Monday.

Salinas, Calif.-based Taylor Farms said its Mexican branch, Taylor Farms de Mexico, will not resume production and shipping of any salad mix as well as lettuce and other salad mix components without approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Production stopped Friday

and has been shifted to domestic crops and processing facilities in the United States.

Company officials said the suspension, which is expected to last several weeks, allows Taylor Farms de Mexico to assist federal authorities in their investigation into the cyclosporiasis outbreak, a stomach illness that has sickened more than 500 people in 18 states.

Cyclospora is caused by parasites that are spread when people ingest food or water contaminated with feces. People

who are exposed usually become sick after about a week and have diarrhea and other flu-like symptoms that can last from a few days to several months if untreated with antibiotics.

The outbreak in Iowa and Nebraska has been linked to salad mix served at local Olive Garden and Red Lobster restaurants that were supplied by the plant in Mexico. The cases have not been linked to the other states.

Taylor Farms has said its Mexico facility has an extensive water testing program.

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF

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OLIVET — Hutchinson County farmers are assessing the damage wrought by last week-end's hailstorm that cut a swath through the county.

"There was talk that it was

marble-sized hail, and that (the hail) was long and ragged," said Hutchinson County emergency manager Dave Hoffman.

As emergency manager, Hoffman said his county work focuses on structural damage. However, he has heard general reports of crop damage across the county in the aftermath of Saturday's storm.

"Some of the corn was further along, and the silk was brown. The corn can still take a hit," he said. "But basically, some of the beans are shot and don't have leaves at all. We had beans with 20 percent damage, and for a while it went to 50 percent damage."

For crops suffering extensive damage, it's getting late in the season for recovery, he said. It remains to be seen which crops will rebound for harvest, he said.

Saturday night's storm began in the Dimock area, near the Hutchinson-Davison county line,

"On either side of (the storm's path), there was hardly any rain. There were stretches where there was no wind and no rain. It's one of those unique things that come through here."

DAVE HOFFMAN

and followed a southern path along SD Highway 37 to Parkston, Hoffman said. At that point, the storm cut about a four-mile-wide path, covering about two miles on either side of Highway 37, he said.

The storm's arrival in Parkston brought Hoffman into a dual role. Besides his duties as county emergency manager, Hoffman also serves as Parkston mayor. He noted heavy rain and some wind damage in his town of about 1,500 residents.

"It was mostly wind damage. It blew through the Highway 44-37 junction (at Parkston) and to the west of that," he said. "There wasn't much for hail in town, it was mostly crops outside of town."

Upon leaving Parkston, the storm took a different path, Hoffman said.

"It continued going at an angle, jotting back and forth," he said. "It wasn't going straight and south. It was more from northwest to southeast."

At that point, the storm followed SD Highway 44 for a time before turning southeast, he said.

"The damage was a mile to

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Daugaard Says He Probably Will Seek Re-Election

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard says he probably will seek re-election next year.

Appearing on the Dakota News Network's call-in radio show, Daugaard says he probably won't make a final decision on seeking re-election until later this year. But he says his plans right now are to seek a second term.

Daugaard was a state senator for six years and lieutenant governor for eight years before being elected governor in 2010.

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