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The Annual Meeting of the Tabor Lumber Cooperative will be held on Tuesday March 4, 2014, immediately following the lunch at the Beseda Hall in Tabor, SD. Lunch will be served from 5-7pm. You and your family are invited.

Matt Smith, Secretary

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Pursuant to Yankton County Conditional Use Permit #1005: Commercial Asphalt, 25254 413th Avenue, Mitchell, SD 57301, will operate the hot mix plant from May 1, 2014 through October 31,

3+3+10NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration for the Lesterville Town Board Election, to be held on the 8th day of April, 2014, will close on the 24th day of March, 2014. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered, check the Voter Information Portal at www.sdsos.gov or call the county auditor at (605) 260-4436.

Registration may be complete during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, secretary of state's office, and those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the county auditor to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in form

Voters with disabilities may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in voter registration, absentee voting or polling place accessibility.

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MARY HENSLEY,

Deceased.

Pro. No. 14-9 NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is given that on the 25th day of February, 2014, Aaron Armfield, whose address is 801 S. 52nd Street, Apt. 304, Omaha, NE 68106, was appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Hensley.

Creditors of Decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred.

Claims may be filed with the Personal Representative or may be filed with the Clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the Personal Representative.

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SD Panel OKs Bill Against Dog Bans

PIERRE (AP) — A South Dakota panel has advanced a bill to keep cities from passing policies that target specific dog breeds.

The debate on Thursday lasted over an hour, pitting property rights against local

The House Local Government Committee voted 10-3 to approve the bill. It has already been approved by the Senate.

Supporters say owners, not specific dogs, are responsible for dog attacks. They say law enforcement would struggle to identify specific breeds. They say owners have a right to choose their dog's breed.

Opponents say many municipalities have policies on specific breeds and the issue should be handled locally. Others say insurance companies set policies against specific breeds and will continue to do so.

Legislators mingled after the hearing sharing stories about their own dogs.

Neb. Signage Bill Sparks Debate

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) Abortion foes and supporters are at odds over a Nebraska bill that would require clinics to post conspicuous signs saying women can't be pressured into having the procedure.

Abortion opponents say the bill would make clear to women that the law protects them from coercion by boyfriends, husbands, parents and others. The Legislature's Judiciary Committee heard testimony Thursday from women who say the signs might have made a difference when they had abortions decades

Abortion-rights supporters say it raises free-speech concerns, and note that women already undergo counseling to ensure they aren't being coerced.

The bill by Sen. Bill Kintner, of Papillion, would impose a \$10,000 fine for each day a sign is not posted.

No Action On Neb. **Casino Measure**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A proposed ballot measure to allow casino gambling in Neoraska isn't going anywhere this year.

The Legislature's General Affairs Committee opted not to take action on the proposed constitutional amendment. The measure by Sen. Russ Karpisek of Wilber would have put the question on the November

The measure would have allocated half of the state gambling-tax revenue to property tax relief, 25 percent to K-12 education, 12 percent to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and 12 percent to water projects. One percent would have gone into a state assistance fund for

compulsive gamblers. It also would have required community approval when a casino was proposed.

Nebraska voters last rejected casino gambling in

SD Legislature Prepares To Hike School Aid 3 Percent, Trim Levies

BY BOB MERCER State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — The Legislature is one step away from approving the governor's plan for funding public schools in the coming budget year.

The House Appropriations Committee gave its unanimous endorsement Thursday to increasing the per-pupil allocation by 3 percent to \$4,764.42, while also reducing the statewide property tax levies that help pay for it.

The full House of Representatives could vote as early as Monday afternoon for final passage of the legislation, SB 37. The Senate previously approved

Lobbyists for the Associated School Boards of South Dakota and the South Dakota Education Association testified in favor Thursday.

"As you all know, we're struggling to keep up," school boards spokesman Dick Tieszen said.

The levies for general education would go down because taxable valuations are forecast to increase for each of the three classes of property: Agricultural by 13 percent, owner-occupied homes 2 percent; and other including commercial 1 percent.

Those predicted valuation increases

AT A GLANCE

Here's a snapshot of the current pay-2014 and proposed pay-2015 tax levies for general education in South Dakota per \$1,000 of taxable property value, as well as the special education levy.

Agricultural property — \$2.09 in 2014; \$1.782 in 2015.

Owner-occupied homes — \$4.296 in 2014; \$4.252 in 2015. Other including commercial — \$9.20 in 2014; \$9.106 in 2015.

Special education (all classes of property) — \$1.552 in 2014; \$1.478

are statewide totals that reflect real changes in value for existing property as well as value coming onto the tax rolls for the first time from new con-

Any changes in individual property values will vary from owner to owner

and also will depend on local markets. For schools, the 3 percent funding increase would be \$138.70 per student over the current level under Gov. Dennis Daugaard's plan. It would be just \$64.70 if only the 1.6 percent rate of inflation was followed.

Tamara Darnall, the financial director for the state Department of Education, said valuations increased more than expected in the past year.

State government received a windfall of approximately \$5.7 million that was paid from property taxes rather than state aid as a result. Darnall said that's less than a 1 percent error.

Because too much money is being collected for the fiscal 2014 year, the levies are being reduced more for fiscal 2015, according to Jason Dilges, state commissioner of finance and management.

"It always comes out even," he said. Local property taxes pay about \$280 million of approximately \$700 million of need for public schools, according to

The committee also unanimously endorsed SB 38 that revises the specialeducation levy, which is the same regardless of the property type.

There would be a 3 percent increase in each of the special-education funding categories, while the levy would be reduced as a result of the valuation

The Senate previously voted 33-0 for the special education package.

South Dakota

Panel Kills Bill Banning Radar Traffic Cameras

BY NORA HERTEL

Associated Press

PIERRE — A South Dakota representative said Thursday she was disappointed to watch her bill prohibiting certain traffic cameras die by a narrow margin in a Senate hearing.

The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 4-3 Thursday to kill the bill, which would have kept local governments from using cameras with radar detectors to ticket drivers for speed and red-light violations.

The bill had passed through the House earlier

"I thought I had it," Democrat Peggy Gibson of Huron said after the hearing.

A court ruling in a 2006 case filed against Sioux Falls and the company that operated its one camera declared the use of the devices unconstitutional. No such cameras are currently used in the

Gibson said devices with radars and cameras can issue tickets to the wrong person and violate the constitutional right to due process because they are difficult to contest.

But opponents said the language in the bill was unclear. One opponent said local governments should decide whether to use the devices, not the state.

Such traffic cameras have prompted lawsuits in numerous other states, including in Minnesota, where the state Supreme Court ruled the cameras unconstitutional in 2007.

Gibson said the camera system made red-light violations a civil penalty, causing a disparity in laws across the state because other communities treat those violations when issued by a police officer as criminal charges.

Gibson also said the cameras don't improve safety.

She was the only supporter of the bill who testi-

fied, and only one person testified in opposition. Committee members lamented the lack of testimony from law enforcement or the Attorney General's office.

Larry Nelson, a lawyer and lobbyist with the South Dakota Municipal League, said the language in the bill could prohibit use of radars and cameras in police vehicles.

"We think this is a bill that is going to create problems for law enforcement," Nelson said.

Chief Deputy Attorney General Charles McGuigan, who said his office has no official stance, said the bill likely referred to devices that included both a camera and radar.

"I have no idea what technology is going to bring us in 10 years. In 10 years we could very much look silly," said Republican Sen. Craig Tieszen of Rapid City, who opposed the bill.

Tieszen said as Rapid City

police chief he advised against the adopting of the cameras there, but said municipalities should be able to make that decision. He said the bill challenged local con-

The committee considered three different amendments to clarify the language in the bill, none of them passed.

Sen. Jean Hunhoff, R-Yankton, said she was worried that the bill was complicated by trying to address both red light violations and speeding violations.

"It's like we're mixing apples and oranges," Hunhoff said. "To me, it's too confusing.

She suggested Gibson return the bill another year with clarifications.

After the hearing, Gibson said she wasn't sure if she would redraft the bill or not. She has drafted similar bills in the past few years that failed as well.

Female Mountain Lion's Death In Neb. Ends Panhandle Season

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A hunter's killing of a female mountain lion has automatically ended the second season in the Panhandle area

where it was taken. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission said the 102-pound animal was killed Wednesday in Sheridan County. Experts estimated the animal was about 5 1/2 years old and said it didn't show any signs of recent motherhood. One of its ears had a tag from South Dakota

Game, Fish and Parks. Season 2 in the Pine Ridge Unit was scheduled to run from Feb. 15 through March 31, with a requirement to end once one female or two mountain lions total were killed. One hundred lottery permits were drawn on Oct. 9 for Season 2, and only those permit holders were al-

lowed to hunt. The Game and Parks Commission has four units designated for hunting mountain lions. They are Pine Ridge in the northern Nebraska Panhandle, Upper Platte in the southern Panhandle, Keya Paha in northcentral Nebraska, and Prairie, which covers the rest of the state.

The first season in the Pine Ridge Unit closed when two male mountain lions were killed on Jan. 2.

This is the first year of state-licensed hunting of mountain lions, which are also called cougars, pumas or catamounts. And it may be the last.

Lawmakers last week gave initial approval to Sen. Ernie Chamber's bill that would end Nebraska's mountain lion hunt. In 2012 the Legislature approved mountain lion hunting.

The new measure includes exceptions for farmers and ranchers if mountain lions were to threaten their property, It also would allow people to defend themselves if attacked. But Chambers, of Omaha, said such scenarios are unlikely because the animals pose no real threat to

Sanford Health Launching \$30M Tracking System SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Dako- starting with a new clinic in

tas-based Sanford Health is spending \$30 million on a system to track every patient, employee and piece of hospital equipment in its system. Patient wristbands and

employee badges soon will include a chip that will communicate with the tracking system by sensors mounted on walls in rooms and hallways. Equipment such as gurneys, wheelchairs, surgical devices and intravenous pumps will be tagged for instant tracking. The tracking also will allow a hospital or clinic encountering an infection to backtrack and determine which equipment and

people were exposed. The software is from Intelligent InSites, a Fargo, N.D., business that has designed tracking systems for 70 cus-

tomers in 150 locations. "Having a strong strategic partnership with another visionary organization that shares our goal of driving high-impact innovations in health care delivery is great,' Intelligent InSites Chairman and CEO Doug Burgum said in a statement.

Sanford will phase in the technology within five years,

Moorhead, Minn., that is scheduled to open Monday. Installation is scheduled at hospitals in Sioux Falls and Fargo, the two cities where Sanford is based, over the next several months. The technology eventually will cover Sanford's nine-state 126city network. Sanford bills itself as the nation's largest not-for-profit rural health care provider. "This is all about improv-

ing the experience not only for our patients but also our own employees," Nate White, Sanford's chief operating officer, said in a statement. The main thing patients will notice from being elec-

tronically monitored is better service, while employees will notice efficiency in their work, Paul Hanson, president of the Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, told the *Argus* Leader newspaper.

"I think we'd be surprised that there are a lot of things that get misplaced, not necessarily lost, but misplaced from one department to the other," he said. "It sounds simple, but in a complex environment like a medical center, sometimes simple things get lost."

Medicaid

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approval would come in the form of budget provisions that allow the spending of extra state and federal money in a revised program, but those budget changes could be made retroactively next year.

"I guess I would want to be sure the Legislature was in agreement," the Republican governor said.

The federal health overhaul gives states the option of expanding Medicaid to cover people earning up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level. Daugaard and Republican lawmakers want to expand eligibility only up to 100 percent of the poverty level because those above

that mark can buy subsidized private insurance through the new health care

Federal officials last year rejected a similar waiver request, but Daugaard in late January sent U.S. Health and **Human Services Secretary** Kathleen Sebelius a letter renewing the request to provide Medicaid coverage to people earning less than 100 percent of the poverty level who are working or have lost jobs in the past 12 months.

House Speaker Brian Gosch, R-Rapid City, said Sebelius may be more willing now to accept such a proposal because other states have sought waivers. South Dakota's Medicaid

program now covers about

116,000 children, adults and

disabled people. Full expan-

poverty level would add an

sion to 138 percent of the

estimated 48,000 people,

People earning up to 138 percent of the poverty level

mostly adults without

children.

— about \$16,000 for a single person or \$33,000 for a family of four — would be covered by a full expansion. The federal government would fully cover those added to Medicaid rolls through 2016. and the state's contribution would rise in stages to 10 percent of the costs by 2020.

An expansion to 100 percent of the poverty level would cover a single person earning up to about \$11,700 and a family of four earning \$23,850.

If state and federal officials reach agreement after South Dakota's legislative session ends, the state might have enough money to cover a Medicaid expansion without changing the budget that will be passed before the session's main run ends

March 14, Gosch said. That would mean Daugaard could expand Medicaid without calling a special legislative session, he said. Senate Republican Leader

Tim Rave of Baltic said Sebelius might agree to negotiate with the state on details of any partial expansion. When Daugaard was asked what he would do if federal officials approved a

Legislature before deciding what to do. "I think this is a decision I should not make unilater-

partial expansion of Medi-

work requirement, he said

ally," Daugaard said. House Democratic Leader Bernie Hunhoff of Yankton said he still believes South Dakota should expand Medicaid all the way to 138 percent of poverty level. He hopes the Legislature can

approve some kind of expansion in the next two weeks.

"I don't care how it happens as long as it happens," Hunhoff said.



Friday, February 28 7:40 am Yankton P&D (Nathan Johnson)

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