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Lawmakers To Mull Roads, Bridges And Casino Games

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PIERRE — Lawmakers are expected to debate raising revenue to fund roads and bridges, legislative pay hikes and expanding the kinds of games Deadwood can offer this week in Pierre.

Here's a look at some of the proposals they'll take up:

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

The debate over raising revenue to fund roads and bridges will heat up when the House Transportation Committee takes up Gov. Dennis Daugaard's approximately \$50 million plan on Tuesday for the first time. The measure includes about \$40 million in state revenue from increasing the vehicle excise tax and raising the gas tax and nearly \$11 million in local revenues through vehicle registration fee increases.

Sen. Mike Vehle is sponsoring a proposal to raise more than \$100 million in the first year for roads and bridges through a variety of fuel taxes, vehicle fees and other assessments. Vehle chaired a task force that met before the session and recommended the plan, which hasn't had a hearing yet.

Senate Majority Leader Tim Rave said he's hearing more support for Daugaard's proposal because it

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A Snowy Surprise For Yankton Area



ABOVE: Gusty winds were still a problem for many motorists in Yankton Sunday afternoon after a major winter snowstorm unexpectedly trekked north and clipped the region. Yankton received at least 8 inches of snow from the system — referred to as Winter Storm Linus — before it headed east toward the Great Lakes and the eastern seaboard. It was reported Sunday night that at least 100 million people have been or will be impacted by the storm system. Bitter cold conditions followed in the wake of the storm. Seasonably chilly temperatures are expected to hang on in the Yankton area until the end of the week. For details, see page 2. (Kelly Hertz/P&D)

Storm Veers North, Hits Area Before Targeting East

From P&D and AP Reports

Winter reasserted itself across the region rather dramatically — and surprisingly — this past weekend.

A massive mid-winter storm unexpectedly moved north from the Central Plains and belted southeastern South Dakota and northeast Nebraska with heavy snow, strong winds and plunging temperatures.

Weather advisories turned to watches and then to warnings Saturday. The original forecasts for the day called for only a possibility of light snow in the evening hours.

Instead, Yankton had officially received 8 inches of snow as of Sunday morning. Temperatures that had been in the upper 30s early Saturday morning had tumbled to 5 degrees at 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon, with wind gusts up to 33 miles per hour reported earlier Sunday.

Other snowfall totals across the area included: Sioux City, 7.2 inches; Sioux Falls, 6.4; Viborg, 6.0; Wagner, 6.0; Bloomfield, 5.4; Pickstown, 5.0; Neligh,

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Education The Focus Of Cracker Barrel

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The first legislative cracker barrel of the 2015 session was held Saturday at the Avera Sacred Heart Pavilion and, based on the questions asked, the citizens of District 18 are most interested in how education funding will be addressed in Pierre.

"Listening to the group today, the main concerns are education, Medicare expansion and roads — the three primary funding issues that we will be looking at in order to address those needs that are out there," said Rep. Jean Hunhoff (R). "You either redirect, find new funding sources or you cut programs. Those are the only options. Cutting programs is never a favorable option and that is certainly not my choice."

Rep. Hunhoff said that the first step will come when the state identifies what the needs of education funding are.

"Some of the discussion today was looking outside the box, are we



B. Hunhoff



J. Hunhoff

The fact that we see teacher shortage as an issue here, not every county is seeing that."

Rep. Mike Stevens (R) said that he has been working to identify who in the new Legislature identifies education issues as a priority.

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using (current funding) to get the right outcomes," she said. "That is what we are trying to look at. If the issue is you want something ongoing, the funding has to come from somewhere. Is there something out there that is getting revenue that maybe you split to something else? What we see in this county not every other county in the state sees as an issue.



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

District 18 Rep. Mike Stevens (R) discusses educational funding options during a legislative cracker barrel held Saturday at Yankton's Avera Professional Pavilion. It was the first of three such forums to be held this winter featuring Stevens, Rep. Jean Hunhoff (R) and Sen. Bernie Hunhoff (D).



COURTESY IMAGE
This logo adorns the T-shirts that are being provided to participants in Yankton Middle School's "Girls Night Out" event, set for Friday night at YMS.

A YMS Bonding Experience

Yankton Middle School Prepares For Its First 'Girls Night Out'

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An effort to increase bonding in the Yankton Middle School (YMS) has amazed school officials with the interest that's been created.

"Girls Night Out" is an idea formed locally by the school to form a bonding experience between female YMS students and their mothers or guardians.

"Girls Night Out" has more than 315 people registered," said school councilor Stephanie Burgeson. "When

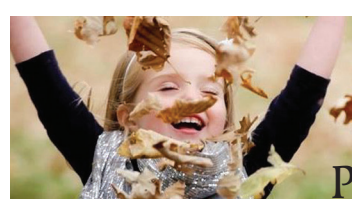
we started the planning, we thought if everybody came and everybody brought a parent or guardian we would be at just over 400 people, so we thought let's plan for half, which would be 200, that would be optimistic for something new. When we figured out our numbers (Thursday) to order our T-shirts, we were absolutely thrilled and amazed at the same time. We closed registration last week, but we are not going to turn anybody away, so if kids want to turn in their registration next week, we are going to take them. So, that number might be

higher when we get to Friday."

YMS principal Todd Dvoracek stated that the goal of the event was to empower the YMS girls and help in building the relationships with the girls and their parents.

"Girls Night Out" is an opportunity for the girls of Yankton Middle School to come to the event with a parent or chaperone and bond," he said. "We have decided that we want to do more community bonding type events at the school, and this is what Mrs. Burgeson

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2015 Beautiful Baby Contest

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See the Press & Dakotan for full details.

"Beautiful Baby Contest" in print & online on Wednesday, February 26, 2015
To enter, simply submit your photo and entry form with a \$10 submission fee by Tuesday, February 17.

- 1) Newborn-6 Mos.
- 2) 7-12 Mos.
- 3) 13-24 Mos.
- 4) 25 Months-4 Yrs.
- 5) Multiple Births



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