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'Daschle Law' Is Scrubbed In House

BY BOB MERCER State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Thirteen years after Republicans passed a state law blocking then-U.S. Sen. Tom Daschle from running for re-election and seeking the Democratic



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nomination for president at the same time on South Dakota's ballot, a public apology came Monday from House Republican leader Brian Gosch.

Gosch, a Rapid City lawyer serving his eighth year as a legislator, said it shouldn't have happened. He said the mistake became evident to him in 2012 when U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin was able to seek re-election while running as the Republican vice presidential candidate.

"I think that was bad policy. I hope we correct this," Gosch said.

His remarks came at the start of the House debate on HB 1176 that would repeal the 2002 law. Fifty Republicans voted in favor of the measure, while 6 Republicans and 11 Democrats voted against it.

The legislation now goes to the Senate for consideration. Gosch said the law's repeal would help protect South Dakota's opportunity for some possible influence in the future.

Republican U.S. Sen. John Thune is up for re-election in 2016 and has been mentioned at times as a prospect for vice president or president. Daschle in 2004 sought re-election to the Senate rather than run for president. He lost to Thune.

Rep. Julie Bartling, D-Gregory, recalled the 2002 debate and the argument by Republicans that running for two posts simultaneously

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The Health Of It



SHAUNA MARLETTE/P&D

With an update the Yankton School District's wellness program, students at the high school are adjusting to new offerings in the lunch room. Pictured here students are in line at the snack bar during study hall. Per the new requirements the district is now offering healthier snacks that meet federal guidelines.

YSD Wellness Program Works To Meet Requirements

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE shauna.marlette@yankton.net

Changes to the federal Healthier Kids Act have greatly impacted what Yankton students are seeing on their lunch plate and beyond, according to Sandi Kramer, child nutrition supervisor for the Yankton School District (YSD).

Because of the change, Kramer and YSD have updated the district's wellness plan to cover not only dietary requirements but also physical activity and education of students, staff and community alike.

"With the new Healthier Hungry Kids Act, you had to have a wellness policy that had more meat to it, you might say," Kramer said. "It needed to be clearer what the schools were going to do, and they added to it that you had to have an active wellness committee: somebody that is going to measure and observe that these

"We need to come up with ideas and teach kids (about) not only eating right but also being active."

SANDI KRAMER

things were going on in the school."

Kramer said the school's committee includes administrators, teachers, community members and a student.

"One of the things we have had to focus on this year is the fundraiser act," Kramer said. "If you had a fundraiser in your school during the school day, it has to meet the same requirements that I can have with my smart snacks. If I am struggling to figure that all out, can you imagine these groups

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Yankton School Board

Joint-Use Pact With B&G Club Approved

Groundbreaking For \$7M Project Set For This Fall

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE shauna.marlette@yankton.net

With minimal fanfare, the final agreement between the Boys and Girls Club of Brookings and the Yankton School District was approved at Monday's meeting of the Yankton School Board.

"This joint-use agreement protects the interests of both the school district and the Boys and Girls Club of Brookings," stated Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle during the meeting. "This agreement just goes to show that there is a lot of good trust between the two entities."

The joint use agreement finalized Monday, was the last remaining issue between the two entities. With the approval, the Boys and Girls Club can move forward with all plans to build its new facility on the property of the Yankton Middle School.

Kindle said during the discussion that the agreement, while similar to the one with the city for the Summit Center/High School property, is less detailed due to the nature of the property being built. He also noted that the agreement is a working document and can be adjusted at the request of either party.

The Boys & Girls Club "Building Great Futures" campaign includes an ambi-



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tious goal of raising \$7 million. Of the money raised, \$4 million will be used to construct a new, permanent home for the Boys & Girls Club located on school district property north of the Yankton Middle School, with the additional \$3 million going to establish an endowment fund.

Currently, plans are to break ground this fall and per the joint-use agreement, tentatively open in March 2016.

The facility, which will be 25,000 square feet, will accommodate as many as 350 students from grades 1-12 and will include a gymnasium, snack area and a place to study and meet friends.

The campaign has already received a \$2 million commitment from Larry and Diane Ness, in addition to \$1 million from First Dakota National Bank. With the help of the Nesses, outside investors and the community, the club has already raised \$4.9 million for its campaign.

Also during the meeting, the board accepted the early resignations of long-time teachers Angela Hejl, Kristine Likness and Kathy Wright.

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City Gives Approval To Horse Carriage Measure

BY ROB NIELSEN Rob.nielsen@yankton.net

This summer, Yankton residents will have opportunities to enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides in the downtown area thanks to a local resident.

The Yankton City Commission voted unanimously Monday night to pass an ordinance outlining rules and regulation for the operation of horse-drawn carriages — something that was not previously addressed, according to city manager Amy Nelson.

"We had an individual approach us regarding the ability to provide horse carriage rides in the downtown area along the riverfront area, and we don't have anything in our animal control ordinance that dis-

cusses that or mentions that," Nelson said during a press briefing on Friday. "We certainly have a few concerns about cleanup and hours and things of that nature and how the horses are handled. This would make provisions in our animal ordinance to provide for that during the summer months."

John Schroeder, a retired veterinarian living near Yankton, said he'd like to provide a new activity for Yankton residents.

"I have a couple of gentle teams of gentle horses and mules I was on the wagon train with this fall," Schroeder told the commission Monday. "I have a people-mover and a couple of pretty carriages, and I thought, 'You know, it might be fun

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Shoreline Snooze



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Monday morning's dreary, cool conditions made it awfully tempting to sleep in — which is what this snow goose did while parked along the shoreline of the Missouri River at Yankton's Riverside Park. (According to the Department of Game, Fish and Parks in Pierre, this is an adult snow goose, but "it's the dark or blue morph, sometimes also called a blue goose.") There should be some great flying weather today (Tuesday), with sunny skies and temperatures climbing into the 50s. However, chillier weather is expected to return Wednesday. For forecast details, see page 2.

Yankton RadioShack To Close Doors In Bankruptcy Move

From P&D and AP Reports

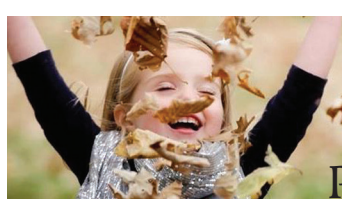
Yankton is among nine RadioShack locations in South Dakota slated for closure over the next month.

The struggling consumer electronics chain filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy last week. The company announced on Monday that it will close nearly 1,800 stores by March 31.

KELO-TV reports that the locations statewide to be closed include some in Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, Brookings, Pierre, Rapid City and Watertown, as well as Yankton.

RadioShack, which was founded nearly a century ago, said in its Chapter 11 filing that it plans to sell 1,500 to 2,400 stores to its largest shareholder, investment firm Standard General. It is seeking to close the remainder of its 4,000 U.S. stores.

Fort Worth, Texas-based RadioShack is also in talks about selling all of its remaining overseas assets.



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