



S.D. Legislature overturns one of three Governor's vetoes on last session day

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The Senate overturned one of the three vetoes from Gov. Dennis Daugaard and the House quickly concurred on the last day of the 2015 S.D. Legislative session in Pierre. The bill which successfully passed March 30 was SB 136, which had testimony from Sen. Xx Brown, R-Gettysburg, and no comments to uphold the veto. The bill seeks to correct a decision made by the Department of Revenue to apply sales tax on an amount already taxed on rural electric cooperatives.

Cooperatives pay property tax on their buildings, but it is different, said Brown, when it is taxed on the amount of electricity used by the consumer, which fluctuates.

Daugaard, in his letter to the Senate, had commented that he did not accept the argument that the current taxation system imposes a double tax. Rural electric companies, he said, are in a similar situation to thousands of businesses throughout South Dakota.

Rep. Thomas Brunner, R-Nisland, had noted that electric cooperatives did not have a problem with the tax

structure, just how it was imposed recently. It had been 20 years doing it the right way, he said, and now it has been done the wrong way.

The Senate passed the overturn by 31-1 with one person absent, and the House concurred by passing it 63-1, with six Representatives absent. The vote needed to be a two-thirds majority.

The bill now becomes law without the Governor's signature.

Sen. Brock Greenfield, R-Clark,

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On Friday mornings from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. in the back of Lake Grocery in Willow Lake, conversation and laughter abound as area ladies gather and have rolls and coffee together to end their week. Jim Framstad, shown standing, helps out keeping the coffee pot full, when he's not busy farming.

Shown from left to right clockwise are: Vivian Johnsen, Lois Brower, Framstad, Phyllis Schmidt, Kathy Mederios, Kathy Blocker, Edie Atkins, Donna Pommer, Marilyn Berreth, Pastor Lois Aroian, Marylee Framstad and Violet Mundhenke.

Willow Lake coffee ladies...

▲ Conversation gets livelier with each cup

If one enters the Lake Grocery Store in Willow Lake on Friday mornings between 8:30 a.m. and about 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., they will hear lively conversation and laughing in the back of the store.

Conversation and laughter abound, maybe getting a little louder as time goes on, as area ladies get energized with their comradery, coffee and rolls from a De Smet bakery brought in.

"It's a nice ending to the week," say the group, "and a good start to the day."

The circle around the table gets

bigger and bigger as the ladies arrive. "We just squeeze in a little tighter around the table. If you come later, the ends of the table get bigger. And if you sit in the corner, you don't get out till 9:45," giggles Donna Pommer.

"Deb (Holmstrom) really goes the extra mile for us," says Marilyn Berreth. "She really caters to us making sure we have everything."

Lacey Giles who was working on the Friday of the interview, also checks on the ladies now and then. Also willing to help is Jim Framstad, who helps when he's not out-

side farming. "A person can always use an extra hand sometimes," says Framstad.

There was talk around the table of maybe making the 'coffee shoppe' area bigger. "Maybe moving this wall behind us back a little, we've been talking about. We may need it," said Kathy Blocker.

Topics of conversation

Everything. Those are the topics covered from current events, kids, grandkids, who's having a baby shower next, to the new things in

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Monday was a big day for the city of Clark. In Pierre, on Monday, Gov. Dennis Daugaard, seated, signed Senate Bill 173 into law. This action authorizes up to a \$4 million grant for the city to build a wastewater treatment system. This new system will cost approximately \$7 million including land acquisition. Shown at the funding signing, left to right, Clark

city finance officer Jackie Luttrell, Jim Feeney, Gov. Daugaard, Clark Mayor Larry Dreher and Todd Bernhard. Feeney is a member of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Bernhard is a member of the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources.

Gov. Daugaard announces \$5.485 million for Clark Wastewater project

This week is a big week for the city of Clark going forward with the wastewater treatment system. On Monday, South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard signed Senate Bill 173 into law.

Daugaard says by signing this law, the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$5.485 million funding package to Clark for a new wastewater treatment facility.

The funding package includes a \$3 million Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program grant and a \$2.485 million Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan. Loan terms are 3.25 percent for 30 years. The funds will be administered through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Clark finance officer Jackie Luttrell said she was very pleased about this week's activities and commented, "This funding gives us the opportunity to move forward on a problem we have been dealing with for almost five years now."

"I am pleased to announce that Clark will receive this assistance," said Gov. Daugaard. "This funding will help Clark build a wastewater treatment facility to comply with new state discharge permit require-

ments."

Clark Mayor Larry Dreher stated that he was appreciative of all of the involved parties to give us this money and allow the city to gain compliance. "I'm glad it happened," stated the mayor, and then he was quick to understand that this also will be a burden financially to the residents of Clark with an increase in the water/sewer fees. "This is the avenue we've been forced into and we have a lot of work still ahead, but it will definitely be a positive for the city of Clark."

The project involves replacing Clark's existing mechanical wastewater treatment plant with a total retention facility. The change is necessary to assure Clark maintains compliance with the city's surface water discharge permit. Re-classification of lakes downstream from the existing treatment facility necessitates the construction of a total retention facility.

In addition to the construction of the new wastewater treatment facility, the project will include purchasing land, constructing a lift station and installing force main and other necessary piping.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$7 million. Clark received

a \$1 million Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program grant last year for the project.

The Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program, funded in part by revenues from the sale of lotto tickets, provides grants and loans for water, wastewater and watershed projects. The Legislature appropriates Water and Environment Funds annually to the Consolidated program through the Governor's Omnibus Water Funding Bill. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program provides low-interest loans for wastewater, storm water and nonpoint source projects.

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Mar. 24.....	38	27	tr
Mar. 25.....	40	22	0
Mar. 26.....	35	13	0
Mar. 27.....	32	12	tr
Mar. 28.....	52	27	0
Mar. 29.....	55	35	.03
Mar. 30.....	69	33	0
2015 precipitation to date .59"			
2014 precipitation to date .86"			

Churches to celebrate the resurrection of Christ

▲ Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services to be held

"He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart. You ask me how I know He lives, He lives within my heart."

This is the chorus to the hymn "He Lives" by Alfred H. Ackley. This song is usually a part of the Easter worship which many churches choose on Easter Sunday.

The evangelist Martin Luther said, "Every man must do two things alone. He must do his own believing and he must do his own dying. It is up to us, individually to believe in the Grace of God," he says.

The Grace of God is the Gift of Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord, as it reads in the Bible in John 3 verse 16.

"To the Christian, death is not

gloom, it is Glory," preached American evangelist D. L. Moody.

He believed men and women were lost without Christ and on his own death bed, Moody was heard to exclaim - Earth is receding - heaven is approaching. This is my crowning day!

Easter services held throughout the area include:

Maundy Thursday

Churches having a Maundy Thursday service in the area on April 2, include in Clark: St. Paul Lutheran will have the Ecumenical Service at 7:30 p.m. which will include a skit performed depicting the Last Supper.

In Raymond, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, a service with communion will be held at 7:00 p.m. which includes members of Peace Lutheran in Clark.



The First Presbyterian Church in Raymond will hold their Maundy Thursday service with communion at 7:00 p.m.

In Willow Lake, the United Presbyterian Church will host a Seder Supper at 6:30 p.m. on April 2, Maundy Thursday, joined by members of the Congregational Church.

In Bryant, a Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper will be held at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

At the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bryant, Prairie Star Lutheran Parish members will host a soup supper from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service to follow.

At Crocker Lutheran in Crocker, a 7:00 p.m. joint worship will be held including members of St. John's Lutheran in Bradley.

Good Friday

In Willow Lake, the schedule for Good Friday includes a service to be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Congrega-

tional Church. Members of Willow Lake Evangelical will attend their Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 6:30 p.m..

In Carpenter, members of the United Methodist Church will have a 7:00 p.m. service.

In Clark, a Community Good Friday worship is being planned at the Clark United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. Members of St. Michael's are planning a 12:10 p.m. Passion Service for Good Friday at their church.

In Bradley, members of Crocker Lutheran and St. John's will have their service at St. John's at 7:00 p.m.

Prairie Star Lutheran members will attend a 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Vienna.

At St. Henry's Catholic Church

in Henry, a 3:00 p.m. Good Friday service will be held on April 3.

Easter Sunday

In Clark, Easter service at the UCC church will be at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Fawn Lamb. At St. Paul Lutheran, Pastor Gary Anderson will officiate at a 6:30 a.m. sunrise Easter service. A light breakfast will follow the sunrise service. An 8:45 a.m. service will also be held with Communion and flower processional.

Reverend Randy Bader will host an Easter Resurrection Festival service at 9:00 a.m. at Peace Lutheran in Clark which also includes members of Bethlehem Lutheran in Raymond.

At the Methodist and Garden City United Methodist Churches the

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