

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU'S

Menus listed below are for **December 16 - December 18.** Menus are subject to change without notice.

Vermillion Schools Breakfast

Available everyday: Breakfast entrée or choice of cereals with toast. Fruit or Fruit Juice, Milk choices

Wednesday - A. Pancakes with Syrup, B. Cereal Choices and Toast, Pineapple, Juice Choices, Milk Choices
Thursday - A. Breakfast Pizza, B. Cereal Choices and Toast, Sliced Peaches, Juice Choices, Milk Choices
Friday - A. Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll, B. Cereal Choices and Toast, Applesauce, Juice Choices, Milk Choices

Vermillion Elementary Schools Lunch

Wednesday - A. Pizza, B. Taco Burger, Peas
Thursday - A. Baked Ham Slice and Dinner Roll, B. Crispy Chicken Nuggets and Dinner Roll, Scalloped Potatoes, Golden Corn, Holiday Cookie
Friday - A. Home-style Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, B. Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Green Beans, Chocolate Chip Cookie

Vermillion Middle School Lunch

Wednesday - A. Pizza, B. Taco Burger, Peas
Thursday - A. Baked Ham Slice and Dinner Roll, B. Crispy Chicken Nuggets and Dinner Roll, Scalloped Potatoes, Golden Corn, Holiday

Cookie
Friday - A. Home-style Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, B. Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Green Beans, Chocolate Chip Cookie

Vermillion High School Lunch

Wednesday - A. Pizza, B. Taco Burger, Peas

Elk Point-Jefferson Breakfast

Wednesday - A. Sausage Gravy over Biscuit, B. Cereal Choices and Toast, Pineapple, Juice Choices, Milk Choices
Thursday - A. Breakfast Pizza, B. Cereal Choices and Toast, Sliced Peaches, Juice Choices, Milk Choices
Friday - A. Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll, B. Cereal Choices and Toast, Applesauce, Juice Choices, Milk Choices

Elk Point - Jefferson Elementary School Lunch

Wednesday - A. Home-style Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, B. Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Green Beans
Thursday - A. Baked Ham Slice and Dinner Roll, B. Crispy Chicken Nuggets and Dinner Roll, Scalloped Potatoes, Golden Corn, Holiday Cookie
Friday - A. Pizza, B. Taco Burger, Peas

Elk Point-Jefferson High & Middle School Lunch

Wednesday - A. Home-style Spaghetti with Meat Sauce and Bread Stick, B. Crispy or Spicy Chicken Sandwich,

Green Beans
Thursday - A. Baked Ham Slice and Dinner Roll, B. Crispy Chicken Nuggets and Dinner Roll, Scalloped Potatoes, Golden Corn, Holiday Cookie

Irene-Wakonda School Breakfast

Available every day: Breakfast entrée or Choice of cereals w/toast, Fruit, Milk Choices

Wednesday - Long John Donut, Fruit, Milk Choices
Thursday - Sausage Pancake Stick, Fruit, Milk Choices
Friday - Waffles, Fruit, Milk Choices

Irene-Wakonda Elementary School Lunch

Wednesday - A. Cheeseburger, B. Pork Rib Sandwich, Carrots
Thursday - A. Beef Country Fritter, Dinner Roll, Ice Cream Cup, Cheesy Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Friday - A. Tater Tot Hot Dish with Bread, B. Mini Corn Dogs, Peas

Irene-Wakonda High & Middle School Lunch

Wednesday - A. Cheeseburger, B. Pork Rib Sandwich, C. Italian Sub, Carrots
Thursday - A. Beef Country Fritter, Dinner Roll, Ice Cream Cup, Cheesy Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Friday - A. Tater Tot Hot Dish with Bread, B. Mini Corn Dogs, C. Turkey & Cheese Sub, Peas

Christmas Break Begins! Happy Holidays!

Dakota Senior Meals

Served at The Main Street Center & Town Square, "Meals on Wheels"

Please call before 9:00am to schedule or cancel a meal at 624-7868.

Menus listed below are

Dec. 16 - Dec. 22. Menus are subject to change without notice. All menus are served with whole grain bread and 1% milk unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday - Creamy Asparagus, Roast Beef Sandwich, Crackers, Tropical Fruit Salad, Vanilla Ice Cream

Thursday - Ham Potato Omelet, Winter Blend, Cinnamon Roll, Plums

Friday - Cabbage Beef Soup, Turkey Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit Crisp

Monday - Chunky Chicken Vegetable Soup, Crunchy Cranberry Salad

Tuesday - Herbed Pork Chop, Baked Potato, Cooked Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Cranberry Orange Bar

GFP Repeals Lease Fee At Cedar Shore Center

By Bob Mercer
 State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE - The state Game, Fish and Parks Commission decided Thursday to waive the rental fee for the convention center lease next to Cedar Shore resort.

The city of Oacoma has leased the public land since 2004 when the convention center was built along Francis Case Reservoir on the Missouri River.

The lease calls for the city to give 2.5 percent of gross revenue to the Game, Fish and Parks Department but the fee doesn't kick in until the bonds for the center are repaid.

Bond repayment is scheduled to be complete in 2020, according to Sean Blanchette, concessions manager for the state parks division.

Blanchette said GFP hasn't received any money from the lease. The fee waiver would run the rest of the lease that expires in 2040.

"They take care of everything," he said.

"How much money we talking here?" commissioner Barry Jensen of White River asked.

"Roughly \$12,000 a year," Blanchette replied.

The commission approved removing the fee from the lease on a voice vote without opposition.

The city lease for the convention center is separate from GFP's lease for the Cedar Shore resort property. The buildings are connected. Both leases run through 2040.

SD NRCS Officials Release 2015 Cropping Systems Inventory Results

HURON - More farmers across South Dakota are using conservation in their cropland management systems than a decade ago announces officials with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Results of the 2015 South Dakota Cropping Systems Inventory were released December 1, 2015. Jeff Zimprich, head of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for South Dakota presented the 2015 results at the joint annual conventions of the Ag Hor-

zons and SD Association of Conservation Districts.

The new NRCS South Dakota report is not available from other sources and is a statistical 'snapshot in time' for the types of cropping systems farmers are using. Announced were changes from 2013 and long-term trends for county-level data and cropping systems in use statewide. Nearly one-third of SD counties have seen significant changes and 30-year trends for use of conventional tillage versus no-till systems show progress for

SD agriculture.

Zimprich says, "The type of cropping systems make a difference in production, water quality, and how soil holds water—infiltrating it versus allowing it to runoff. These benefits are also important for South Dakota's agriculture industry. Consumers know that healthy natural resources are important and consumers also want to know that the food they eat is grown sustainably. These trends in conservation practices lean toward more sustainable farming and this is good news for South Dakotans."

The results of the 2015 Cropping Systems Inventory shows an upward trend

in no-till farming systems in South Dakota acres since the 2013 inventory, and up significantly from 2004. The 2015 inventory found use of no-till cropping systems to be predominant on 46 percent of South Dakota cropland (6.47 million acres). A cropping system that leaves more than 30 percent residue cover on the soil surface after planting (including no-till) was used on more than 65 percent of the state's cropland. For the first time, the overall percentage of acres under conventional tillage was down slightly, however, the location of those acres shifted.

Cropping systems impact the health and productivity of soil—the foundation of South Dakota's agriculture industry. Zimprich says, "This is why NRCS is focusing on helping farmers and ranchers improve the health of their resources. Soil health matters. Healthy soil is the key to the sustainability of our resources, the key to the productivity, profitability and resiliency of our farms and ranches; and it's the key to reducing or eliminating any off-site water quality impacts of agricultural production."

Farmers with advanced

cropping systems include conservation practices such as no-till, diversified cropping rotations and cover crops. The number of counties with more than 75 percent of their cropland acres under a no-till system increased from 4 counties in 2004, to 14 counties in 2013, to 17 counties in 2015. While the overall acres under no-till increased, in eastern South Dakota, 8 counties decreased their no-till cropland acres.

Zimprich says, "Using cropping systems that don't disturb the soil, that keep the soil covered, that keep live roots growing year-round, and that use diverse cover crop mixes and crop rotations, are the tools that enable our farmers to improve soil health. Farming leaders across South Dakota like Joel Erickson, who farms in Marshall County, Steve Reimer who farms near Chamberlain, Jorgensen Farms in Tripp County, and Al Miron in Minnehaha County are a few of many who are demonstrating long-term success and profitability with practices that focus on healthy soil."

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