

## CHAMBER CHAT

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### Chamber Business:

The Vermillion Area Community Foundation is accepting proposals for projects to improve our community. Forms for submitting proposals by groups or organizations are available at the Chamber of Commerce office. While available funds are limited we can fully fund small one time requests or partially fund

larger projects. Your annual donations to our foundation will provide us with increasing funds each year for worthwhile projects.

**Business After Hours:** Are you looking for an opportunity to showcase your business and network with your peers? Sign up to host a Business After Hours event! These events generally run from 5-7 p.m. on a weeknight and the hosting business provides hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. If interested, contact Ann at: annb@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

### Announcements:

Are you interested in an intern for your business? USD students

are eager to gain real-world work experience with you. Internships can be paid or unpaid and students can gain college credit for their experience with you. If you are interested in accepting interns at your business, please contact Carly at Carly.Heard@usd.edu.

**Sharing the Dream, 10 W. Main St.,** is having two months of sales on current inventory. Beginning the week of Jan. 14 all jewelry will be 25 percent off; the week of Jan. 21 all scarves will be 25 percent off; the week of Jan. 28 all purses/bags will be 25 percent off; week of Feb. 4 all kitchen/glass items will be 25 percent off; week of Feb. 11 all wood items

will be 25 percent off and the week of Feb. 18 all children's items will be 25 percent off. Our products are handmade by Mayan artisans using many traditional techniques. Purchasing these products not only provides work for these artisans, but the profits go to support community development projects in Guatemala.

**Exhibition: "Picturing Native: Photographs from Edward Curtis, Horace Poolaw and Zig Jackson"** at John A. Day Gallery located in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts on USD campus. On display through Jan. 29.

# City reviewing size, cost of proposed pool

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Members of the Vermillion City Council said they preferred a smaller pool for the proposed aquatic center that may be constructed at Prentiss Park.

This was according to an informal poll taken after a presentation by City Manager John Prescott during an educational session Monday afternoon.

The present council members said they preferred a six-lane 25-yard pool over a six-lane 50-meter pool for the facility based on a number of considerations, including costs, staff and space.

According to a comparison sheet provided to the members of the council, the construction cost for the smaller pool would be approximately \$6.15 million, while the larger

would cost approximately \$6.95 million, a difference of \$800,000.

Annual total operating costs for the smaller pool would run from \$201,000-\$336,000, and \$261,000-\$436,000, a difference ranging from \$60,000-\$100,000.

In an interview Tuesday, Prescott said that some of the operating expenses could be offset by the revenue generated by the completed facility.

"The project consultant feels that with our market area as well as some of the features that we have, that some additional individuals will come to the pool from outside the community that typically would not come to the facility we have today," Prescott said. "So, we would have an expanded drawing area in terms of potential patrons for the pool."

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## 'Tremendous crowd' fills DakotaDome

### Farm show attendees appear optimistic despite lingering drought

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It's a big anniversary for the Dakota Farm Show, and exhibitors say Tuesday may have been their biggest opening ever.

The 30th annual show opened Tuesday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion and will be open today (Wednesday) from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

John Riles, president of Midwest Shows Inc., producer of the show, said he expects approximately 25,000-30,000 farmers to visit the nearly 300 exhibitors.

"It's been a tremendous crowd," he said.

The exhibitors agreed. Jason Diekevers, precision ag specialist with the Farmers Coop Society, said his booth had been visited by approximately 100 people by the early afternoon.

"It's probably the best first day we've seen," added Bill Christensen, former owner of Christensen Well & Irrigation Inc. of Hartington, NE.

Dallas Harkness, area sales manager in South Dakota for Curry Seed, said there was a "huge amount" of visitors that tapered off as the day

went on.

"I would say we were busier in the first hour than we normally are. We've had real good results," he said. "I think tomorrow's going to be better yet, even."

Riles said he may know the reason.

"Things are really good in agriculture right now," he said. "Things are really as good as they're going to get, I believe, and we're just hoping it'll hold. The price of corn and all the commodities is right up there."

"Things are good, and farmers are doing well," he said. "I was a farm kid when I grew up. It's always been a lot of hard work, but there's just a little more money in it today."

Diekevers said the Farmers Coop booth has had the most questions on autosteer technology and planter equipment.

"Those are the two biggest drivers right now," he said. "I think all the farmers are in 'spring mode' in their head, or thinking for next spring. 'What do I need to get ready? What equipment do I want? What do I want to try?'"

Christensen said higher commodity prices have had positive effects for multiple areas of agriculture.

"The last 10 years irrigation has been



A farmer can never have too many tools. A number of them gathered at this colorful display at the Dakota Farm Show Tuesday, shopping for new wrenches to add to their tool boxes.

(Photo by David Lias)

pretty steady because of the grain prices, and higher land prices," he said. "People are developing the land they have, rather than buying. It makes sense if you can develop a piece of ground for \$1,000-\$1,500 an acre, and land is \$8,000-\$10,000 an acre."

"That's what we've been seeing the last 10 years, ever since the commodity prices went to where they should be. Hopefully, they'll stay there," he said.

At the same time, lack of precipitation has been an issue for many ag producers.

"A lot of that is hinging on what they're planting," said Harkness. "I even talked to one of my customers that was talking about putting up an irrigation system, and he does not

have irrigation now. It's interesting. There are a lot of different things going on."

Riles said he has been doing shows throughout the Midwest, and it seems to be dry everywhere.

"I'm from Albert Lea, MN, where they did get enough rain and they had good crops," he said. "But, it's tough and it's spotty."

"We just came up from Oklahoma ... doing a show in the early part of December, and it was dry out there, but the turnout was good and it seems like the farmers are doing OK there," Riles said. "For whatever that reason is, I'm not expert enough to know."

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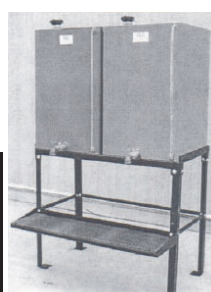
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## 208 Acres of Union County Farmland

# Auction

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Located: From the Vermillion Exit off I-29: 1/8 mile East to 471 Avenue, 1/2 mile North to 317th Street, 1 mile East to 472nd Avenue, 1/2 mile North. Or from Spink, SD: 3-miles South, 1-mile West.

### This is offered in 3 Tracts

**Tract 1, 168 Acres +/-:** This tract is mostly all tillable and currently has 9.2 acres into CRP. CRP pays \$112.51 per acre and expires on Sept 30, 2019. This is sold subject to 2013 lease with a total of payment of \$28,996.90 paid by the renter directly to the new owner. The first half is due April 15th and the second half is due October 15th.

**Legal:** The NW1/4, less Wagner Tract I and the West 20 acres of the NE1/4 Sec 9-92-50, Union County, SD. 168 acres Taxes are \$3,355.19

**Tract 2, 40 Acres +/-:** This tract is all tillable and has 12.7 acres into CRP. CRP pays \$112.51 per acres and expires on Sept 30, 2019. This is sold subject to 2013 lease with a total of payment of \$4,865.50 paid by the renter directly to the new owner. The first half is due April 15th and the second half is due October 15th.

**Legal:** The N1/2 of N1/2 of the SW1/4, Sec 9-92-50, Union County, SD. 40 acres. Taxes are \$782.48.

**Tract 3:** A combination of Tracts 1 & 2.

Union County FSA shows this farm as one unit with 204.9 acres of cropland with a corn base of 103.5 acres with a CC yield of 94bu; bean base of 79.5 acres with a CC yield of 31bu. Predominant soil types are Wa/Wakonda Worthing, Chancellor Complex. This is a nice flat tract of land that would be a great investment or an addition to your farming operation.

**Terms:** 10% nonrefundable down payment due day of auction with balance due on 2-17-2013. Title insurance and closing cost are split 50/50 between the buyer and seller. This is sold subject to the 2013 lease. Full possession on this property on March 1, 2014. Seller will pay the 2012 taxes due in 2013. Auctioneers are acting as agents for the seller. Michael McGill, attorney and closing agent. In case of bad weather, please listen to WNAX for updates or see our website.

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