

Senior Meals Fundraiser



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Nila Pastvedt and Sharon Birgholtz from the Vermillion Dakota Senior Meals and Meals on Wheels programs count the number of people who attended Friday's Mayor's Lunch held at the Armory. The meal, which was a fundraiser for Dakota Senior Meals served 86 people at the Armory and another 27 through the Meals on Wheels program.



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Bud Allyn cooks up bratwurst, hotdogs and hamburgers for the Dakota Senior Meals' Mayor's lunch on Friday.

Vermillion Area CASA Volunteers Swearing In Ceremony To Be Held

You are invited to attend the swearing in ceremony for the first two CASA volunteers who will serve in Clay County!

The swearing in will take

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• Room sizes, pictures, disclosure statement found in Buyers Packet

TO INSPECT THE HOME: Open house will be held on July 9th & 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. or contact the auctioneers at 800-251-3111. Buyers packet can be mailed out or can be viewed at www.wiemanauktion.com

TERMS: Cash sale with 15% non-refundable down payment auction day with the balance on or before August 23rd 2015. Warranty deed to be granted with the cost of title insurance split 50-50 between buyer and seller. Taxes to be prorated to date of possession based on the actual taxes and not the frozen taxes. Sold subject to owners approval and auctioneers represent the seller only. Come check out this well-kept and clean home.

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Vermillion Voters Uphold Both Ordinances

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE AND SARA WETZEL
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As 1,206 Vermillion voters made their way to the voting booth on Tuesday, the overwhelming feeling was nobody was sure how they were going to vote. The decision – keep both ordinances approved by the Vermillion City Council on the books.

Malt Beverage Ordinance

While the bonds for the Prentis Park Pool Project were overwhelmingly approved by voters last November, there was no guarantee that they would choose to keep the ordinance allowing the city to collect an extra 5 percent on the wholesale costs of malt beverages sold in the community on the books.

In the end, the voters' decision was to keep the ordinance with 63 percent of the vote, 445-761.

The following is how the Wards voting broke down.

Northeast Ward: 37-Yes, 71-No
Central Ward: 57-Yes, 145-No
Northwest Ward: 165-Yes, 137-No
Southeast Ward: 186-Yes, 408-No

Steve Ward, who represents the Southeast Ward on the Vermillion City Council, said he was very pleased by Tuesday's turnout.

"I think the turnout was the most surprising thing to me," he said. "I think that the people were engaged in the process. When I started city council one of the things I was concerned about was that we were not having community discussions on the big issues in front of us. I really think that the community that was here this summer really was very engaged in the process about the merits of the ordinances."

Mayor Jack Powell echoed Ward's statement.

"I am quite pleased with the turnout," Powell said. "Oftentimes, in off-term elections like a school board election, you will be lucky get 15 percent. I think that we got 24 percent is a really good turnout. I appreciate how the voters voted. I think it speaks well for progressing with our pool and park project and I hope now we can get back on track with



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While the voter turnout on Tuesday didn't set records, it was universally agreed to have been very good. 1,206 voters cast a ballot in the election for nearly 24 percent turnout. Pictured are voters at the Vermillion National Guard Armory on Tuesday.

it. I take it as an affirmation that they support what we are trying to do in trying to progress the city. I just can't say enough about the people who got out and voted. That is what our form of government is all about."

However, Ward said he did not feel exalted after the ordinance was upheld because he knew there were many people who are disappointed at the result.

"Obviously I supported both ordinances for a reason," Ward said. "I am really happy that we are talking about the issues and people are aware of what is going on. I am happy they are supporting us, but I am happier that they are voicing their opinions."

Ward also noted that going into the election he did not know what result to expect.

"When you talk with the people you hang out with you are usually like-minded, or they might not want to argue with me," Ward said. "So, I really didn't know what to expect. I thought the advocates for the other side were reasonable, so I could see people differing reasonably on the issue. Certainly, I am happy the voters supported the city council. It makes me feel better that we are representing the voice of the people properly."

As for what the decision to keep the malt beverage ordinance on the books means for the pool project, Ward commented that he is not sure.

"My understanding is we will work with our contractor to try to do as much as we can this year and then try to create a calendar that will allow us to build the pool as quickly as possible," he said. "I don't think we know at this point what the length of the delay will be. We need to run it by our pool people. What it does mean is that we can quickly finance the Prentis Park Project and move forward to make Vermillion a destination city for people who want to work here."

City Manager John Prescott said that the first step in getting the Prentis Park Project back on track will be a phone call next week with the city's pool consultant.

"We will have a call to lay out what the plan is with respect to timing for going out for bid, construction start date, that sort of thing," Prescott said. "I don't have an immediate update, but the first step is that call with the pool consultant."

The original plan for the pool project was to obtain the bonds and bid the project in June, with a construction start date of August 1.

"We haven't sold the bonds yet, because we wanted to wait and see and not accumulate interest any sooner than we had too," Prescott said. "With the initiated measure coming around in May, it stopped activity both with the city because of the issue before the voters and also with the consultant because he has a policy not to work on a project without the funding in place. Since mid-May through June there has been no work on the project. The plans have been mothballed if you will. I believe the plans were at about 95 percent complete stage before this came about. So obviously he has work left to do to finish the plans. He will bring the final plans to council for final approval."

Prescott said that discussion with the consultant in May raised the issues regarding moving later into the season.

"He expressed his concern that the later you get in the calendar year, the more difficult it is to secure contractors looking for this scope of work for this type of project," Prescott said. "We are going to evaluate and explore different options as far as a timeline moving forward."

Prescott said that because the next council meeting is Monday, it will probably be discussed at a meeting later in July.

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S.D. Farm Bureau To Join States Lawsuit Against EPA

HURON – The South Dakota Farm Bureau (SDFB) is voicing its support for the State of South Dakota's decision to join 12 other States in filing a lawsuit against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over the EPA's new rule defining "Waters of the U.S." under the Clean Water Act.

Statement from Scott VanderWal, SDFB President:

"The federal government is attempting to vastly broaden its authority to regulate land and water management, and we believe the Waters of the U.S. rule goes way beyond what was authorized by Congress. South Dakota joining this suit shows that Attorney General Jackley understands the impact of this misguided rule on all of South Dakota agriculture, as well as on counties and municipalities. All citizens, whether they're involved in agriculture or not, should be concerned about the interference and over-regulation coming from our federal government."

The South Dakota Farm Bureau is the state's largest general agriculture organization, representing more than 14,446 farm, ranch and rural families across the state.

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