Election

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Daycare Ordinance

The Daycare ordinance was adopted in a close race winning by

only 62 votes. Daycare providers had mixed feelings regarding the adoption of the day care registration ordinance.

'I am really happy that so many people got out to vote," said Laurie Kruse, an in-home daycare operator. "The citizens decided. It was close. We got the message out there and I think that our community leadership are ready to take on some of the responsibilities of regulating the daycares. This is an important issue. I think they did their homework and are ready to take on the task."

Karen Hansen also runs a daycare out of her home.

"We thought we did really good," she said. "We were a little disappointed. We just wish we could have gotten more providers on board." Hansen operates one of the two

in-home daycares in Vermillion which are already registered, so the passing of the ordinance will have no effect on her daycare.

Hansen opposed the ordinance because she felt it was simply not needed.

"We'll just have to see what happens in the next year," she said. "Hopefully now they aren't going to start changing things on it.

Sarah Sherlock, director of the Center for Children and Families, said she is very happy with the level of interest this vote has shown in the care of children.

"I was pleased that the folks in Vermillion value the importance of safety standards," she said. "I think that it's nice that the citizens of

Vermillion were able to vote for it. I think that was important for a lot of people instead of it just being for city council members. It was very close. It shows that a lot of people care."

Though some worry about the future of the in-home daycares in

Vermillion, Sherlock isn't concerned. "It sounds like many of the home daycare providers are already meeting these standards," she said. "I think it's a positive thing if it means improved health and safety standards for our kiddos."

The regulations set forth in the ordinance seem more than fair to Sherlock.

"Compared to what we have to go through, these are not asking a lot," she said. "I like that the city is providing CPR training because we're responsible for our staff to be trained. Overall I think it's positive. In general I think that anytime we can improve the quality of care for young children I think it's for the better."

Morning Ladies Golf And Dominos Group

Good morning. This is July 1st. Wow it snuck up on us!

NO GOLF? Right...no golf. We had a down pour rain. That did not stop the lovely ladies from coming out and enjoying lunch and dominoes.

There were 27 ladies today. Edith Nelson and myself (Pat Steckelberg) provided the desserts. Thanks Edith for the two delicious treats you brought. I took advantage of making Maxine Rogers quick and so easy Pineapple cake. It is delicious also.

Our drawing winners: \$5 drawing–Joanne Tieman and Mary Lou Christopherson. Quarters-Gwen Orr, Agnes Mockler, Ann Stewart (twice), Kathy Prasek, Mary Bartles, Char Brunick, Joyce Zimmerman, and Barb Pratt.

Dominoes: There were 4 tables again. Love the turnout for

dominoes. Rd 1-Darlene Engbrecht, Gwen

Orr, Mary Lou Christopherson, and Anita White. Rd 2-Barb Boone, Barb Pratt, Pat Durkin, and Joanne Tieman. Rd 3-Ann Stewart, Barb Pratt,

Pat Durkin, and Joanne Tieman. Total score-Barb Boone, Jan Chapman, Mary Lou Christopherson, and Rhoda Grant.

The more ladies the merrier! Not too late to come out to the

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