

Morning Ladies Golf and Dominos Group

BY PAT STECKELBERG

Such a beautiful day today (May 27th) at the Bluffs. Fun at lunch...19 ladies came and the meal and desserts were great!

Thank you to Ann Stewart for both of the desserts. Love the bars!

A tournament was going on today so there was no golf for us. I and one of the ladies (Carol Castle) decided to go out of town to golf.

The day was way to beautiful to NOT golf. I still made it back in time to eat with the other ladies.

We had a few lucky ladies when it came to drawing time.

\$5 drawing winners: Edith Nelson and Thelma Raines.

Quarters: Rhoda Grant, Beth Silvano, Barb Boone (twice), Jan Chapman, Char Brunick, Mary Bartles, and Mary Lea Hennies.

There were 3 tables for dominos.

Rd 1-Ann Stewart, Thelma Raines, and Rhoda Grant.

Rd 2-Ann Stewart, Barb Pratt, and Vaneta Youngworth.

Rd 3-Judy Sullivan, Joyce Zimmerman, and Agnes Mockler.

Total score-Dori Ryan, Barb Pratt, and Vaneta Youngworth.

As you can see there were a few who were extra lucky!! There is never a shortage of FUN. Come on out every Wednesday.

Bird Flu Outbreak Causing Concerns In The Area

HURON - The outbreak of avian influenza (bird flu) in poultry and egg barns has hit closer to home in South Dakota, leading to many consumer questions and concerns. Dustin Oedekoven, DVM, South Dakota State Veterinarian, addresses some of these concerns about the bird flu.

"In commercial poultry and egg barns, producers are increasing biosecurity measures to ensure their birds remain healthy," said Oedekoven. "This means boot baths, dedicated clothing, prohibiting non-essential people from entering the barns, limiting traffic flow to the barns, and in some cases, employees are wearing masks to protect the birds as it can be transferred in nasal cavities."

In South Dakota, nine counties - Beadle, Kingsbury, McCook, McPherson, Roberts, Spink, Hutchinson,

Moody and Yankton - have been impacted by avian influenza. The majority of the cases have been in commercial turkey barns; however the most recent case was in a commercial egg layer facility, which was discovered on May 13, 2015.

"The commercial egg layer in Moody County impacted 1.25 million hens, and the turkey population in South Dakota has been reduced by 20 percent," said Oedekoven. "The avian influenza virus that we are dealing with now is a relatively new strain. At this point, it does not appear to affect humans. It's low risk to humans and there are currently no known human cases of avian influenza. It's not really a human health issue, and it's not a food safety issue. However, it's important to note that no poultry and egg products in the grocery store have come from barns that were

impacted by avian influenza. This should not be a concern at all for consumers."

All poultry is potentially susceptible to this virus, said Oedekoven, and there are some considerations owners of backyard chicken flocks should consider to keep their birds healthy.

"Avian influenza has been found in some backyard flocks across the country, but there haven't been any cases in South Dakota," said Oedekoven. "From a disease control standpoint, all poultry exhibitions will be suspended until further notice. If owners are concerned about avian influenza, they should contact the state veterinarian office immediately. We have received a number of calls, but in all cases, we haven't found any avian influenza present. I encourage owners to look for other causes of health concerns in cooperation with their local

veterinarian."

Symptoms of the bird flu in poultry include sudden death, fever, a drop in egg production, swollen wattle and comb, and huddling in isolated groups. For more information and updates on avian influenza in South Dakota, go to www.aib.sd.gov.

"I would like to stress that this is not a human health or food safety issue, but the lives and businesses of many individuals are being impacted by avian influenza," said Scott VanderWal, South Dakota Farm Bureau president. "It's a terrible disruption not only to these businesses and families but also the food supply chain, and it may effect food prices down the road. As Farm Bureau members, we can help by reassuring the public that this is not a food safety issue."

Cottage Avenue Closing Announced

The City of Vermillion will be closing the intersection of Cottage Avenue and W. Duke Street Monday, June 1, 2015 for the Water Main Reconstruction Project. The purpose of the project is to replace a deteriorating

segment of ductile iron pipe along Cottage Avenue. The road closure is necessary to provide the contractor with a safe working environment and space to store equipment and materials.

To maintain access to

Ace Hardware, Chlotique, Wells Fargo, Mr. Smith's, and the Municipal Liquor Store, the project will be completed in two phases. In the first phase, Cottage Avenue will be closed from W. Duke Street south to the third Ace

Hardware driveway access. In the second phase, Cottage Avenue will be closed from W. Cherry Street north to the third driveway access. Access to Cottage Avenue from the W. Cherry Street service road will be closed at times

during the second phase as well.

If you have questions please contact Jason Anderson, Assistant City Engineer, at 677-7050.

Dave Olson Returns To MASABA

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