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What's going on at Eagle Creek?

By Alan Dale
The Plain Talk

Last week the Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce and Development Company (VCDC) filed a lawsuit against Eagle Creek Software Services for breach of contract following the latter's inability to pay its bills according to court

documents. The suit, filed in the First Judicial Court of Clay County on Oct. 29, states that rent owed for the months of June, July, September, and October had not been paid to the VCDC as stipulated in the contract between the two parties that officially began in June. The claim states that Eagle

Creek currently owes \$153,640.45 in past rent and other expenses, excluding August rent for the property located at 1012 Princeton St., which the company did pay according to the county paperwork. The software company, who originally set up shop at the University of South Dakota

while awaiting for the Princeton site to wrap up construction, has taken up residence at 1215 W. Cherry Street. That property's owner, Larry Brady, told The Plain Talk via phone while in Florida, that Eagle Creek has "entered an agreement" with him to use the property. Brady would not answer

questions on when the lease was officially signed and if Eagle Creek had paid any rent to him since the parties joined in the contract. Calls made to Eagle Creek offices in Pierre and the headquarters in Eden Prairie, regarding those questions and

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ELECTION ★ 2014



The latest election day came and passed on Tuesday and over 50 percent of registered voters in Clay County participated in the process. All incumbents on the local level earned back their seats for another term.
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Incumbents retain seats; Rusch, Manning voted in

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If you were an incumbent in Clay County Election Day this past Tuesday was almost like another birthday. Arthur Rusch (R), Ray Ring (D), Nancy Rasmussen (R), Carri R. Crum (D), Jane Olson (D), and Phyllis Packard (D) were all re-elected to their respective seats while Arthur Rusch (R) and Michael Manning (D) will begin new journeys as leaders of their constituents. Despite a one-hour delay on returns due to a late opening polling station that forced a later closing of the polls, the

process in gathering and tabulating votes went well according to Clay County Auditor's office officials. Clay County reported a 51.25 percent voter turnout. **STATE SENATOR District 17** Michelle Maloney (D) 41.95 **Arthur L. Rusch (R) 58.05 (WINNER)** Rusch won by a solid margin and believes that his previous experience holding a number of posts will prepare him for his first term as a state senator. "I am really honored by the fact that Clay and Turner counties gave me the chance to represent them," Rusch said. "We

had a clean and civil contest and I appreciate that from Michelle that we were able to have that kind of campaign. "The positions I have had as a circuit job was one of tremendous responsibility so I definitely feel that I am up to this." Maloney battled throughout the process and came out pleased about how things went between her and Rusch. "I am very proud of the race we ran," she said. "Arthur and I got together before the race began and

made a promise to not say anything negative and we kept that promise. He is a good man. He's retired and chosen to take this part of his life to be of service to the district. I just hope he does a great job and some great ideals. That's how politics should be." Now Maloney isn't sure if she will run again in the future, but won't rule it out. "Right now I don't even know," she said. "I would never rule it out if somebody needed me to



RUSCH

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Hearing set for lawsuit vs. City

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On Friday Nov. 14, the lawsuit against the City of Vermillion by a number of property owners will begin in earnest with a motion hearing at 9 a.m. at the Clay County Courthouse in Vermillion. Aces and Eights, Card Bros LLC, Terry Amundson, Bye Real Estate, East River LLC, Five-Star Cottages LLC, Vermillion Rentals LLC, Hatle Investments LLC, Michael Heles, Timothy T. Heine, Sioux Empire Real Estate D/B/A M&W Services, Barb Iacino,

Glen Lawrensen, Amaze Rental Properties, Ouellette Rentals LLC, and Plum Villa LLC were listed in court papers filed on Oct. 1 as the plaintiffs against "Vermillion City Council and its members," and the City of Vermillion and its individuals. The purposes of next week's hearing is to have an injunction request by the plaintiffs put into place against the council and city to keep them from "enforcing" various building codes while the current lawsuit is dealt with in court, according to Michael Paulson,

attorney for the plaintiffs. Some of the lawsuit's issues pertain to the city not allowing properties to "grandfather" some code exceptions in that pertain to buildings that fit more historical standards of construction at the time they were built. These properties met these codes at the time they were built and now the plaintiffs are being forced to bring buildings that met code to meet standards of today's time. The International Building Codes set a parameter that states that any construction prior to a certain date does not

have to fit a future code requirement unless there is something that causes an imminent safety issue. Paulson said that the presiding judge Steven R. Jensen could rule at the bench or take the motion under advisement. If the injunction is denied or granted, Paulson said the plaintiffs' next step is yet to be determined. Be sure to read upcoming editions of *The Plain Talk* or visit us online at www.plaintalk.net for ongoing updates on the case as they are made available.



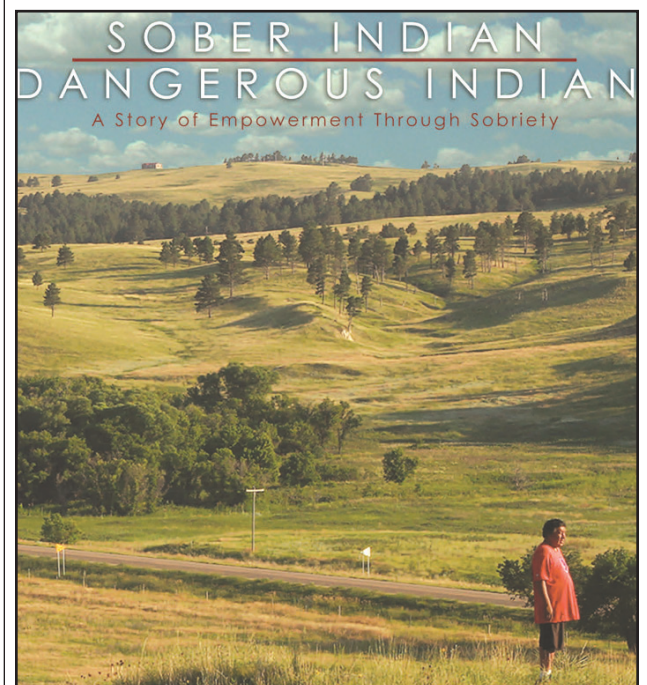
Paulette and Lindy Wimpf make one successful team at Pressing Matters in Vermillion.
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The Art of Success Series: When it's important one counts on Pressing Matters

By Katie Clausen
For the Plain Talk

For 28 years, Paulette and Lindy Wimpf have been part of the lives of Vermillion residents, even if they didn't realize it. Throughout the day-to-day motions of going to the grocery store or picking the kids up from school, chances are along the way their work is on display somewhere. "It's all printed," said Lindy Wimpf. "Everything, everywhere, is printed." That was the revelation that planted the seed for Lindy Wimpf, whose father was in the printing business as well. "I think that's what made me realize, that wow, this is really cool," Lindy Wimpf said. Beginning this adventure as a young family in Vermillion so many years ago has been a roller coaster ride for the Pressing Matters. With impressive statistics such as their inventory of over 250,000 pieces of paper, envelopes and labels in stock, it's no surprise they've been able to keep busy. "We used to work a lot of night time hours, the kids would come in and sit in the shop with us," Paulette Wimpf remembered. "They were tough years but there are great memories." "Sometimes we still burn the midnight oil," Lindy Wimpf added.

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The promotional poster for *Sober Indian/Dangerous Indian* sets the tone for tonight's film screening at Farber Hall.
COURTESY PHOTO

Film about liquor sales, reservation screens tonight at USD

By Alan Dale
The Plain Talk

A film believed to potentially have serious interest in Vermillion and Clay County will be shown free at a director screening at the University of South Dakota's Farber Hall. Sober Indian/Dangerous

Indian: A Story of Empowerment Through Sobriety will screen starting at 7 p.m. and focuses on Whiteclay Beer Sales and the Pine Ridge Reservation. The screening is being sponsored by USD's Native American Studies Department, specifically

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