



## City Looks To Future Projects

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The City of Yankton is looking ahead at the various infrastructure and economic development projects on the horizon.

The Yankton City Commission, along with a number of representatives from various city departments, took part in a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) workshop



Nelson

Monday evening.

City Manager Amy Nelson said a workshop like this gives everyone a chance to see what the city is working on.

"Capital budget is the overview of the equipment and projects we're working on for the out years — 2016 and beyond," Nelson said. "We take a five-year look at what projects we want to do. That's everything from tennis court overlays, to fish cleaning stations in the park, to major street construction projects like 15th St. and Douglas (Ave.)."

Nelson said one of the priorities that emerged from the commission is work on two road projects — 15th St. and Douglas Ave. from Anna St. to 31st St.

"What really sticks out for me is some of our major street construction projects," she said. "We've talked for years and at

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### CORRECTION

Due to incorrect information provided to the *Press and Dakotan*, the names of Becky Frick and Erin Luken were misspelled in Monday's story "A Prize Winning Promotion." We apologize for the error.

## Blowin' In The Wind



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Winds gusting up to more than 40 miles per hour swept across the Yankton area Monday, making their presence known everywhere. This was particularly noticeable at L&M Radiator on West City Limits Road in Yankton, where the northwest gales whipped these flags, which signify where the company has branches. The flags included Chile (foreground), Australia and Mexico, as well as the U.S., Minnesota and South Dakota. Winds aren't expected to be quite as strong today (Tuesday), and the high is expected to reach into the low 60s. For forecast details, see page 2.

## Bird Flu Detected On Iowa Farm

USDA: Disease Is Confirmed At Operation With 5.3M Chickens

BY DAVID PITT  
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Up to 5.3 million hens at an Iowa farm must be destroyed after the highly infectious and deadly

bird flu virus was confirmed, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said Monday.

The farm in northwest Iowa's Osceola County has nearly 10 percent of the state's egg-laying hens. Iowa

is home to roughly 59 million hens that lay nearly one in every five eggs consumed in the country.

Egg industry marketing experts say it's too early to predict the impact on prices, but say it's unlikely to immediately cause a spike or a shortage, because number of chickens that are to be euthanized is a little more than 1 percent of the nation's egg layers.

"Don't panic. Let's wait and see," said poultry industry consultant Simon Shane, who also teaches poultry science and veterinary medicine at North Carolina State University. He added that if 20 million to 30 million hens are infected, consumers could

start seeing prices rise.

Several Midwestern states have been affected by the outbreaks, costing turkey and chicken producers nearly 7.8 million birds since March. The virus was first detected

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in Minnesota, the country's top turkey-producing state, in early March and the H5N2 virus has since shown up on commercial farms in Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri, North

Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. On Monday, the virus was confirmed in another turkey farm in Minnesota and a backyard flock of mixed birds in Wisconsin.

The Osceola County farm provides shell eggs and liquid egg products to the market.

"It may not have a direct effect on shell egg pricing but any time you take production out of a marketplace there's likely to be some consequence," Iowa Poultry Association Executive Director Randy Olson said. "I anticipate the market and production will recover, but right now

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### Vermillion

## Event Aims To Spread Farming's Message

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF  
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VERMILLION — The guest of honor at Monday's "Know Your Farmer" at RED Steakhouse wasn't found at the head table.

Actually, it was found on the plates.

The "star" was the pork featured for the entrée and other courses.

Chef Kirk Phillips plated more than 30 plates of pork shank before making the formal presentation in the dining room. The shank filled the entire plate of each diner.

"Maybe they'll be so full

from the meat that they won't want dessert," the chef joked.

He wasn't wrong, as some diners methodically worked their way through the entrée. Others requested a Styrofoam box to take home the leftovers.

It was the kind of goodwill that the Ag United organization sought to build with Vermillion residents and employees.

The farmers acting as hosts included Jerry Schmitz of Vermillion, Travis Mockler and Richard Vasgaard of Centerville, Steve Rommerein of Alcester and Vicki Schultz of Freeman.

Vasgaard, president of the state Ag United /South Dakota



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

A crowd of 40 people shared dinner Monday night during the "Know Your Farmer" dinner at RED Steakhouse. Chef Kirk Phillips is shown putting the finishing touches on his pork entrée during Monday's "Know Your Farmer" dinner.

Farm Families, said the dinner targeted a number of influential people to help spread the agricultural message.

"We tried to get community

leaders, county commissioners, University (of South Dakota) people, city people — people

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## Harry Reid Helps Pressler Join The Mormon Church

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada has helped a former U.S. Senate colleague become a Mormon.

Reid, a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, gave a blessing to Larry Pressler of South Dakota on Sunday morning to confirm him as a member of the faith.

The *Deseret News* in Utah reports the ceremony occurred at a Maryland church.

Pressler, 73, served as a Republican for two terms in the U.S. House before serving three terms in the Senate from 1975 to 1997. In 2014, he ran again for Senate as an independent but lost to Republican Mike Rounds.

Pressler says he was introduced to the church when Reid gave him a copy of the Book of Mormon and he later discussed it with church member Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

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