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Charles Mix Expects Few Voting Changes

Supreme Court Decision On
Voting Rights Act Leaves
Residents Watching For Impact

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LAKE ANDES — A recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling on voting laws will have little impact on a settlement between Charles Mix County and Yankton Sioux plaintiffs, according to the county's attorney.

"There is very little change (with the Supreme Court decision)," said Rapid City attorney Sara Frankenstein.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) filed a 2005 lawsuit on behalf of four tribal members. The ACLU alleged Charles Mix County's redistricting discriminated against American Indian voters. The lawsuit cited the discrepancy in voter numbers in each district.

Under its settlement with the plaintiffs, Charles Mix County became subject to a Voting Rights Act provision, Frankenstein said. Most of those elements remain intact following last week's Supreme Court ruling, she said.

Charles Mix County elections are still subject to federal monitoring until Dec. 1, 2014, Frankenstein said. In addition, the county must still receive U.S. Justice Department approval — known as preclearance — until 2024 for any county-made voting changes, she said. Those changes include redistricting and moving polling places.

"The one burden was providing all the demographic data at the beginning of the new decade after the census,

which we'll still have to do," she said.

In reaching the settlement, Frankenstein said she agreed to things that didn't create a financial or paperwork burden for Charles Mix County officials.

"We agreed to allow a federal observer to come in and watch (elections). People come in and observe all the time, and federal monitors are free to the county," she said.

Any findings by federal observers wouldn't re-open the original case, Frankenstein said. However, she noted that no problems have arisen, and she's doesn't foresee any future issues.

"Every time a federal observer has come, they haven't even bothered to write up a report because everything has gone off without a hitch," she said.

Yankton Sioux attorney Thomasina Real Bird couldn't be reached for comment for this story. However, Heather Smith of the ACLU South Dakota said the organization is disappointed with the Supreme Court ruling because South Dakota has a history of discriminating against Native American voters.

"A roadblock has been put up to make voting less free and accessible," Smith told The Associated Press.

Prior to the Supreme Court ruling, all or parts of 15 states with a history of discrimination were required to receive

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Ready To Retire



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Chris Specht, who has served on the YSD school board since 1997, is set to retire, with his last board meeting slated for Monday. Specht said he is looking forward to relaxing and spending time with his daughter before she goes to college.

Specht To Leave YSD Board

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After 16 years on the Yankton School District (YSD) school board, Chris Specht thinks now is a good time for him to say good-bye.

Specht was first elected to the board in 1997 and has served with the board ever since then. Most recently, Specht has served as board president, a position he has been appointed to several times since he was first elected.

Specht's tenure comes to a close when the board reorganizes for the 2013-14 school year at Monday's board meeting.

"Back in 1997, I had a 4-year-old and a 2-year-old, and while I was a graduate of Yankton High School (YHS) and believed that the education being offered to students was excellent, I wanted to know more about how schools function and how they operated," he said. "I really wanted to be able to contribute to the continued success of the district."

Specht said he thought his experiences with insurance and risk management may

have helped him contribute during his time on the board.

"Even though I had that background, I was merely one of five votes. I thought the team and board as a whole, along with administration, worked together well to ensure a quality education continues to be offered to students at the district," he said. "It was a good team effort."

The best memories Specht said he had on the board was the interaction with students and staff members during his tenure.

"I was able to interact with students, staff members and administration at board meetings, activities, on a committee and during negotiations," he said. "I really had a lot of good experience during my time on the board."

However, Specht has faced numerous challenges while on the board.

"The fight politically for per pupil funding in the state has forced us all to look at public education with less of a focus on student achievement and more of a focus

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Economy Adds 195K Jobs

Unemployment
Rate At 7.6 Pct

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WASHINGTON — U.S. employers are sending a message of confidence in the economy — hiring more workers, raising pay and making the job market appear strong enough for the Federal Reserve to slow its bond purchases as early as September.

The economy gained a robust 195,000 jobs in June and many more in April and May than previously thought. The unemployment rate remained 7.6 percent in June because more people started looking for jobs — a healthy sign — and some didn't find them. The government doesn't count people as unemployed unless they're looking for work.

The Labor Department's report Friday pointed to a U.S. job market that's showing surprising resilience in the face of tax increases, federal spending cuts and economic weakness overseas. Employers have added an average 202,000 jobs for the past six months, up from 180,000 in the previous six.

The job growth is being fueled in part by consumer spending and the housing recovery. Consumer confidence has reached a 5 1/2 year high and is helping drive up sales of homes and cars. Hiring was especially strong in June among retailers, hotels, restaurants, construction companies and financial services firms.

"The numbers that we're seeing are more sustainable than we thought," said Paul Edelstein, U.S. economist at IHS Global Insight, a forecasting firm. "We're seeing better job numbers, the stock market is increasing and home prices are rising."

Average pay also rose

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Historian Discusses S.D.'s Beer Producers

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"Did we have any breweries in South Dakota?" After hearing that question, it fermented in Ken Stewart's mind and resulted in five years of research on the topic. The archives research administrator with the South Dakota State Historical Society had his findings published in the winter 2012 South Dakota History under the title, "Dakota's Finest: A Sampler of Early South Dakota Brewing History."

Stewart spoke about his research Friday afternoon at Yankton's Dakota Territorial Museum brown bag lunch series.

The response Stewart overheard to the aforementioned question about breweries in the state was, "I don't think so."

"That certainly is not true," Stewart told the Yankton crowd after relating the anecdote. "The first brewery in Dakota Territory, of course, was right here in Yankton. Mr. Charles Rossteuscher came to Yankton in 1860 to open a butcher shop. He was fairly successful and wanted to expand his horizons. He had a great interest in beer. We do not know if he had any past experience as a brewmaster."

Rossteuscher, who served as mayor and held other local offices during his lifetime, constructed some buildings out of cottonwood, had equipment shipped up the Missouri River by steamboat and opened his



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Ken Stewart, archives research administrator with the South Dakota State Historical Society, discussed his findings about South Dakota's early beer brewers at the Dakota Territorial Museum Friday.

brewery at the intersection of Second and Walnut streets in the summer of 1866.

Stewart noted that the *Yankton Union and Dakotian* was pleased to have C.F. Rossteuscher and Company in Yankton.

The newspaper stated that the brewery "is a good institution because it will furnish a beverage that will take the place of such wicked and poisonous stuff as whiskey, turpentine and the extract of logwood. It will be a moral victory to displace the use of spirituous liquors with malt, and we therefore laud the new enterprise gladly."

In 1876, Rossteuscher's son-in-law joined the busi-

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Clashes Erupt As Islamists Push Back In Egypt

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CAIRO — Enraged Islamists pushed back Friday against the toppling of President Mohammed Morsi, as tens of thousands of his supporters took to the streets vowing to win his reinstatement and clashed with their opponent in violence that killed 30 and wounded more than 200 nationwide.

In a battle on a bridge over the Nile River in Cairo, gunfire rang out and flames leaped from a burning car as the rival camps threw volleys of stones and fireworks at each other. Military armored vehicles raced across the bridge in a counterattack on Morsi's supporters.

The clashes accelerated after four supporters of the president were killed when troops opened fire on their rally — and after a dramatic appearance by the supreme leader of Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood. He defiantly proclaimed that

his followers would not give up street action until the return of the president, swept out of power days earlier by the military.



Morsi

ers at a Cairo mosque in his first appearance since the overthrow. "We are his soldiers we defend him with our lives."

Badie said it was a matter of honor for the military to abide by its pledge of loyalty to the president, in what appeared to be an attempt to pull it away from its leadership.

"Your leader is Morsi. ... Return to the people of Egypt," he said. "Your bullets are not to be fired on your sons and your own people."

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