

VOTE YES


On TUESDAY, September 29

Vote YES to support adequate funding for road and bridge maintenance. Support the County Commission's responsible action to use a tool recently created by Governor Dugaard and the legislature to provide funding to repair and maintain our county's roads and bridges.

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Vote Today!

The Yankton County Road & Bridge Levy Referendum is today (Tuesday). Polls open at 7 a.m. Tuesday and will be open until 7 p.m.

Voting centers include:

- Yankton City Hall
- NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Complex
- JoDean's Restaurant
- Gayville Community Center
- Mayfield Store
- Lesterville Fire Hall
- Lewis & Clark Recreation Area welcome center.

Follow the results tonight at www.yankton.net.


CORRECTION

In Saturday's *Press & Dakotan*, the photo that accompanied the story about today's (Tuesday) road levy vote erroneously reported that the railroad crossing south of Utica on 435th St. was among the sites that could be repaired with county funds. In fact, the railroad is responsible for maintaining a crossing, even though the railroad crossing pictured hasn't been used by rail traffic for several years. We apologize for the error.

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More Action Is Taken On Mall Agreements



Den Herder

BY ROB NIELSEN

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The Yankton City Commission took two more steps Monday night to help planned improvements to the Yankton Mall without the use of taxpayer dollars move forward with an accepted easement and special assessment roll.

City Attorney Ross Den Herder took the opportunity to point out that no public funds are being used on the project.

"The way this financing structure is set up is, the owner of the mall issues to the city what's called a 'façade easement' which gives the city a measure of control over the way the exterior of the mall looks and is laid out," Den Herder said. "Because the city has some right, or control, over the exterior of the mall structure, the city has the ability to improve it along with the property owner. This is done through a financing arrangement that involves bonds that are guaranteed by the property owner, so the city has no public funds invested in this project."

He added the city takes on a sponsorship role.

The Eagle Has Landed



KELLY HERTZ/P&D
The mystery "sand artist" who uses the bank below the south end of the Meridian Bridge as a canvas added this creation early Monday. This eagle featured some nice colors and fine detail. Past "sand works" to materialize on the south bank of the Missouri include the American flag and, last month, the Riverboat Days logo.

City Seeks Grant For Park Equipment

Online Voting Is Needed To Secure Funding

BY ALISSA WOOCKMAN

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The Yankton Parks Department has applied for a \$10,000 Community Kickstarter grant to install boundless play area/equipment in Riverside Park — and it needs your help.

The city's goal is to increase the use of the Riverside Park by children and adults with disabilities and special needs.

This project will consist of removing all the current outdoor playground equipment, which

the city is unable to order replacement parts for, at Riverside Park.

The new area will be replaced with a new play structure and swings with rubber fall material or rubber tiles below the entire play area.

Most of Yankton's parks use sand for a fall material, which does not allow for ADA access. This "universal" or "boundless" play structure would be ADA accessible,



Larson

allowing those with ADA mobility issues to use the equipment for mobility devices to "climb" onto the structure through ramps.

"That park becomes a showcase for the rest of the community," said Parks & Recreation Director Todd Larson. "If visitors don't get to other areas of Yankton, they will see this new equipment and know that we are a growing and a vibrant community."

This is the type of grant that has to have public participation in the form of online voting

Recent Rains Bolster Harvest Outlook



KELLY HERTZ/P&D
Crops are nearly set and harvest is under way throughout the Yankton area. Timely rains were a big help to crop producers near Yankton, which missed out on some of the big rains seen in other areas this summer.

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF

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The recent heat and heavy rainfall has fueled what some observers already forecast as a possible record-setting year for crop production.

The past week saw around 4-8 inches of rainfall in parts of the Yankton region, said South Dakota state climatologist Dennis Today.

"The heaviest rainfall in (the Yankton) area was generally in counties adjacent to the (Missouri) river," he told the *Press & Dakotan*. "Farther north toward Sioux Falls, amounts were less. There was also an area of less precipitation in Nebraska. Most of the area did receive at least a half-

inch to an inch of precipitation."

The heavy rainfall eased any remaining areas of abnormally dry conditions in southeast South Dakota and northeast Nebraska, Today said.

Two areas in southeast South Dakota were particularly above average with the recent rainfall, Today said.

"Yankton had 1.62 (inches) for the week. For the month, Yankton is at 4.35 inches, or 1.66 inches above average," he said. "Tyndall had 4.22 (inches) for the week with 5.25 for the month, or 2.79 above average."

The rainfall amounts were even more dramatic on the other side of the Missouri River,