

## **WHY YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT COULD YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE? ABSOLUTELY!**

- One vote made Oliver Cromwell Lord Protector of the Commonwealth and gave him control of England.
- One vote caused Charles I to be executed.
- One vote kept Aaron Burr (later charged with treason) from becoming President.
- One vote made Texas part of the United States.
- One vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic.
- One vote elected Rutherford B. Hayes to the Presidency, and the man in the Electoral College who cast the vote was an Indiana representative also elected by one vote.
- One vote made Adolph Hitler head of the Nazi Party.
- One vote maintained the Selective System only 12 weeks before Pearl Harbor.
- One vote per precinct would have elected Richard Nixon rather than John Kennedy to the presidency in 1960.
- And in our own Snyder County, one vote has elected Mayors, Supervisors, Council Members, Tax Collectors, Auditors, Assessors, Constables, Judge of Elections, Inspector of Elections, School Board Directors, and Party Committee Members.
- In 1997, Vermont State Representative Sydney Nixon was seated as an apparent one-vote winner, 570 to 569. Mr. Nixon resigned when the State House determined, after a recount, that he had actually lost to his opponent Robert Emond 572 to 571.
- In 1989, a Lansing, Michigan School District millage proposition failed when the final recount produced a tie vote 5,147 for, and 5,147 against. On the original vote count, votes against the proposition were ten more than those in favor. The result meant that the school district had to reduce its budget by \$2.5 million.
- In 1994, Republican Randall Luthi and Independent Larry Call tied for a seat in the Wyoming House of Representatives from the Jackson Hole area with 1,941 votes each. A recount produced the same result. Mr. Luthi was finally declared the winner when, in a drawing before the State Canvassing Board, a pingpong ball bearing his name was pulled from the cowboy hat of Democratic Governor Mike Sullivan.
- In 1997, South Dakota Democrat John McIntyre led Republican Hal Wick 4,195 to 4,191 for the second seat in Legislative District 12 on election night. A subsequent recount showed Wick the winner at 4,192 to 4,191. The state Supreme Court however, ruled that one ballot counted for Wick was invalid due to an overvote. This left the race a tie. After hearing arguments from both sides, the State Legislature voted to seat Wick 46 to 20.