Property tax question response a surprise?  
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Only half of the week's RapidPoll respondents feel they are not getting their money's worth from their local property taxes.  This must be surprising to county commissioners, city administrators and school board members.

The remaining half is split with 32 percent (68 of 207) saying they think they receive their property's worth and 66 percent (135 of 207) saying they were undervalued.

In Rapid City, a local property owner pays taxes to the city, Pennington County and the Rapid City School District.

The school district receives about 63 percent of the total tax bill, the city about 24 percent, and the county about 19 percent.

But School Board Pres. Kyle Baker is quick to note that the city and county have other sources of revenue, which are not available to the schools.

At the recent meeting, the named dog licenses, bicycle licenses, parking meter fees, gasoline taxes, revenue sharing and community发展 funds are examples to money available to the smaller governments.

"Of course," he said, "the take that's left over for the core taxes, it's the only source left. But last year, when the city called a budget hearing, you where the "Vote's" share of it was to be spent, fewer than 20 percent (other than school employees) attended.

Rapid City's budget hearing audience was comprised mostly of department heads.

Only the Pennington County budget hearing attracted a powerful group of interested taxpayers.

Next week's RapidPoll will ask whether the budget service in the Rapid City area should be provided by a city-operated or a privately-owned service.

What will it cost in taxes? Check table to find out!

A table has been developed to help taxpayers separate their cost of living. The proposed 3.05 million school bond issue.

Material was developed by Allison-Williams Co., Minneapolis, business investment firm, and "value as services as for an individual family".

The table is understood that the Department of Revenue, property presently is assessed at 30 percent of actual market value.

The increased cost per $1,000 of assessed valuation will be $32.9 in 1977 (payable the following year), $1.87 in 1978 (payable in 1979), and $2.17 in 1979 (payable in 1980).

A more complete table is:

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City code now is in the area of 18 percent. The side rails don't meet code and they may be required to be replaced.

Baseline replacements for the auditorium temporary equipment which was used, did not function as they should have.

The control panels lacked spare fuses and when the automatic control panel is blown on the motor drivers, the attendants try to replace it.

Bob Elliott, manager, "All the convincing I received were good. The buildings are functioning, they were not right and the naturalism in the feature are outstanding."

A leak existed for the three days that were more than 12,000 people were involved in the complex on the weekend, and 2,500 attended ballets, concerts in the area for Cenral and Cassia high schools.

The parking lot was more of a menace than a problem and there was considerable damage to auditorium carpets and other floors from the mud, said Bencken. The carpets are treated for wear and the civic center has the equipment for this. We are in a very comfortable period right now.

And without them what do this?"

Bencken did say that white people assurance, the warning of food, drink, or smoking in the theater, the rule will be enforced. Refreshments will be sold and some will be permitted only in the outer lobby, but not in the theater or any carpeted lobby.

Final garden signup

Saturday morning

Final signup for Community Garden Project garden plots will be Saturday, 9 a.m. at Park Powerhouse.

Supplies will be available to help gardeners register and select a plot.

The Community Garden is located at the East Main Street and 12th Street intersection.