



Monica Iverson of Cakes by Monica, pictured with Norman Davis, has won the second annual Children's Miracle Network cake decorating challenge fundraiser for the second year. The fundraiser took place at the Sioux Empire Mall in Sioux Falls, April 18. There were 15 area professional cake decorators that competed. Competitors had two hours to decorate their cake. Norman Davis, a seven-time national cake decorating champion on the Food Network was one of three judges for the competition. Proceeds raised went to the Children's Miracle Network.

## Iverson wins cake decorating for second year



### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**Work this week:**

- Dirt work from Highway 19 to Cottage Street
- Dirt work on the Highway 50 bypass.
- Storm sewer, water main, crossings at the Princeton Street intersections.

**Planned for next week:**

- Continue with dirt work and base course from Highway 19 to Cottage Street.
- Dirt work on east bound ramp Highway 50 bypass.
- Temporary widening, north side of Cherry Street from Dakota Street to Cottage Street and Highway 19 to the end of the project.
- Permanent striping.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Weekly meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Vermillion Hy-Vee café.
- Speed limit is 20 mph and no parking through the temporary

detour. Speeding and parking violations will continue to be issued during the construction season by the Vermillion Police Department. Cars parked in no parking areas will be towed.

- East bound ramp on the Highway 50 bypass closed, traffic detoured on Crawford Road to Cherry Street.
- Four-way stop at Crawford Road and Cherry Street will be enforced by the Vermillion Police Department.
- DO NOT add, remove or relocate barrels, barricades, signs, temporary business signs, etc. on the construction sight. If concerns arise, please contact D&G Concrete Construction or the DOT for evaluation.
- Upgrades on construction progress and changes will be available on our Web site [dgoncrete.com](http://dgoncrete.com).

## Vermillion celebrates National Week of the Young Child

The Missouri Valley Association for the Education of Young Children (MVAEYC) asks Vermillion to come together for children during the Week of the Young Child, April 19-25. As part of the National Week of the Young Child celebrated across the country, Vermillion is honoring young children and all those who make a difference in children's lives.

"All young children need and deserve high-quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for life, and Vermillion has a great opportunity to do our part to help young children," said Angela Haas and Janel Even, co-presidents of the MVAEYC. "Week of the Young Child is time to recognize the importance of early learning for all young children, and to bring Vermillion together to help give all young children a great start."

Members of the MVAEYC serve the Welcome Table in Vermillion on April 20. The Vermillion Public Library hosted a "Jump Into Spring" family fun event. Week of the Young Child, sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is an opportunity for early childhood programs across the country, including child care and

Head Start programs, preschools and elementary schools, to hold activities to bring awareness to the needs of young children.

Young children and their families depend on high-quality education and care, which help children get a great start, and bring lasting benefits to Vermillion and the surrounding communities. Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize the importance of early learning and early literacy, and to celebrate the teachers and policies that bring early childhood education to young children.

The Missouri Valley AEYC has 50 early childhood professionals working together to improve professional practice and working conditions in early childhood education, and to build public support for high-quality early childhood education programs.

MVAEYC is an affiliate of NAEYC, the largest organization of early childhood educators and others dedicated to improving the quality of early education programs for children birth through age eight. Founded in 1926, NAEYC has more than 80,000 members and a national network of over 300 local, state, and regional affiliates.

## How many children go to sleep hungry?

That's a hard question to ask yourself... but the answer is even more devastating - over 12 million and that is in the United States alone. There are an estimated 30 million Americans facing hunger each and every day and that number is growing rapidly due to the recession and the severe economic hardships we are facing. The economy is faltering, hardworking people have lost their jobs and more and more families are caught in the grip of the unimaginable - no money to feed their families.

Data released by the Department of Agriculture shows that one out of six children in the United States do not know where they will find their next meal. They are considered to live in a "food insecure household," which means they are unable to consistently access nutritious and adequate amounts of food, which ultimately puts them at risk for illness and weakens their immune system. These children are also shown to be 90 percent more likely to be in fair or poor health and have 30 percent higher rates of hospitalization.

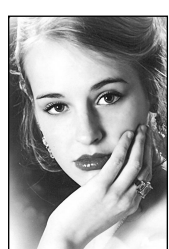
In an attempt to help the hungry of America, the United States Postal Service, along with the United Way, AFL-CIO, Feeding America (formerly America's Second Harvest) and Campbell's Soup Company are partnering for the 17th Annual National Association of Letter Carriers

Food Drive. On Saturday, May 9, the largest annual one-day effort to combat hunger in the United States, will once again be conducted and now more than ever your help is greatly needed. Please participate by placing an item or two of non-perishable food by your mail box on Saturday, May 9 and your mail/rural carrier will pick it up. All of the food items collected will then be transported to the local Food Pantry, which is operated out of Trinity Lutheran Church. The postal food drive is on Mother's Day weekend and there could be no better way to

honor those mother's who have fed and cared for us, than to help those who cannot feed their families by remembering to donate food items for the less fortunate in our local community. As summer is upon us and school will be out of session, many needy children will be without the food support received through the school lunch program. Please do your best to help those who need and deserve our help the most - our children - and generously support the Postal Food Drive on Saturday, May 9. Help us "Stamp Out Hunger."

## Jepsen receives Steele scholarship

Student Loan Finance Corporation is pleased to announce that Shannon Jepsen has been chosen to receive the Tom Steele South Dakota Memorial Scholarship. Shannon is a senior at Vermillion High School and was selected for the scholarship because of her commitment and contributions to her community and school, work ethic and outstanding academic ability from a competitive group of applicants. Recipients of the Tom Steele Scholarship will receive an award to attend a South Dakota college of their choice. SLFC congratulates Shannon and wishes her the best.



SHANNON JEPSEN

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Bank, and his association with SLFC, many lives were touched, although few may know of his involvement. Tom is that unforgettable team member of a success story about encouraging and helping people who need financial aid. SLFC is currently servicing student loans and is located in Aberdeen. Providing customer-focused solutions and being a responsive, adaptive leader during uncertain times and in a rapidly changing industry defines SLFC. SLFC is committed to delivering staff oriented and customer focused solutions through basic principles of integrity, dedication to helping others, innovative leadership and teamwork through appropriately applied technology.

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College of Fine Arts Department of Music  
Presents  
**A Music Faculty Showcase Concert**  
Twelve faculty from the Department of Music will perform music of Handel, Bernstein, and Beyond  
**Friday, April, 24, 2009  
8:00 p.m.**  
Colton Recital Hall  
Free and open to the public

**WELCOME FRESHMEN!**  
And Parents  
Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> • 6:30 p.m. VHS Auditorium  
**2009/2010 VHS Registration/Orientation Meeting**

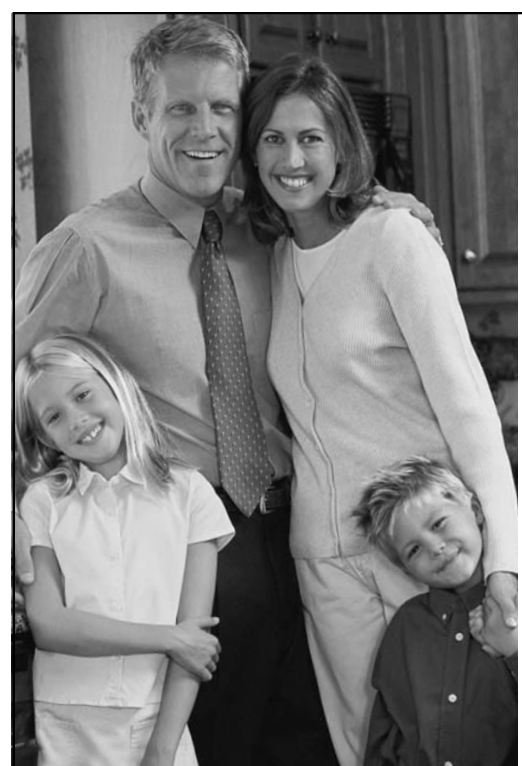
- Registration booklets will go home with 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Orientation session on May 5<sup>th</sup> will include:
  - Q&A session on registration process
  - Overview of high school policies, etc.
  - High schools tours
- '09-10 Freshmen will register on-line at the Middle school on May 8, 2009

## Vermillion City Hall Dedication Ceremony



Thursday, April 30, 2009 • 1:30 p.m.

Program and Ribbon Cutting followed by Open House & building tours  
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