

Fairholm re-elected to School Board

Incumbent Shannon P. Fairholm of Vermillion will continue serving on the Vermillion School Board after easily winning Tuesday's board election in the Vermillion School District. Fairholm was challenged by Julia Wessel of Vermillion for a three year term. Fairholm received 152 votes to Wessel's 23. Voter turnout in the district Tuesday was 2 percent.

Contaminant level low in city water

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Contaminant levels in Vermillion's water supply are almost exactly the same as they were last year. That's good news, said water superintendent Randy Isaacson. "Quite honestly, our groundwater source that we have in Vermillion is a very good groundwater source," he said. It's a little on the hard side, but we don't have any of the harmful things that could be in the water to any certain extent." Isaacson was speaking in regard to the 2010 Drinking

Water Report, which was mailed to Vermillion residents last week. According to the report, Vermillion's water was well within acceptable contaminant levels. For example, 90 percent of the samples tested must have less than the allowable level of lead and copper. The report said only one of the samples tested at that level in terms of lead, and none of the samples were found to contain that level of copper. The major source of contaminant for lead is the corrosion of household plumbing systems and the erosion of natural deposits, the report said. The presence of other contaminants such as arsenic, barium and chromium were the same low levels as in the

2009 report, Isaacson said. The testing is performed by the South Dakota State Health Lab. "They test both point source, which is where it enters the distribution system of the water treatment plant, and also a rural water test, meaning water right out of the well," Isaacson said. The contaminant levels have never been high enough to warrant making any improvements on the water system, Isaacson said. "I can't remember us ever being above any maximum contaminant level. We are always well within the limits set," he said.

VHS choirs and band sweep Div. I ratings at contest

On April 6, three performing groups of the VHS Music Department were awarded Division I ratings at the SDHSAA Music Region I Large Group music contest. The groups performing were Women's Choir, Concert Choir, and Symphonic Winds. Women's Choir performed "Prepare the Hymn" by Handel, and "Reuben, Reuben" arranged by Singh. Concert Choir performed "Sicut Cervus" by Palestrina, "Jamacian Market Place" by Farrow, and "Dance A Cachuca Fandango, Bolero" from "The Gondoliers" by Gilbert & Sullivan. Symphonic Winds' program included, "Ascend" by Samuel R. Hazo, "As Summer Was Just Beginning," by Larry D. Daehn, and "Torch of Liberty" by Karl L. King. Director of Choirs at

Vermillion High School is Trisha Fisher and Director of Bands is John Alpers. South Dakota High School Activities Association holds its state music contests in five regions across South Dakota. Vermillion belongs to Music Region I and is proud to host the Region's Instrumental Solo, Ensemble and Large Group contests each year at Vermillion High School.

VERMILLION STANDARD TIME AWARDED THIRD PLACE

Vermillion High School's Vermillion Standard Time jazz band was awarded third place in Level II at the Northeast Jazz Festival. The competition was held at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, NE on Tuesday, March 29. Bennett Lamplot, piano, also received

an outstanding soloist award. Director of Vermillion Standard Time is John Alpers.

ALL SCHOOL BAND EXTRAVAGANZA TUESDAY NIGHT

Vermillion Schools Music Department has announced that the 2011 All School Band Extravaganza will be presented at the Vermillion High School gymnasium on Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature the sixth grade, seventh grade and eighth grade concert bands, VMS Jazz Co, Vermillion Standard Time and Vermillion Symphonic Winds. The concert will conclude with a mass band selection. Music directors for the concert are Becky Rider and John Alpers. Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend.

Farmers market vendor training set for Saturday

The South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service invites people interested in selling at farmers markets to a free workshop on vendor training set for April 16 in Vermillion.

As part of the Vermillion Area Farmers Market (VAFM) educational programming grant, the April 16 workshop's topic is "Marketing to the Market" and will include a wide range of information vendors can use to start or increase their sales at farmer markets in their areas. The Vermillion event takes place from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Clay County Extension Building, 515 High St.

This event is free and open to the public and Farmers Market moms will give out free t-shirts to people visiting their booth. The VAFM will hold their indoor market from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. with vendor training starting at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call Yankton County Horticulture Extension Educator Cynthia Bergman at 605-665-3387.

ENGAGEMENT

Olson-Weier

Michelle Olson and Lonnie Weier announce their engagement along with their parents, Warren and Roxane Olson of Meckling, and Brian and Ruth Weier of Viborg. The bride is a 2006 graduate of Vermillion High School. She graduated in 2010 from South Dakota State University with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is currently employed at Sanford Vermillion Clinic as a Registered Nurse. The groom is a 2006 graduate of Viborg High School. He will graduate in May from the University of South Dakota



with his Masters of Public Accountancy and Bachelor of Business Administration.

Lonnie and Michelle will exchange vows on June 4, 2011, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion.

BIRTHS

Max Christopher Leffers

Jon and Jennifer (Mollet) Leffers of Norwalk, CT, are excited to announce the birth of their second son, Max Christopher Leffers. Max was born on March 28, at 11:02 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. He joins big brother, Gus.

Maternal grandparents are Ken and Janna Mollet of Beresford and Kazy Mollet of Vermillion. Paternal grandparents are Dave Leffers and Cindy Soyland of Vermillion.



SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Cleo Erickson

Excerpts from the Plain Talk

1953

Candles, kerosene lamps and lanterns provided light for the early settlers of Vermillion and Clay County. This gave away to electric lights in Vermillion with the development of a city generating plant. In the past 18 years, electricity for lights and power has come to the farms of the county through the lines of the Clay Union Electric Corporation.

There are fourteen automobile service stations in Vermillion. At the present time. These include, Anderson Brothers, Brunick Oil Co., Buzz's Service Station, Evergreen Standard, Heck's Marathon Service, Johnson Oil Company, Bill's Service Station, Carter's Texaco Station, A & B. Standard, Stewart Standard Service, Swenson & Donohoe, Vermillion Co-op Oil Co., Warrior Oil Co., and Stevenson's Skelly Service.

In the 1950 census, 794 of the 1,170 farms in Clay County reported they had telephones. Of the 1,170 farms in Clay County at the 1950 census, 1089 reported they had electricity.

A stockade was erected in Vermillion in the winter of 1861-62. A company of 96 men was organized here under Capt. Nelson Minor. The Vermillion Company was designated as Company "A", Dakota Cavalry and was mustered into U.S. service on April 19, 1862.

In 1939, O. Fred and Harold Sletwold along with Harold "Lum" Nelson all of Sioux City bought what was then known as the Vermillion Greenhouse located east of the depot below the hill.

Duke Ellington and his famous orchestra will be featured at the Corn Palace this year.

Minnie Pearl, famous comedy star of the Grand Ole Opry, will be one of the headlines on a variety program on October 5th under the

sponsorship of the Vermillion Junior Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$1.00 before the night of the show. Box office price is \$1.25

St. Agnes Church has purchased the Anna Dell Morgan home to be used as a convent for the Benedictine Sisters.

The beautiful Heirloom sterling pattern, Damask Rose, is \$29.75 for a 6 piece place setting at Yeado Jewelers.

The Vermillion Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring free pancakes featuring Aunt Jemima in person. Everyone is invited and welcome. Come to the high school gym between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10th.

The Meckling School has 103 students enrolled this year.

Due to frequent snows and icy conditions on city streets during winter months, added traffic hazards are created, particularly on narrow streets. This creates a problem and hinders the Street Department of its ability to remove snow promptly. Owners of multiple housing units are urged to

provide facilities for off street parking in these congested areas. City ordinance #188 states that "No vehicle or vehicles shall be parked on any of the public streets or alleys in the City of Vermillion between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. without permission of the Mayor or Police of said city". The penalty for parking on streets on those hours is a fine not exceeding \$25.00.

Robert Merrill opened the Vermillion Community Artist series on October 20th.

The big, 5 passenger car champion deluxe coupe, 1953 Studebaker, is available delivered in Vermillion for \$1,984.77 with standard equipment. State and local taxes, if any, extra. White sidewall tires and chrome wheel discs optional at extra cost. Check it out at Swenson & Donahoe.

Due to increased costs of bakery flour and action taken by large bakery companies servicing this area, All Jacobsen Bread has increased two cents per loaf.

Something new and different

is here; it is called "Hi-Fi". It is a radio phonograph that plays and produces music with such a degree of tonal perfection; it is just as though you were in the presence of the orchestra or artist.

The latest talk about television is that it hurts the eyes of many when they watch it.

The cost of coffee served by the cup in Vermillion restaurants is scheduled to go up in price on Monday. Served with a roll, cupcake or other food item the price per cup will be seven cents. Served alone the price will be ten cents a cup. The jump in the price of coffee per pound makes the increase necessary.

South Dakotans will start the New Year with something new in their pockets—their driver permits. The driver permit law, passed in the 1953 legislative session goes into effect in January 1954.

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