

# VHS tennis shut out by Lynx

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Sportswriter

Like other spring sports, boys tennis at Vermillion High School has taken it on the chin from the rainy and snowy weather of the past week, but the Tanagers did beat the onslaught of the moisture with a dual against Brandon Valley last Tuesday.

A dual at Mitchell scheduled for Friday, however, was snowed out. On Monday a dual at Sioux City North was rained out.

In the Brandon Valley dual last week the Tanagers had some competitive matches but couldn't pick up a victory in a 9-0 loss to the Lynx. Vermillion's No. 1 singles man, Wes McBride, gave his BV opponent, Elliot Blue, a good match in losing 3-6, 3-6. McBride and his doubles partner, Camden Raizola, lost a 3-6, 1-6 match to Blue and Mack Driscoll. Ethan Druin, No. 2 singles player for VHS, won six games in his loss, and

Raizola at No. 4 won four games in his match. If weather were conducive to outdoor tennis, the Tanagers were to play Sioux Falls Washington yesterday (Thursday), and they will try to host Yankton at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

## BRANDON VALLEY 9, VHS 0

- Singles
1. Wes McBride lost to Elliot Blue 3-6, 3-6.
  2. Ethan Druin lost to Mack Driscoll 2-6, 4-6.
  3. James May lost to Billy Trevillyan 1-6, 0-6.
  4. Camden Raizola lost to Drew Peterson 2-6, 2-6.
  5. Tyler Osborne lost to Ryan Johnston 1-6, 0-6.
  6. Nate Svendsen lost to Drake Van Egdome 1-6, 1-6.

## Doubles

1. McBride/Raizola lost to Blue/Driscoll 3-6, 1-6.
2. Osborne/Will Card lost to Peterson/Johnston 1-6, 0-6.
3. May/Svendsen lost to Trevillyan/Van Egdome 2-6, 1-6.



The South Dakota women's soccer team needed a change of venue to hold its Alumni Game on Saturday, April 16. Team members originally had planned to scrimmage together at noon that day on the USD Soccer Field. Mother Nature had other plans, however, after depositing a thick coat of snow that still hadn't melted by noon on Saturday. The alumni game was held in a court in the new Wellness Center on the USD campus. Alumni from previous Coyote teams dating back to the inaugural 1999 team took part and scrimmaged the current South Dakota squad. (Photo by David Lias)

# Police taking back unwanted prescription drugs April 30

On April 30 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. the Vermillion Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for disposal to Hy-Vee Foods or Davis Pharmacy.

The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last September, Americans turned in 242,000 pounds - 121

tons - of prescription drugs at nearly 4,100 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,000 state and local law enforcement partners, including the Vermillion Police Department.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines - flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash - both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Four days after last fall's event, Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which

amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow an "ultimate user" of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the attorney general to accept them.

The act also slows the Attorney General to authorize long-term care facilities to dispose of their residents' controlled substances in certain instances. DEA has begun drafting regulations to implement the act.

# VHS to present comic play 'Scapino' May 6-8

Vermillion High School Students will present the slapstick comedy "Scapino!" May 6-8 in the VHS Performing Arts Center.

The play, set in 17th-century Italy, tells the story of two sets of young lovers struggling to stay together against their fathers' will.

They seek help from Scapino, a jolly trickster whose antics make fools of the fathers while saving the lovers.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. on May 6 and 7 and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday May 8. Tickets are available at the door.

# USD to award degrees at 124th Spring Commencement

Lt. Gov. Matt Michels will deliver the keynote address as The University of South Dakota awards degrees to more than 1,300 candidates at the 124th Spring Commencement on Saturday, May 7. The ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m. inside the DakotaDome at USD.

Michels, who was born in Pierre, but grew up in Vermillion, was elected South Dakota's 38th lieutenant governor last November and has a long-standing history as a member in the South Dakota State Legislature, including speaker of the House of Representatives. He attended USD after graduating from Vermillion High School and in 1980; Michels earned a nursing degree and continued to work as a nurse while he obtained his B.S. in health services administration. Michels also earned a juris doctor from the USD School of Law in 1985. Following law school, Michels served as an officer in the

United States Navy, and married his wife, Karen Lindbloom, a native of Pierre, while stationed in Mayport, Fla. They have a son, Collin, current president of the USD Student Government Association.

In 1989, Michels moved to Yankton and joined a law practice, practicing health care and hospital law along with other aspects of legal services to individuals and nonprofit organizations. Michels was a partner in Michels & Associates, Prof. LLC and served as general counsel for Avera Health. He represented District 18 as a member of the state House of Representatives from 1999 to 2006, serving two years as speaker pro tempore and as speaker of the House for four years - the first

person to serve two terms as speaker since the 1950s.

Additionally, Gabor S. Boritt, of Gettysburg, Pa., will be presented with a Doctor of Humane Letters honorary degree. Boritt, a native of Hungary, graduated in 1963 from USD with a master's degree in history. He is one of the most significant scholars of Abraham Lincoln and the American Civil War. In 1981, he began teaching at Gettysburg College where he founded the Civil War Institute. In 2008, Boritt received the prestigious National Humanities Medal from President George W. Bush.

Distinguished faculty from the 2010-11 academic year will also be recognized during commencement exercises,

including recipients of the Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching; the Richard and Sharon Cutler Awards in Liberal Arts; the John Wesley Jackson Memorial Award presented to the outstanding professor of law; and the College of Fine Arts Distinguished Professor Award.

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# Jensen appointed to First Judicial Circuit

Chief Justice David Gilbertson has announced the appointment of the Honorable Steven Jensen as presiding judge for the First Judicial Circuit. Judge Jensen's appointment will follow the retirement of current Presiding Judge Arthur Rusch and becomes effective on June 9.

Judge Jensen is a 1988 graduate of the University of South Dakota School of Law. He was appointed as a circuit court judge in 2003 after 14 years in private practice. Judge Jensen will continue to hear cases primarily in Union and Clay counties.

The chief justice expressed his appreciation for Judge Jensen's willingness to serve the Unified Judicial System and people of South Dakota in this manner.

The First Judicial Circuit consists of Aurora, Bon Homme, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clay, Davison, Douglas, Hanson, Hutchinson, McCook, Turner, Union and Yankton counties. The First Judicial Circuit is served by six circuit court judges, two magistrate judges, and court clerk magistrates in each county in the circuit.

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