COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY, APRIL 29

• Brown Bag Lunch program, "The Kyai Rengga Manis Everist Gamelan," 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on the USD campus, corner of Clark & Yale streets. Open to the public at no charge.

• "Mathemagician," presented by Dr. Arthur Benjamin, both a professor of mathematics and a magician, 3:30 p.m. in Farber Hall on the USD campus.

• USD Choral Ensembles join the USD Symphony Orchestra for a spring concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayne S. Knutson Theatre in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.

• Second annual DakotaDome Baseball Classic. Twenty-eight teams from South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Texas playing baseball in the DakotaDome. Two divisions: 10 and under and 12 and under.

• Last day of 2011 Spring Classes at USD; final exams begin May 2.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

• Second annual DakotaDome Baseball Classic. Twenty-eight teams from South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Texas playing baseball in the DakotaDome. Two divisions: 10 and under and 12 and under.

• Laura Bertschinger, graduate voice recital, 7 p.m. at Colton Recital Hall in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.

• Ryan Landis, graduate voice recital, 7 p.m. at Colton Recital Hall in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.

• Alexis Washburn, senior saxophone recital, 1 p.m. at Colton Recital Hall in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.

SUNDAY, MAY 1

• Second annual DakotaDome Baseball Classic. Twenty-eight teams from South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Texas playing baseball in the DakotaDome. Two divisions: 10 and under and 12 and under.

• USD Clarinet Studio Recital by Dr. Holly Haddad's students, 1 p.m. at the Colton Recital in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.

• Laura Kuschel, mezzo-soprano, presents her junior voice recital, 4 p.m. at the Colton Recital in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.

• Jimmy Bloomquist, junior trombone recital, 7:30 p.m. at the Colton Recital in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.

MONDAY, MAY 2

• Al-anon meeting, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Linden streets. For more information, call 624-9764.

• Music Concert with The South Dakota Brass Quintet, 7:30 p.m. in Farber Hall on USD campus. SDBQ is made up of USD music faculty Rolf Olson, trumpet; Gary Reeves, horn; Jonathan Alvis, trombone; and Chuck Dibley, tuba. Clayton Lehmann, USD history faculty joins music faculty on trumpet.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

• Vermillion Public Library Used Book Sale at Vermillion Public Library, 18 Church St. Friends of the Library are invited to a preview sale from 1-9 p.m. May 3.

• All School Awards 9:20-11 a.m. at Vermillion High School.

• Vermillion Rotary Club, Noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.

• Freshman Orientation, 6:30 p.m. at Vermillion High School.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

• Vermillion Public Library Used Book Sale at Vermillion Public Library, 18 Church St. Friends of the Library are invited to a preview sale from 1-9 p.m. May 3.

• Booster Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Vermillion High School.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

• Vermillion Public Library Used Book Sale at Vermillion Public Library, 18 Church St. Friends of the Library are invited to a preview sale from 1-9 p.m. May 3.

• Celebrate Fair Trade Month with wine and chocolate, from 6-8 p.m. at Pro's. Hosted by Sharing the Dream in Guatemala. Come and enjoy wine in a beautiful hand-blown Guatemalan wine glass that is yours to keep. Advance tickets only at Sharing the Dream store at 10 W. Main St.

• Vermillion Middle School Instrumental Music Festival, all day, at Vermillion Middle School.

PLANNING AHEAD:

• MAY 6-8 — Vermillion Public Library Used Book Sale at Vermillion Public Library, 18 Church St. Friends of the Library are invited to a preview sale from 1-9 p.m. May 3.

• Brown Bag Lunch Program, "All in the Family - Lunch at the Opera," with Jennifer Hendrickson, Tracelyn Gesteland, Thor Gesteland, Brandon Hendrickson & Susan Keith Gray, 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum on the USD campus on the corner of Clark & Yale streets.

• MAY 6 — Hospital Auxiliary Meeting, 2 p.m. at Care Center Dining Room, 125 Walker St.

• MAY 6-8 — VHS Spring Play Performance, 7:30 p.m. May 6-7 and 2:30 p.m. May 8 at Vermillion High School.

• MAY 7 — USD Spring Commencement, 9:30 a.m. in the DakotaDome.

• MAY 9 — Athletic Awards Night, 7 p.m. at Vermillion High School.

• MAY 10 — American Legion Auxiliary Wallace Unit #1 meeting, 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center, Vermillion.

SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Cleo Erickson
Excerpts from the Plain Talk

1954

The new state law which went into effect on January 1, 1954, provides that any person operating a car on the public highways without a permit shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The New Year in Vermillion was celebrated in a quiet and orderly manner; however, there was one arrest on the charge of drunken driving. This brought about the first revocation in the county of the new state drivers permit. The driver may not operate a vehicle for 6 months on public streets or highways and he was fined $50.00 and given a 30 day joint sentence with the jail sentence being suspended.

The parents of the Austin School children should be very happy at the prospect of a new school building if the bond issue passes when the vote is taken on Feb. 9th. The Jolley School will be enlarged with a new wing, also depending on the passing of the bond issue.

A local man was treating all his friends last week while coffee was still five cents. Now they will have to treat him when a cup costs ten cents.

The new 1954 Vermillion telephone directory was distributed the past week. There are 16 white pages and 36 yellow pages in the book. There were 50 more directories distributed this year. That tells us of the increased number of telephones in operation in the community.

It is estimated that the cost of the new Austin school building will be about $220,000. The unit to be added to the Jolley School will be about $115,000.

Elmer Tiezen of Marion, SD took over the ownership of Hoffer Maytag store on Main Street on Monday.

Vermillion voters approved the bond issue by the margin of 901 to 228 at the special election last Tuesday. Two years ago approval of the bond issue was turned down.

Vermillion's police recovered a car stolen from the Benson Motor Company last Friday night. After a high speed chase through the city streets the car was recovered but the two occupants escaped down an alley under cover of a cloud of dust. Near the county shop building on West National the driver slammed on the brakes and brought the car to a stop in a cloud of dust. The two occupants scrambled out and disappeared before officers could get to the vehicle.

The City Council considered a request from the Board of Education at their Monday night meet that legal steps be taken for the transfer of the Austin Park property from the city to the school board. The school board proposes to build the new Austin school on the Austin Park site. The deed that the city holds provides that unless the property is maintained as a city park the land shall revert back to the heirs of the Austin estate. Mrs. A. H Whittemore, sole remaining heir, has said she is willing to approve the use of the site for a school building.

Tickets are now on sale for the 30th annual Military Ball. Billy May and his band will play for the danced.

Interest continues that some kind of a crossing of the Missouri River be made south of Vermillion. The ideal solution, of course, would be to build a bridge but that would take more funds than any level of government will make available at the moment. Most immediately, possibly would be a ferry. There is a fairly good site for a ferry crossing on the Nebraska side that would connect with a road which runs one mile east of Maskell.

Dedication ceremonies will be held for the Andrew E. Lee Medical Science Building at the University on March 27 1nd 28th.

Price of Austin Dairy milk has been lowered one cent a quart. The price is in effect at both grocery stores and on the retail routes.

The City Council authorized the Mayor and City Auditor to execute a contract with the school board containing provisions relative to the transfer and to the maintenance and use of the school grounds.

The Austin Park shelter house is being moved to the north section of Prentis Park.

The old blacksmith building on the southeast corner of Market and Kidder Streets is being torn down. It has stood at this location for 70 years. The ground will now be used as a parking lot by Benson Motor Company.

The Vermillion Fire Department has been called to ten fires in ten days. Seven of the ten fires were rubbish and grass fires which went out of control to destroy two barns, one hog house and a garage.

In 1954, Vermillion celebrated the 95th Anniversary of the first settlement of the city. Sioux City is celebrating 100 years of that community and several towns in eastern South Dakota, including Brookings will celebrate their 75th anniversary.

An eastern company has developed a speed control device that automatically cuts out the ignition when a car reaches a certain set speed. The adjustable governor can be set and locked at a certain maximum speed on a dial on the dashboard. When Junior borrows the family car that is equipped with the locked governor, he will be limited in speed to the maximum set on the dial.

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

"Business After Hours" hosted by Great Plains Therapy, 1407 East Cherry St., is Tuesday, May 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. Please join us to make new contacts, socialize, and find out what Great Plains Therapy has to offer!

Tour de Kota: The Tour de Kota "College Campus Cruise" will bring hundreds of bike riders to Vermillion Thursday, June 9. Riders will bike from Freeman to Vermillion and stay for the day and last overnight of the tour. The Tour de Kota campsite will be at the USD tailgate grounds where food vendors, KVHT live remote, and live music will entertain the crowd – the public is welcome. Camping space and residence halls are available to riders, and some riders also like the option of staying with a host family. If anyone is interested in hosting a rider in their home or allowing camping on their property, please contact the Chamber at 624-5571. Plans are also being made to transport visitors around town so businesses and attractions can roll out the red carpet. Watch for more details in the coming weeks – this is a great opportunity to welcome visitors to Vermillion.

Are you interested in becoming more active in the community? Join one of the Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company's (VCDC) rewarding committees. If you enjoy event planning, the Special Events Committee is for you. This committee works to plan and promote events that the VCDC hosts such as the Annual 4th of July Celebration, the Annual Christmas Celebration and the VCDC Annual Banquet. If you are interested in the legislative issues that affect Clay County and the local businesses the Legislative Affairs Committee would be a perfect fit for you. If you would like to serve as the goodwill and public relations representative by participating in and attending ribbon cuttings, new business openings, community events, socials, parades and festivals the Ambassador Committee would be an excellent choice. If you are interested in joining or would like more information on one or all of these committees, please contact Ann at annb@vermillionchamber.com or call 624-5571.

Business After Hours: Are you looking for an opportunity to showcase your business and network with your peers? Sign up to host a Business After Hours event! These events generally run from 5 to 7 p.m. on a weeknight and the hosting business provides hors d'oeuvres and refresments. If interested, please contact Ann at: annb@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

Announcements:

• "Books for Budding Brains" Drive is running now at Dakota PC Warehouse, 1216 E. Cherry St. through May 15. Books are collected for disadvantaged children with a portion of the books going to families affected by the recent tornado in Mapleton, IA. For more information, contact Liz Roscovius at 605-232-4170 or liz.roscovius@d2ww.com or visit: www.d2worldwide.com

• The Cafe' Brule' presents an Exhibition of Artwork: The Cafe' Brule' (now open since April 7) located at 24 West Main Street proudly presents an Exhibition of Artwork by Michele David Mechling, Nancy Losacker & Susan M. Heggestad, now through June 4. Stop by the brand new Cafe' Brule' and view this show by three Vermillion artists. For inquiries about the artists and their artwork, please contact gallery coordinator, Michele Mechling at michele4csg@yahoo.com

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Boys, Girls State orientations set for May 1

District 7 South Dakota American Legion Boys State, and South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Girls State orientation sessions will be held on May 1.

Boys State and Girls State delegates from Bon Homme, Clay, and Yankton counties will meet in Springfield, at the United Church of Christ,1002 Collage Street.

Boys State and Girls State from Charles Mix, Douglas, and Hutchinson Counties will meet in Geddes, at the Community Center, 420 S. Main Street.

Registration is at 1:30 p.m. with the sessions starting at 2 p.m.

South Dakota American Legion Boys State will be held in Aberdeen on the campus of Northern State University, from May 30, through June 3. This will be the 69th session of Boys State at Northern State University.

South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Girls State will be held in Vermillion on the campus of the University of South Dakota from May 30 through June 4. This will be the 65th session of Girls State.

Boys State and Girls State delegates are expected to attend the orientation sessions to learn what is expected of them as they attend Boys State and Girls State. Their parents should come to the orientation sessions as well, so they know what is going on and if they have any questions about the programs.

For more information contact James Hornstra, District 7 Americanism or Kathy Hornstra, District 7 Auxiliary president, at 605-369-5555 or email hornstrajk@yahoo.com.

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Applicants should submit a résumé and at least three professional references to Kathleen Chandler, Director of Administration, USD Foundation, PO Box 5555, Vermillion, SD 57069 or by email Kathleen.Chandler@USDFoundation.org. Review of applicants will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Title and salary are commensurate with experience. The USD Foundation is an equal opportunity employer.

Additional information: www.usdfoundation.org; Telephone 1-800-521-3575

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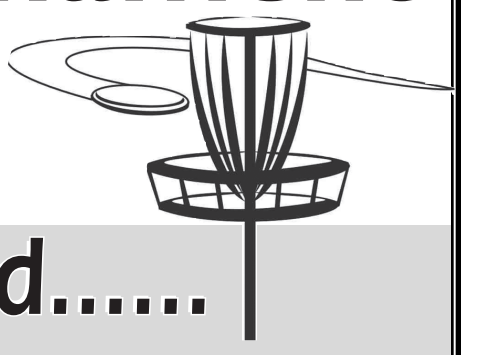
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