

# Barstow Park benefits from Eagle Scout project

The recent addition of unique signage to Barstow Park in Vermillion can be credited to the hard work of Teddrick (Tedd) Schaffer, who took on the task of adding the sign the park as he works to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

Tedd is a member of Vermillion's local Boy Scout Troop 66.

"The final requirement in becoming an Eagle Scout is to do an Eagle Project. For my project I knew I wanted to build something that would be in Vermillion and last," he said. "I got the idea to build something when I found out the bus stop near my house by Jones' Food Center was an Eagle Scout Project."

Tedd learned from Vermillion City Engineer Jose Dominguez of the city's plans to build a permanent structure for an ice skating rink/skateboarding park at Barstow Park.

"We decided that it would be a great project for me to make the sign for the new addition to Barstow Park," Tedd said. "I had heard of Blair Smith because my parents had used him in past

projects. He is a chainsaw artist. I thought it would be cool to have him help me make my sign. He loved the idea and instantly agreed to help."

Tedd designed the sign, and after it was approved by City Manager John Prescott and Dave Nelson, director of Vermillion Parks and Recreation Department, he had Blair create the sign.

Midwest Ready Mix donated the concrete used for the platform the sign rests on. Blair donated all his labor and charged only for the lumber used.

The sign was also made possible by a \$400 donation from the city, and \$100 donations each from First Dakota Bank and Bank of the West.

Matt Kastengren of O&M Custom Construction in Vermillion donated his labor and professional services pouring the slab that the sign rests on, as well as running the machinery to place the sign on the platform.

"Ace Hardware donated all my building materials like sandpaper and log oil, and let us use their machinery to place the sign," Tedd said.



Pictured are individuals who both helped and witnessed the placing of a new sign at Barstow Park, thanks to the efforts of Tedd Schaffer. From left are Clint Meadows, the leader of Boy Scout Troop 66; Gene Fuller, troop committee member; Stetson Kastengren; Tedd's brother, Will; Mayor Jack Powell; Alex Osborne, a fellow Scout; City Alderman Kent Osborne and Rod Schaffer. (Photo by David Lias)

## SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Cleo Erickson

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Beginning January 1, 1974, all new South Dakota Driver's licenses will have a colored photo of the person to whom the license is issued. Because of the photo the licensing fee will be raised one dollar to a total of \$6.00.

Congratulations to Kurt Seibel who is Vermillion's National Champ Punt-Pass-Kick contest winner for 12 year olds.

The City of Vermillion needs an emblem according to the Chamber of Commerce. They are willing to pay \$25.00 for an appropriate emblem that should include (farming, USD, and business.)

The emblem picked will be used on city highway signs and in the city and for Chamber promotions. Remember! There is a \$25.00 cash award waiting the winning artist.

Progress continues the realization of the new \$8.8 million physical education, student recreation and athletic complex at USD. To date more than \$700,000.00 in cash pledges have been made and more than \$200,000.00 in actual cash has been received. If the goal is met, we are virtually

assured of the construction start of the Dome this year.

Work is progressing on the new Senior Citizens facility and is projected to be completed in early

Spring. A remaining balance of \$29,000.00 needs to be raised. Checks may be mailed to 214 E. Main.

One hundred twenty-five applications for six street and utility jobs and park personnel have been received and are currently under consideration at the city office.

Counterfeit \$20.00 bills have been found in Vermillion. The bills resemble photo copies. They are printed on heavier paper with the colors being darker and the paper they are printed on was white.

Voters in record numbers turned out on Tuesday to approve the airport improvements. The referendum passed with a vote of 907 to 720. Voters decided that the City could borrow State funds for the construction of the airport improvements. The City will borrow \$24,000.00 from the 1976 budget and borrow up to \$48,000.00 from the Division of Aeronautics at the State Transportation of South Dakota. The total cost for the improvement project is

\$636,100.00.

Federal Aviation Administration funds will pay \$500,840.00 of the total cost. State funds from the Legislative appropriations for a total of \$39,000. Clay County funds totaling \$25,000 will be used for the relocation of the road leading to the airport. \$8,000.00 of aviation fuel tax funds from users of the Vermillion airport will also be used to help finance the improvements.

The Armed Forces Bicentennial Caravan will be on display in Vermillion on July 10th. Vermillion has been commended on its Bicentennial program and has won national recognition.

An auction was held at the Austin Whittemore House to raise funds for the restoration of the house.

Within the next 10 days, the owners of the dangerous structures located throughout the entire city of Vermillion, will receive notice by mail. There are many dangerous structures that have contributed to a rat problem. The city is

asking residents to remove piles of lumber and trash that harbors rats. Abandoned vehicles are also used by rats for shelter.

The Eagles Club has donated \$600.00 to the South Dakota Special Olympics program. The donation will be used to purchase wind breakers for the 40 participants and 10 chaperones that will represent the group.

The 1945-1946 VHS classes will have their joint class reunion on Saturday, July 26, 1976.

A deed from Arthur Austin Whittemore to the Clay County Historical Society, Inc., of lots 6 and 7 Block 20, Original Town site of Vermillion has been recorded at the Register of Deeds of Clay County.

People who live in South Dakota and surrounding states are getting a special opportunity to have their monthly Social Security with supplemental security checks deposited directly in their checking or savings accounts. The direct deposit program is entirely voluntary.

New postage rates will go into effect on September 14th. First Class Mail: 10 cents for the first ounce, 9 cents for each additional ounce. Post cards will be 7 cents each.

Check out the Wine N' Del for your dining pleasure. The restaurant is at 112 E. Main and is open every day except Monday. (And you can throw the peanut shells on the floor.)

For your fall decorating, check out the new matching appliances at Modern Electric

and the comfortable new bright, rust velvet chair with a striking brass pedestal lamp at Wagner Iverson Furniture Store.

Dedication services for the new Senior Citizens Center at 320 West Main will be held on Sunday, September 28, 1975. The public is invited to attend the program at 2:00 p.m. followed by a social time from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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