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The Alzheimer & Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group sponsored by the South Dakota Alzheimer's Association, will meet the 4th Monday of each month, 7pm, at the Sanford Administrative area on Plum St. Caregivers of memory loss persons are welcome to attend. Contact persons: Fern Kaufman, (605)624-4898, or Marilyn Abraham, (605)934-2534.

Vermillion Alcoholics Anonymous Group: A fellowship of men and women banded together to help each other recover from alcoholism. Meetings are held in the Post Office basement. Closed AA on Tuesday, 8 p.m. Closed AA on Friday, 8 p.m.

Vermillion Food Pantry is located at 816 E. Clark Street. Check our website to see if your family would be eligible for food assistance this month. www.vermillionfoodpantry.org

VISUALLY IMPAIRED meeting, 1:00 every second Monday of the month. For information 605-624-4063 or 605-653-1000.

Vermillion City Council approves texting ban

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The Vermillion City Council has approved an ordinance that prohibits texting while driving.

The action was taken at the council's regular meeting Monday night.

The ordinance as adopted said that drivers may not "operate or be in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while using a handheld wireless communication device to compose, read or send an electronic message when the vehicle is in motion or where the motor vehicle constitutes a part of the flow of traffic or an obstruction and hazard to traffic."

City Attorney Jim McCulloch made clear that the ordinance does not include the use of GPS or navigation systems, or voice and other data transmitted through regular phone calls.

Two-way and CB radios, as well as walkie-

talkies, are not included, either.

The ordinance does include two exceptions: The first is "the reasonable belief that a person's life or safety is in immediate danger," while the second is for people in an emergency vehicle while performing official duties.

The council also adopted a \$54 fee for those who violate the ordinance.

City Manager John Prescott added that violators can expect to pay an additional \$60 in court costs, as well.

The city council had its first reading of the ordinance last month, as well as a meeting during which the members discussed the recent failure of a statewide texting ban to pass during the recent legislative session.

At that special meeting, council member Kelsey Collier-Wise had said that while it's a good thing there are representatives from each county in the state serving in the

legislature, this could also have led to the texting bills' failures to pass on a state level.

"Part of the problem is ... there are a lot of places that have very different traffic issues than the 10 largest cities, and obviously where you're seeing this happening is where the populations are," she said. "Maybe out in the middle of Bison County, it's just not that much of an issue, but they don't have to deal with thousands of students coming in every year that use texting as a primary means of communication.

"Unfortunately, I don't think they necessarily ... have the same priorities we do (on the issue)," she said.

With the adoption of its local texting ban, Vermillion joins Sioux Falls, Brookings, Watertown and Huron as one of the first communities in the state to take a legal stand on the issue.

Prescott said Mitchell is mulling a similar law, as well.

Pearson wins POL, on to nationals

Samuel Pearson, a senior at Vermillion High School, won the state Poetry Out Loud (POL) competition, Monday in Sioux Falls. Pearson will travel to Washington, D.C., to represent South Dakota at the Poetry Out Loud National Finals April 28-30.

Pearson also won a \$200 cash award, and his school will receive \$500 to be used for poetry books, in addition to his trip to the national finals.

Nine students from high schools across South Dakota competed for the title. Second place in the competition went to Tristan Chasing Hawk, a junior at Harrisburg High School. Chasing Hawk was awarded \$100 cash, and his school will receive \$300 for the purchase of poetry books. Akicita Cistila His Horse is Thunder, who is a senior at Little Wound High School in Kyle, earned the third-place spot.

Just three points separated the first-,

second- and third-place scores. Joshua Hinkemeyer, Sisseton High School, was ranked fourth. The following students received medals for qualifying as state finalists, but the remaining scores were not ranked: Annie Deutscher, Lincoln High School, Sioux Falls; Keana Jackson, Rosholt High School; Savoy Schuler, Stevens High School, Rapid City; Kayla Dittenhauser, Washington High School, Sioux Falls; and Samantha Elbert, Watertown High School.

Three teachers were also awarded for their efforts in and out of the classroom as Poetry Out Loud coaches. Kim Davidson, Rosholt High School, took the top spot and earned a \$500 cash prize. Sharon Prendergast, Sisseton High School, and Gretchen Brimm, Newell High School each received honorable mentions in the category and \$100 cash.

Poetry Out Loud is a recitation program and competition that urges the teaching of poetry as an oral art form in high schools. Schools that participate in Poetry Out Loud enter students into a preliminary round, from which the state finalists are chosen.

Poetry Out Loud was created in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, with the collaboration of State Arts Agencies. Through Poetry Out Loud, students master public-speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage.

In South Dakota, POL is a program administered by the South Dakota Arts Council, an office of the state Department of Tourism, in partnership with South Dakotans for the Arts and South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

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CARLY	JALEN	LOGAN	PRESTEN	VICTORIA
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