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“Through us working together, that’s where he really developed the confidence in me.”

The immediate focus for Herbster will be to continue to raise money for USD’s new athletic facilities — a volleyball/basketball arena and an outdoor track/soccer complex, he said.

Saying that the “pedal is to the medal,” Herbster said the goal still remains to have shovels in the ground by the end of the year.

“We’re going to get those things built,” he said, without hesitation. “I feel as strong in regards to that as I ever have.”

With a permanent athletic director in place, USD can alleviate some concerns donors have had about the direction of the athletic department, Herbster said.

“Some have held off making a final commitment until they know the final direction,” he said. “At the end of the day, if you’re writing a check for six or seven figures, they want continuity; they want consistency.”

Herbster also said USD will immediately look to hire a senior associate athletic director, a position he has also held during his interim phase.

“We’ll need it,” he said. “We got spread pretty thin. We did just enough to not let the big things fall through the cracks.”

Another issue on the horizon for Herbster and his department will be potential shifts in the Summit League. The conference has added Denver to replace Kansas City for 2013-14, but there have been murmurs of other possible departures.

“When you talk about who’s going where and with all the rumors, it can be distracting sometimes,” Herbster said. “You just have to put yourself in the best position to be a solid member.”

Conference shifting is nothing new to the Coyotes, Herbster pointed out. During his tenure with USD, the Coyotes moved from the Great West Conference to the Summit League, while the football program moved to the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

“These conferences don’t want to change, but somewhere down the line, that first domino started,” Herbster said. “It almost happened to us. We were almost in the Big Sky, and that too was all about timing.”

“You’ve got to have your pulse on what’s going on.”

You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck.

St. Agnes students receive SMART board

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Vermillion’s St. Agnes School is on a roll.

For the fourth year in a row, the school was the recipient of a new SMART Board interactive white board through the Hy-Vee SMART Points Program.

“It does mean a lot that four years in a row you guys have just stepped up and done a remarkable job of saving and earning all of the SMART Points,” local Hy-Vee manager Steve Parker told the students in a ceremony last Friday. “We’re happy to be able to come down and share that with you. We love the fact that it’s going to a Vermillion school since it’s the Vermillion Hy-Vee that’s doing it.”

“You guys keep doing what you’re doing, study hard, focus and I bet you we’re going to be back here next year doing the same thing,” he said.

Darla Hamm, principal of St. Agnes School, returned the compliment, saying, “We’re very thankful to Hy-Vee that they do these programs to help benefit St. Agnes and the other schools in the area. They do a lot for us besides just the Smart Boards, so it’s nice to have a partnership. They save St. Agnes a lot of dollars, so thank you so much for your support.”

The SMART Board will go to the class of Carrie Roerig.

“She will be teaching first grade next year, so it will go into our first grade classroom,” Hamm said.

In addition, a new iPad2 16GB with Wi-Fi tablet was received by the school on behalf of Connor Roerig, who raised the most points in the competition.

The SMART Points Program takes place each year from Sept. 1 through Nov. 30. During this time, shoppers who purchase Proctor & Gamble products at Hy-Vee earn points, which are designated to the school or student of their choice.

“They register those points online, and they select a school that it goes to, and every shopping trip they can register their points,” Parker said.

In the eight states in which Hy-Vee operates, 285 SMART Boards



(From left) Vermillion Hy-Vee manager Steve Parker, St. Agnes student Connor Roerig, kindergarten teacher Carrie Roerig and principal Darla Hamm stand near the SMART board and iPad2 the school received as part of the Hy-Vee SMART Points Program. This is the fourth consecutive year St. Agnes School has received a SMART Board.

(Travis Gulbrandson/Vermillion Plain Talk)

have been given away to area schools, Parker said.

These SMART Boards is a digital touch-access whiteboard that functions like a combination of a traditional whiteboard and an interactive computer screen.

The one received by St. Agnes last week retailed at \$1,500. The iPad2 was valued at \$500.

“St. Agnes is a private school, and obviously things are going well enough for them that they’re expanding classrooms and expanding the building,” Parker said. “This is just a great way for us

to be able to help provide for them without having to go out and purchase this equipment themselves.”

Hamm said she hopes the school can continue its winning streak into the future, which she said is possible now that the students are getting the hang of the contest and how it works.

“A lot of them are starting to catch on now to what products you can purchase to get the points, so (with) word of mouth and putting it in our bulletin at the church and letters home to parents, (we’re) just trying

to get everyone to participate so that we can win these great products,” she said.

The SMART Points Program was founded in 2009, meaning that St. Agnes has won each year of the contest’s existence.

“This is my third presentation here, which is pretty cool, so I don’t have to rehearse anything anymore,” Parker said. “It’s very familiar surroundings and settings, and it’s just a great thing to be able to provide.”

OBITUARIES

Kenneth Varns

Kenneth Varns, 55, of Vermillion, passed away Friday, April 19, 2013, at his residence. Ken touched the lives of many people with his love for the Lord, his quick wit, and he maintained his trademark sense of humor all the way to the end.

Ken was born Dec. 10, 1957, in Chinon, France to Harvey and Virginia (Solomon) Varns. He graduated from Spearfish High School in 1976 and on June 29, 1977, he married the love of his life, Earleen Bachand in Sturgis. He entered the Army in 1977 serving for 23 years retiring in 2000. He was currently employed



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(Melissa) of Fort Riley, KS; his parents, Harvey (Virginia) Varns of Spearfish; three brothers, Ron of Gillette, WY, Don (Adrienne

as an inspector for the State of South Dakota.

He is survived by his wife, Earleen of Vermillion; two sons, Stephen of San Diego, CA, and Brian

of Valley Center, KS, and Rick (Julie) of Rossville, IL. He is also survived by four sisters, Debbie (Monty) Colvin of Vermillion, Barbra (Doug) Hitzel of Auburn, NE, Penny (Roy) Mixon of Houston, TX and Ginny (Chuck) O’Brien of Lancaster, CA.

Funeral services were 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 24, at the Hillside Community Church in Vermillion. Burial was in the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis. Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion. hansenfuneralhome.com.

Gary Bye

Gary Hazen Bye, 75, of Vermillion, passed away Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, with his family at his side.

Gary was born Dec. 18, 1937, in Meckling, to Hazen and Marie (Roozen) Bye. He attended Meckling schools graduating in 1956. He had played six man football on the first Meckling High School team. He married Carol Blair on Aug. 27, 1956, in Meckling. He later graduated from the University of South Dakota with an Associate’s Degree in Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies.

He farmed in the Meckling area and owned and operated Bye Auction Service. He sold real estate in Rapid City, and semi-

retired in Sun City, AZ, where he worked as an irrigation specialist at the golf course before moving back to Vermillion to be closer to family. In recent years, he loved working in his melon patch.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Roberta Iverson.

He is survived by his wife Carol of 56 years of Vermillion; three daughters; Jeanette (Joe) Hubert of Vermillion, Nadeen (Chuck) Peterson of Wakonda, and Glynis (Mark) Erickson of Gayville; two sons, Todd (Lynne) Bye of Gayville and Hazen (Lisa) Bye of Vermillion, and a brother Doug (Mona) Bye of Vermillion. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren; Tabitha (Micah) Likness, Kyle (Stacy) Hubert, Tony

Hubert, Darcey (Greg) Bast, Stephanie (Sam) Camp, Brian Bye, Evan (Stacy) Peterson, Nick (Melissa) Peterson, Andy, Chad Peterson, Emma (Adam) Ladwig, Parker, Morgan Erickson, Sara, Jana and Regan Bye. And six great grandchildren, Taylor Lyso, Madlyn Peterson, Callie Peterson, Gretchen Bast, Pierce Camp and Grady Likness.

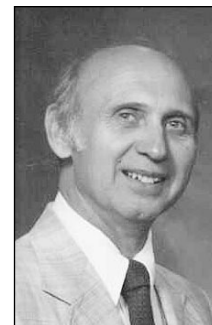
Memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27 at the Bergen Lutheran Church in Meckling, with private family burial in the Meckling Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday with a service at 7 p.m. at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion. hansenfuneralhome.com.

Dr. Estel Hulse

Dr. Estel Hulse, 85, of Vermillion, passed away Friday, April 19, 2013, at the Sanford Vermillion Care Center.

Dr. Estel Allen Hulse was born in Westhope, ND, on Jan. 25, 1928. He was the youngest of five sons and one daughter born to James and Effie Hulse. Estel graduated from Westhope High School in 1946 and went on to study at Minot Business College. While attending college in Minot he met and married Theresa Hastings. Estel and Theresa attended chiropractic college in Wichita and eventually graduated from the Palmer Institute of Chiropractic in Davenport, IA in 1955. Estel and Theresa moved back to North Dakota and started their first chiropractic clinic in Bowbells, ND. In 1960 they moved to Minot and by 1973 they had built their fourth clinic in west Minot. Estel and Theresa served a variety of positions with the North Dakota Chiropractic Association and Estel had served as the association’s president.

Estel was a member of the St. John’s Catholic Church, Lions, Elks, Eagles, Moose, Minot’s



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competitions. Estel was an avid hunter and enjoyed golfing and playing tennis. He started flying as a teenager and was a private pilot throughout his adult life. He built his own plane and was a member of the Minot Flying Club.

Dr. Hulse’s chiropractic style was a blend of exercise, nutrition and chiropractic adjustment that he referred to as a holistic/natural method of healing. He devoted 40 years to his holistic health theories on natural foods, reducing sugar in the diet and increasing physical activity. He loved to help people heal themselves and he loved to make them laugh.

Estel moved to Vermillion due to the Minot flood of 2011. Estel was unable to

return to Minot due to his failing health and the onset of dementia. Dr. Hulse lived with his son Barry and family in Vermillion from July 4, 2011, to Nov. 15, 2012. Estel died on April 19, 2013, at the age of 84 while living at the Sanford Nursing home in Vermillion. There is a memorial tribute to Estel Hulse on Facebook. A private family ceremony will be held on April 27, 2013, at the home of Barry and Betty Hulse.

Dr. Estel Allen Hulse was preceded in death by his parents, James and Effie Hulse of Westhope, ND; his son, Estel Allen Hulse Jr.; and Estel’s wife, Theresa Hastings-Hulse of Maxbass, ND.

Survivors include a daughter, Dawn (Kevin) Settel of South Lake, TX; two sons, Todd Hulse of Minot, ND and Barry (Betty) Hulse of Vermillion; four grandchildren, Jessica & Danny Geer of Arlington, TX, Barrett Hulse of Minot and David and Jackie Hulse of Vermillion. Dr. Hulse is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and their families. hansenfuneralhome.com.

Zelena Weisz

Zelena Weisz, 92, of Vermillion, passed away Friday, March 15, 2013, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Monday, April 29, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion. hansenfuneralhome.com.

William J. Kabeiseman

William J. “Bill” Kabeiseman, age 80, of Yankton, passed away Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 27, at St. Benedict’s Catholic Church,

Yankton, with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton. Visitations will begin at 5 p.m., Friday, April 26, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m.

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