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**Gayle Matzke, DON and Haley Walker, October PRIDE Employee of the Month, Sanford Vermillion.**

### Walker, Sanford Vermillion October Employee Of Month

Haley Walker, CNA, Care Center, was selected as the October 2015 Sanford Vermillion PRIDE Employee of the Month. She has been employed here since December 2014.

Nominations for Haley included the following:

You are a wonderful CNA! Always hustling around the Care Center! Giving your helping hand from the minute you walk in – until you leave!

You are such a good worker and so patient with the residents!

"Haley always has a smile, she gives the residents all her time. She is flexible and always willing to step up with staffing changes," comments Gayle Matzke, Director of Nursing, Sanford Vermillion Medical Center.

Haley is a native of Minnesota. Haley attends the University of South Dakota majoring in nursing. In Haley's spare time, she likes to watch Grey's Anatomy.



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**Parade of lights kicks off the holiday season tonight with entries from many different organizations ending with a tree lighting by Santa Claus and after-parade activities at the Vermillion Public Library. Pictured a Vermillion Fire Department ladder truck decked out for last year's parade of lights.**

## Parade Of Lights And Library Event Celebrate The Holidays

BY SARAH WETZEL  
 For the Plain Talk

Friday evening a tradition will continue that has become a Vermillion favorite throughout the years: the annual Parade of Lights.

"The whole thing starts at 6:30," said Tim Bellis of the Vermillion Chamber and Development Company. "The color guard will come in followed by the marching band. Prior to them arriving I believe it's the chamber singers from USD will be at the Platz singing Christmas carols setting the mood while CorTrust hands out hot chocolate. Then they come on in to kick things off and the parade comes on down Main St. all lit up. At the end Santa Claus will come on in. He'll go and make a couple of comments in front of the tree and then they will flip the switch and light up the tree for the official kickoff for the holidays."

The parade begins on Main St around Amy's Whoopi Do Salon and travels down to CorTrust Bank with everyone congregating at the Platz for the tree lighting.

"I have a list that continues to grow," said Bellis. "It is currently at 15 entries but we still have probably another six or seven that we're waiting to hear back from then there's always a surprise or two. In the end we should have about 20 or more entries."

The parade entries are always different and no one knows ahead of time what all of them will look like.

"It's always a surprise," Bellis said. "That's part of the fun because sometimes people come in with things that are totally novel and never seen before. People are walking, there's going to be a big giant bear, vehicles, the marching band, the color guard. We'll see pickups and flatbeds, we'll see actual floats. There will be a fire truck and the Charlie Coyote shuttle bus. "If the weather will permit there's going to be an old-fashioned great big bicycle. The farmer's market is going to bring in a combine all decorated up. So there's going to be some variety."

I like the horses when they show up with the sleigh. I missed last year but someone told me WNAX showed up with something with a balloon so it was totally different and everyone was talking about that. A couple of years ago there was a float that had the Grinch theme from the folks at the Spa at Wynie Mae's."

According to Bellis, the parade should be long enough but not too long.

"Even if it's cold and the weather is a little nippy it's still pretty cozy because there can be anywhere from 1,000-2,000 people that show up," he said. "It will usually depend on weather. If there's fairly decent weather it can definitely draw in some numbers."

The tree to be lit at the end of the parade has a special story this year according to Bellis.

"The hospital always lit up that big tree out on Plum and Main," he said. "Well the hospital is about to go through some major renovations. They're tearing down the old hospital to put up the new. They had to take that tree down to make room for all the construction that's going to happen here very shortly. That tree is the tree they just put up at the Platz. It's very big and full. So the tree that was decorated down at the hospital in addition to the donated tree is the donated tree this year."

The festivities don't end with the parade's finish either.

"After the tree is lit, Santa invites all the kids to join him and he walks from the Platz to the library a couple of blocks away," Bellis said. "Then at the library they're all set up with arts and crafts things for the kids to do and they can spend more time with Santa personally for a couple of hours. That's one of the locations they're doing the Vermillion Food Pantry donation box and they're asking people to bring in personal care items like razors, soap, combs, things like that but they'll also take food donations."

The donations collected at the library are part of their "Forgiving for Giving" campaign.

"Patrons who have accumulated overdue fees, with certain restrictions, will be able to have those fines waived in exchange for donations of much-needed items, such as diapers, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, disposable razors, hand soap, dish detergent, toilet paper, etc," Library Adult Programming coordinator Susan Heggstad wrote in a press release. "A more detailed list, and further details about the amnesty restrictions, is available by stopping by our Circulation Desk or calling the library at 677.7060."

The items will be distributed by the Vermillion Food Pantry and the Domestic Violence Safe Options Services during the holidays.

"This is the second year that we've offered an amnesty campaign during the holidays, during my time here," Heggstad said. "I believe that the library has held similar campaigns in the past. Last year's Food for Fines campaign was hugely successful, with our patrons donating over nine boxes of food in total."

According to Heggstad, the campaign last year came as a result of library patron feedback which showed interest in being able to donate to a cause like the food pantry.

"This year, we consulted with United Way Executive Director Kelsey Collier Wise to inquire which local charities would most benefit," Heggstad said. "It was suggested that we consider doing a personal care items donation campaign, as those wind up being the greatest need for both the Food Pantry and for DVSSOS (Domestic Violence Safe Options Services). Patrons who bring in items to donate should know that these items will make a real and significant difference to folks right here in their own community. And the need just continues to grow, year after year. Here at the library, we're most looking forward to smiles we get when people realize they can get some relief from their overdue fines, and help out some of their fellow citizens at the same time."



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**Deb McManigal, November PRIDE Employee of the Month, Gayle Matzke, Director of Nursing and Jeff Berens, Chief Nursing Officer, Sanford Care Center Vermillion**

### McManigal Sanford Vermillion November Employee Of Month

Deb McManigal Sanford Vermillion November 2015 PRIDE Employee of the Month

Deb McManigal, Restorative Aide, Sanford Care Center Vermillion, was selected as the November Sanford Vermillion PRIDE Employee of the Month. She has been employed with Sanford since July 2011. Deb was previously recognized as Employee of the Month in December 2014.

Nominations for Deb included the following:

Deb is a team player, reliable and dependable; well thought of by staff and residents. She does a great job motivating residents to do their restorative care. She is loyal to her roles and responsibilities as a restorative aide. She is innovative finding solutions and new ways to do things. She is all about the residents and genuinely cares for each one.

Deb is always willing to stay extra and is very flexible to float to help in any area needed. She takes pride in the restorative program and comes up with creative ideas to decorate the room. She also has her family come with her grandchildren for the residents to snuggle with. There are several residents whom this makes their whole day. We are glad that Deb is part of our family.

"Deb is a very caring person. The residents enjoy her and feel empowered and encouraged to participate in restorative care," comments Gayle Matzke, Director of Nursing, Sanford Vermillion Medical Center.

Deb is a native of Turn, Iowa and currently resides in Newcastle, NE. Deb has four children and two grandchildren. In Deb's spare time she likes to be Grandma and hold her grandbabies.

Farm Credit Services of America in Yankton and the Hot Country KK93 Radio Station in Yankton teamed up in 2015 for an Agricultural Youth Contest for those students involved in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4-H sponsored projects. Students were able to submit their project logs and record books to their FFA Advisor/4-H Leaders during the contest period. Contest winners were those entrants determined to have the best kept logs or records books. The two winners for Clay County were Nicole Hauck and Katrina Heles of Vermillion. Pictured with Nicole and Katrina is Brian Bye, Financial Officer with Farm Credit Services of America out of Yankton.

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## 7th Annual -- Parade of Lights

### "Light Up Vermillion"

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 • 6:30 p.m.  
 Downtown on Main Street

Community Christmas Tree Lighting - Fri., Dec. 4th

At the end of the parade please join Santa and Mrs. Claus as they light the community Christmas Tree at Ratingen Platz on the corner of Main and Market Streets.

Holiday Crafts at the Library - Fri., Dec., 4th

After the tree lighting, children and parents are invited to the Vermillion Public Library to make a holiday craft - please bring in your donation for the Vermillion Food Panty!

Sponsored by the Vermillion Public Library.

Pictures with Santa - Sat., Dec. 5th

Bring your children to Hy-Vee on Sat., Dec 5th from 12:30 to 2:30 for a FREE indoor picture with Santa by Peterman Photography.

It's not too late!

If you would like to submit an entry into the Parade of Lights, entry forms are available at [www.vermillionchamber.com](http://www.vermillionchamber.com) or at the VCDC office at 1012 Princeton St.

**605-624-5571**



*Vermillion Downtown  
 Holiday Stroll*

Wednesday  
 December 9th  
 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Gifts for Every Wish**

Stroll thru these stores in Downtown Vermillion

<p><b>Blue Monarch</b>  <b>Nook n' Cranny</b>  <b>Sharing the Dream</b>  <b>LumoStudios</b>  <b>The Spa at Wynie Maes</b></p>	<p><b>Willson Florist and Gifts</b>  <b>Nygren's True Value</b>  <b>Infinite Variety</b>  <b>Amy's Whoopti Doo</b>  <b>Varsity</b></p>
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Fill your list or leave a "Wish List" for your family and friends ease of shopping for you!