

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF’S REPORT

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

8:33 a.m. - A caller reported a fire at a trailer house near Meckling. A deputy and fire units responded and found the fire was a controlled burn near the residence but not involving the home.  
11:03 a.m. - A rural resident reported bags of trash dumped along a gravel road near Volin. It appeared the trash had been there for some time. Arrangements were made to have the trash cleaned up.  
4:24 p.m. - A deputy responded to a medical emergency in the jail. The inmate was transported to the hospital for evaluation of reported chest pain and then was returned to the jail when it was determined he did not need any medical treatment.

MONDAY, DEC. 7

2:38 a.m. - A deputy responded to noise complaint east of Vermillion after a caller reported numerous vehicles were revving their engines. The deputy patrolled the area but was unable to locate the source of the noise.

TUESDAY, DEC. 8

10:07 a.m. - An inmate was transported to the medical clinic for a scheduled appointment.

10:37 a.m. - A deputy investigated a Car/deer crash on Highway 46.  
5:05 p.m. - A deputy looked into a report involving hay bales that had been dropped in the road on 452nd Ave. The highway department removed the bales from the roadway.  
9:51 p.m. - A deputy assisted a SDHP trooper with a traffic stop after the trooper discovered illegal drugs in the vehicle. The driver, who was a juvenile, was detained and released to her parent.  
11:33 p.m. - A deputy responded to a residence north of Vermillion after receiving a call from a woman advising that her teenage daughter was acting out and had damaged the ceiling. It was discovered that the girl had also taken a tablet from her mother's bedroom and refused to return it. The tablet was eventually located and returned. The deputy spoke with the girl's mother about filing a Child in Need of Supervision petition with the court before leaving the residence.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

6:55 a.m. - A deputy responded to a rural Vermillion residence after receiving a report of a possible suicidal subject. After investigating the incident it

was determined that the subject was not suicidal and that statements that were made had been taken out of context.

10:41 a.m. - A deputy responded to a 911 hang up call at Spirit Mound. He located the caller and ensured everything was fine. The woman had accidentally dialed 911 while walking up the trail and was not in need of any assistance.

3:38 p.m. - A deputy assisted a Highway Patrol trooper with transporting a wanted person to the Clay County Jail after the trooper arrested the subject during a traffic stop. The Trooper was a drug dog handler and had no back seat available for prisoner transport.

THURSDAY, DEC. 10

6:29 a.m. - A deputy transported an inmate from the Minnehaha County Jail to the Clay County Jail for a scheduled court hearing. After the hearing the inmate was returned to the Minnehaha County Jail.

10:43 a.m. - A rural resident requested information about removing an unwanted house guest who was abusing drugs. The man was offered some suggestions and decided he

would attempt to offer the house guest a ride elsewhere in order to avoid law enforcement involvement.

1:00 p.m. - A deputy responded to a medical emergency, along with EMS, to a residence in Burbank and assisted with patient care until the patient was loaded into the ambulance.

2:15 p.m. - A deputy transported a juvenile to The Human Services Center in Yankton on an involuntary mental health hold.

10:58 p.m. - A deputy came across a vehicle parked in a field approach on Hwy 50 east of Vermillion. The vehicle had a flat tire and the driver was in the process of putting a spare tire on. The deputy assisted the man in putting on the new tire.

FRIDAY, DEC. 11

3:14 p.m. - A deputy investigated a death in Vermillion. The death was determined to be a natural death.

10:17 p.m. - A rural resident called to report she had seen a vehicle driving by her property and soon afterward, juvenile girls at her house reported seeing someone on the property. A deputy investigated and did not find anyone near the residence and found no vehicles in the area.

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

8:57 a.m. - A deputy responded to investigate a report from a rural resident who reported that overnight, someone had driven on his property north of Vermillion and struck a tree near his driveway. The vehicle had left the scene.

9:46 a.m. - An inmate was transported from the Minnehaha County Jail to the Clay County Jail after being arrested in Sioux Falls for a Clay County warrant.

3:44 p.m. - A patient was transported from the hospital in Vermillion to the Human Services Center in Yankton for an involuntary mental health commitment.

6:10 p.m. - A deputy responded to a report of an erratic driver on Highway 50 east of Vermillion. The vehicle was found at the owner's residence and no violations were observed.

10:20 p.m. - A rural resident reported information he had learned about a planned underage alcohol party. A deputy responded to the location but found no activity there.

VERMILLION POLICE REPORT

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

10:32 a.m. - An Officer spoke with a mother who had concerns about her 15 year old son getting bullied on Facebook from someone in California. The Officer provided the mother with options.

1:42 p.m. - Officers responded to an apartment complex to investigate a domestic disturbance. The Officers contacted a male and female who were arguing. The male provided a false name and was arrested. He also had numerous outstanding warrants for his arrest.

3:09 p.m. - Officers responded to a fraternity house for a fire alarm activation. Tenants were using spray paint in the building which triggered the alarm.

7:02 p.m. - A female drove to the Police Station so an Officer could talk to her 8 year old who'd been throwing a tantrum. The Officer spoke with the

child about his behavior.

9:22 p.m. - A male subject came to the Police Station to report he'd been receiving threatening and harassing phone calls. The case is under investigation.

MONDAY, DEC. 7

11:57 a.m. - Officers escorted a funeral procession.

12:16 p.m. - Officers responded to a residence to check the welfare of a female subject. Officers made contact with the female who was disoriented. An ambulance was requested to respond to the residence.

12:55 p.m. - An Officer investigated a traffic accident that involved a car and a fire hydrant.

5:19 p.m. - An Officer investigated a road rage incident that involved two vehicles. The Officers were unable to identify the second vehicle. No charges were filed.

TUESDAY, DEC. 8

5:27 a.m. - An Officer observed a vehicle parked illegally and issued a parking ticket to the vehicle. The owner also had 3 prior unpaid parking tickets. The vehicle was towed as a result.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

10:50 p.m. - An Officer stopped a vehicle for crossing the center line. The passenger of the vehicle was in possession of an open wine bottle. The passenger was issued a citation for the offense.

THURSDAY, DEC. 10

12:37 a.m. - Officers responded to a residence for an elderly female having chest pains. Officers cared for and monitored the elderly female until EMS arrived.

1:03 a.m. - Officers responded to a residence to investigate a domestic disturbance. The investigation re-

vealed that only a heated argument had taken place.

4:04 a.m. - An Office discovered a vehicle parked illegally. The Officer found the vehicle had 5 prior unpaid parking tickets. The vehicle was issued a parking ticket and towed.

7:18 a.m. - An Officer responded to a report of a possible gun shot. The Officer was unable to locate the source of the noise and the PD received no additional reports of that noise.

10:41 p.m. - A female caller reported a dog barking in her neighborhood. An Officer located a dog at large but was not able to capture it. The information was forwarded to Animal Control.

10:58 p.m. - A female caller requested Officers assistance in removing an intoxicated male from her home. Officers responded and arrangements were made for the intoxicated male to go elsewhere.

FRIDAY, DEC. 11

2:16 a.m. - An Officer observed suspicious activity outside of a residence. The Officer investigated and discovered no criminal activity had taken place.

2:40 a.m. - Officers responded to investigate a domestic disturbance. Officers discovered a verbal altercation had taken place between family members and the person who caused the dispute was asked to leave.

8:27 a.m. - A female caller reported she ran into another vehicle of hers. An Officer responded and conducted a traffic accident investigation.

3:14 p.m. - Officers responded to a medical call involving a male who was not breathing. Officers and EMS performed CPR and the male patient was transported to the ER.

CHAMBER CHAT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Congratulations to our Parade of Lights Prize winners for 2015... Thank you for your efforts; a job well done representing your group and our community!

1st- Sanford Vermillion, 2nd- Vermillion Public Transit/ United Way, 3rd- Vermillion Area Farmers Market. Coloring contest winners: Sam S., Mason, Brooke M., Morgen M. Writing contest winners: Wyatt L., Jamie M., Rachel B. (Kimberley Andres, Laurie Siegel, Stacey O'Connor, Barb Martin, Ann Breitag, Tim Bellis- Holiday Committee)

• Congratulations to our 3 Holiday Bucks Drawing winners: Nicole Solomon (Wildfire Ceramics), Miranda Manecke (Civic Council), and Nathan Harris (Red Steakhouse). And thank you to CorTrust Bank and Mini-Mart Gas for also being participating sign-up locations for the drawing.

• You can now go to: www.LiveVermillion.com and click on the tab "Things to Do" in the center of the page. It takes you directly to the community calendar of events listing all of the area's posted events. If your event is not listed, this page will allow you to submit an event to be included.

• The VCDC office will be closed Thurs. & Fri., Dec. 24 & 25 for the Christmas Holiday. On behalf of the VCDC staff, we wish you all a Merry Christmas!

• The VCDC will host the UpNEXT-Vermillion's Coffee Hour, Wed., Jan 6 from 8-9:00 am at the Vermillion Technology Center, 1012 Princeton.

The coffee hour will provide the community an opportunity to connect & engage with others, while also being educated on a number of diverse topics. Guest speaker: Lena Tran (Toastmasters). The sponsor of the month is The Spa at Wynie May's Front Porch. We hope to see you Wed. from 8-9 am at the VTC. Coffee for the event is FREE.

• The kettles have arrived! Keep an eye out and change handy as the Salvation Army bell ringers start appearing around our community this weekend. Consider signing up to help: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ba8a722abf94-2015>

• Hundreds of hats and scarves have been spotted in cities that are going to experience freezing temps this year. Do you have a few scarves that you don't use anymore? Vermillion has started hanging scarves, hats or mittens in Prentiss Park on the corner of Plum & Main (across from Sanford) for those people that may need extra warmth this winter. The message attached to one of the scarves says: "I am not lost! If you are stuck out in the cold, please take this to keep warm!" Please put a nice note on your scarf to give away. Let's see if we can fill the trees. Please be respectful of the trees.

• Veterans' Holiday Relief Drive: hosted in partnership with SD American Legion Auxiliary & Autumn Simunek, Miss South Dakota to benefit homeless & at-risk Veterans & Military Families. Contribute "Buddy Basket(s)".

-Home-warming welcome recipe: assemble a laundry basket/waste basket filled with paper towels, laundry detergent, household cleaners, rubber gloves light bulbs, dust pan w/hand brush, flashlight/ batteries, shower curtain w/ rings, bath towel set, bathroom tissue, dishes, eating utensils, dish soap, dish towel set-frosted with clear wrap/bow & greeting tag

-Substitute or single household & essential items welcome: bed sheets, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags, small appliances, alarm clock, hygiene products, warm apparel & socks, shopping gift cards

-Monetary Donations: checks payable & mailed to: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1, Attn: Vets Relief Drive, c/o Marie Anne Ben, 16 E. Bloomingtondale St., Vermillion, SD 57069. For more information: [autumn.simunek@misssd.org](mailto:autumn.simunek@misssd.org); 605-890-3093. Vermillion drop-off locations: Broadcaster/Plain Talk, 201 W. Cherry St.; Main Street Center, 320 W. Main St

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, DEC. 18

• Early Dismissal at Vermillion Public Schools, Fri., Dec. 18 @ 2:00 pm (middle & high school); 1:50 pm Austin/Jolley Christmas Vacation, Mon., Dec. 21-Fri., Jan. 1. Classes resume Mon, Jan. 4, 2016

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

• Overeaters Anonymous: Sat., Dec. 19 @ 9:00 am. Location: Newman Center-USD Campus, 320 E. Cherry across from the MUC at the corner of

Rose & Cherry St. (West Door-straight through double glass doors on left & first door on left; North Door-down hall to left & first door on left). Description: Overeaters Anonymous is a 12 step program for people with eating disorders & struggles

• Vermillion Area Winter Farmers Market, Sat., Dec. 19, 10 am-1 pm at the 4H/Extension Building. Locally made gifts & decorations for the holidays, crafts, knitting, sewing, woodworking, herbs, as well as local produce & meats for holiday meals. Vermillion Bucks accepted. The Winter Market will also be open Jan. 9, Feb. 6, March 5 & April 16.

• Eagles Cookies & Christmas Candy Bake Sale, Sat., Dec. 19, 11 am-2 pm, Eagles Club, 114 W. Main St. Meet Santa & a couple of his elves. All proceeds go to benefit local charities.

MONDAY, DEC. 21

• Welcome Table serves a free meal on Mondays at the First United Methodist Church, 16 N. Dakota St. Public is invited to enjoy fellowship & food prepared & served by volunteer groups, Mon., Dec. 21, 5:30-7:00 pm. Groups interested in volunteering to serve at the Welcome Table can contact John Lushbough at 605-670-0958 or email: [jlushbough@gmail.com](mailto:jlushbough@gmail.com). For more information, visit: [www.welcometable.org](http://www.welcometable.org)

• Al-anon meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mon., Dec. 21 @ 7:30 pm. For more information, call 624-9764.

CLAY COUNTY COURTS

Cases Disposed  
Dec. 4 – Dec. 10

Araiza, Heather, Yankton; Left Turning Vehicle Failing to Yield Right of Way; Fine: \$54.  
Asher, Danielle, Vermillion; Speed on Four-Lane in Rural Areas; Fine: \$19.

Bernard, Curt, Yankton; Speeding on Other Roadways; Fine: \$39.

Bushen, Africa, Yankton; Overdriving Road Conditions; Fine: \$54. Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility; Dismissed-Motion By Prosecutor.

Chol, Deng, Sioux Falls; Speeding on a State Highway; Fine: \$39.

Cowman, Jeremi, Harrisburg; Disorderly Conduct; Fine: \$104.

Ellison, Larry, Vermillion; Open Container; Fine: \$54.

Femrite, Kyle, Sioux Falls; Open Container; Fine: \$54.

Gabel, Heidi, Sioux Falls; Speeding on a State Highway; Fine: \$39.

Ghosh, Savankar, Vermillion; Speeding on Other Roadways; Fine: \$19.

Gretschmann, Suzette, Vermillion; Speed on Four-Lane in Rural Areas; Fine: \$19.

Hilton, Tanner, Mitchell; Speeding on Other Roadways; Fine: \$19.

Horn, Tonia, Yankton; Speeding on Other Roadways; Fine: \$19.

Ishmael, Edward, Yankton; Driving with Suspended (Not Revoked) License; Fine: \$204.

Jaeger, Michelle, Vermillion; Speeding on a State Highway; Fine: \$39.

Maes, Chad, Vermillion; Open Container; Fine: \$54.

Minsaas, Blake, Vermillion; Urinating in Public; Fine: \$104.

Novak, Sheila, Yankton; Speeding on a State Highway; Fine: \$39.

Robinson, Daniel, Vermillion; Fail to Stop or Slow Down for School Bus; Fine: \$54.

Vitek, Carrie, Vermillion; Speed on Four-Lane in Rural Areas; Fine: \$19.

Worrell, Trevor, Sioux City, Iowa; Open Alcoholic Beverage Container Accessible in Vehicle; Fine: \$54.

OBITUARIES

Wayne Kropuenske

Wayne Gustave Kropuenske, 70, of Tyndall, South Dakota passed away on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at Avera-Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m., with visitation held one hour prior to service, on Friday, December 18 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall with Rev. Dean Schroeder officiating.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall. Online condolences may be sent at [www.goglinfh.com](http://www.goglinfh.com).

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For more information, contact Dr. Randy Royer with ASBSD at [rroyer@asbsd.org](mailto:rroyer@asbsd.org) or 605-773-2504.



Vermillion Police & Clay County Sheriff will increase DWI enforcement efforts

**Dec. 18th - Jan. 3rd**



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**Holiday Deadlines**

Plain Talk deadline for December 25 issue will be Monday, December 21 at 3 p.m. for all display, classified ads & news articles.

Plain Talk deadline for the January 1 issue will be Monday, December 28 at 3 p.m. for all display, classified ads & news articles.

Our offices will close at noon on December 24 and be closed all day on December 25.


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