



Vermillion police: Yield right-of-way to pedestrians

The Vermillion Police Department is reminding drivers that, by law, an operator of a vehicle is required to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing a highway within any clearly marked crosswalk. According to Art Mabry, Vermillion police chief, there is an increase of reports from pedestrians regarding drivers who are not yielding to pedestrians while they are in crosswalks.

Mabry said, "Although this is a dangerous situation at any crosswalk, the crosswalk on Cherry Street at the intersection of Norbeck Street is especially dangerous and is the focus of many complaints."

Mabry said there are a couple factors that contribute to the dangers of this particular crosswalk. The recent reconstruction of Cherry Street resulted in a wider street which takes longer to cross. Additionally, the crosswalk is heavily used by pedestrians with physical disabilities that tend to increase the amount of time they need to cross the street.

The Vermillion Police Department has increased their patrols of city crosswalks and will strictly enforce any observed violations. The department will also follow up on complaints from pedestrians who witness violations.



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The new liquor laws and what they can nab you for is given as follows: 1. The sheriff has authority to arrest anyone who is driving while intoxicated, or who disturbs the peace while in that condition. 2. Even if you are just plain intoxicated, neither driving nor disturbing the peace, you are subject to arrest by city police. 3. The worst mistake you can make is to be found with a bottle on which the seal has been broken while in a public place. 4. And lastly, we admonish retailers not to place the stamp on the box or container in which the beverage is sold (as some have done) but upon the bottle itself. 5. In view of all this we humbly, simply suggest that you don't.

As far as Deputy Sheriff George Russell is concerned, the Clay County jail is escape proof. No one has succeeded in making his way to freedom from the jail since he has been in office. Several have tried and failed. The bars of the outer door of the jail, and particularly the lock, give mute

testimony to the fact that numerous inmates have had a fanatic desire to be out rather than in. When George was entertaining three guests from Parker who had foolishly tried to rob a filling station some time ago, he was tipped off that they were sawing the lock of the jail door. George investigated and found the lock cut about halfway in two. The perpetrators of the attempt had concealed hacksaws in their shoes, and had later concealed them in a ventilator and George had to play a very serious game of hide and go seek before he could locate them. The biggest find came when an attempt was made to clean the lights. Tucked around the light shade were 6 or 7 hacksaw blades, evidently placed there by hopefuls who were waiting the big chance—that never came.

A young woman, apparently quite seriously injured, possibly with a broken hip, was brought into town this morning in the trailer of the Lawrence Welk orchestra of Yankton. The orchestra was returning from an Omaha engagement. They reported that an Oldsmobile coupe had tipped over between Burbank and Elk Point. Dr. Stansbury was called and the girl was moved from the trailer to the Olds ambulance, and was taken to Sioux City. The paper was unable to learn the name of the young woman.

The city council authorized payment of expenses of the Chief of the Fire Department and his two assistants to the state fire school at Hot

Springs. The three were allowed \$45.00 each for necessary supplies.

Bicycle thieves have been in Vermillion like an organized gang. The method of procedure is to approach a home, get on the bicycle and ride it away so as not to attract attention. Seven bikes have been reported stolen.

The city council has banned all kinds of slot machines and passed an ordinance regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors in Vermillion. The liquor ordinance provides that no sales of hard liquor or high point beer may be made to any person under the age of 21 years, to anyone who is intoxicated at the time, or to anyone known to be an habitual drunkard, or to anyone who has been blacklisted under the provisions of the state law. In other respects the law conforms to the state law, but makes possible the prosecution of violators under the city ordinance. The other ordinance prohibiting the use of slot machines is very sweeping in its definitions. It makes unlawful "any vending or slot machine or other device pertaining to games or plays of chance of whatever name or kind and nature

which is so constructed as to not give a certain uniform and fair return in value for each token or coin deposited, whether dependent upon the skill of the player or not. Punch boards are specifically barred under the ordinance. Destruction of any such devices found is authorized, and penalties for the violation of the ordinance are set at a maximum of \$100 fine and thirty days in jail.

There are 250 free Irvin S. Cobb recipe books for you if you buy one pint of Frankfort liquor from E. T. Michels at the Varsity.

Five hundred people attended the sound picture at the Boyd Motor Company. The picture illustrated vividly the construction of the Chevrolet car. The show is usually shown only in larger towns, but Mr. Boyd was fortunate to have it shown here.

The Stinson clothing store, the oldest clothing store in Vermillion is closing their doors after 50 years in business.

The City Theatre has been ordered closed because of unsafe conditions of the roof trusses and wiring.

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'Heart for Haiti' benefit concert Saturday

On Saturday, Feb. 20, from 7 p.m. to midnight the Vermillion United Methodist Church, Amnesty International, and CoffeeLoft.Org are sponsoring a benefit concert at Raziels at 13 W. Main. All donations, including a \$5 cover charge, will go to Haiti Emergency Relief.

The night promises to be a great night of entertainment and will include performances from Dr. Check and Son, Jami Lynn, Ben Jacob, Scott Erickson, and Tinderbox.

Throughout the night we will have people who have been to Haiti and members of the Haitian community share of their love for Haiti.

The public is encouraged to attend as a way of supporting the people in Haiti as they recover from the tragic earthquake incurred in January. The organizations sponsoring this event thank Raziels for its generosity as hosts.

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Spaghetti
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All proceeds go to Big Friend-Little Friend, Inc.

Tuesday, February 23
Eagles Club
Main Street, Vermillion, SD
Social 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Meal 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Tickets \$5.00 in advance & at door

Our Local 501c3 Youth Mentoring Program

Tickets available at:
Hy-Vee, PrintSource, Vermillion Chamber, Eagles Club, Pioneer Drug and Vermillion Civic Council

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Member Appreciation Day

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Serving from 7:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. at the cooperative headquarters at 1410 E. Cherry in Vermillion.

FREE PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

The Vermillion Area Lions Club will again be cooking and serving their great pancake and sausage breakfast. In addition to the free breakfast, those attending the event will also be able to take in a free Mini Home Show. Many area business owners will be on hand with displays ranging from heating and cooling products, building and remodeling aids and ideas, new home designs and more. Also available to attendees will be health screening services provided by Sanford Vermillion Medical Center. Clay-Union Electric will again this year include a food drive for the Vermillion Food Pantry. Please bring one of the items listed: canned chili, soda crackers, canned beef stew, fruit juice (quart jars), peanut butter, jelly, or toilet paper (wrapped 4-packs), etc.

EVERYONE IS INVITED

Need not be a member to join us!