

TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



Vermillion's fifth grade girls basketball team came home champions after participating in a basketball tournament held earlier this month in Castlewood. The girls played Hamlin in the first game and won 8-7. Their second game was against Castlewood and they won 16-8. The championship game was against Deuel and they won 12-2. The players are: (front) Shelby Husby, Megan Haselhorst, Rachel Brady, Tasia French, and (second row) Keegan Retzlaff, Sydney Allen, Brooklyn Hansen, Makenna Druecker, Kasey Herbster, Alisha Leber. In back are coaches Jim Brady, Jeremy Allen, Kevin Haselhorst.

CITY

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"After reviewing the proposals, the committee recommended that S.E.H., Inc., from Sioux Falls be contracted to complete the drainage study," Dominguez said.

Approximately \$70,000 has been budgeted for its completion, although it is estimated the tasks can be completed within \$51,000, he added.

The council members tabled the recommendation until their next meeting.

In other meeting news, Jon Flanagan, chair of the Vermillion Public Library Board of Trustees, thanked the council for approving the bid for the

library's upcoming expansion project at their last regular meeting.

Flanagan told council members they "should be proud" of their actions, saying the project overall has been "very much a joint effort" between the council, the library foundation and board, and the citizens of Vermillion.

"For all the citizens that use the library, this really made a difference," he said. "You should feel good about yourselves, because you contributed something to the city of Vermillion ... that will really make a difference in your community."

"And for that, I want to thank you on behalf of everyone," he said.

The Vermillion City Council's next meeting is scheduled for March 5.

LION

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"There was about 180 pictures on there of deer and raccoon and coyotes, and he got about halfway through, and there was a picture of a mountain lion," Matt said. "He was pretty surprised."

"And my wife was obviously very surprised," Matt said. "She jogs a lot down in that area, and she made the comment, especially when the corn was tall, that she was always kind of nervous ... pretty soon, you know, you think stuff could come out of a field and start chasing you, and she was talking about mountain lions. At the time, I didn't doubt that they may be around, but I don't think they'd be out stalking somebody. But she's nervous about it now."

The Olsons have a second game camera set up about a mile from Cody's camera. "We haven't gotten anything on that," Matt said.

It's impossible to tell just from the photo if the mountain lion is male or female. "I don't know if it was just passing through the area, or what," he said.

For several years now, outdoorsmen in the Vermillion area have reported seeing what they believe may be mountain lions, or have spotted tracks that could belong to the big cats, but they've never been able to confirm those suspicions.

"We hunt down in that area a lot, and a couple, three years ago, my dad, Erlan, saw something out in a field. It was a long ways away, and it was out near a tree line, and it jumped back into the trees," Matt said. "It looked like it had a big tail, and he instantly thought it could have been a mountain lion. But when you simply catch a glimpse of something like that, you just don't know for sure."

Cody's camera has put those doubts to rest. It has confirmed that, on occasion, the fauna of Clay County may, on occasion, include a mountain lion.

"I've heard rumors that they are around, and I've never doubted it," Matt said. "But, it's kind of interesting to get one on a camera. If he had been walking the other way, it wouldn't have been nearly as good. You maybe even would have questioned what it was."

"It was kind of neat that he was walking toward the camera and we got a good shot of him," he said.

The camera also has the capability of shooting video. "It takes more battery to shoot video, of course, but there a lot of different ways you can set it up. It takes a picture every 30 seconds, I think, and we were able to get one good shot of him."

"Some of the deer that walk by - you just get a little bit of them ... maybe just their hind end as they're walking away, so this photo (of the mountain lion) was about as good a shot as you can get."

Citizens Academy begins Feb. 28

By Travis Gulbrandson
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Beginning Feb. 28, a group of approximately 10 Vermillion residents will have a chance to learn first-hand how the various city offices work.

The city is offering Citizens Academy, a five-week program that offers a combination of tours and meetings with department heads that aim to give the participants a greater understanding of city government.

"The department heads will have the opportunity to give a presentation about what

the day-to-day operations are in their department," said Jordan McQuillen, intern to the city manager. "They'll be able to give tours of their facilities, and they'll also answer questions the citizens will have."

Each session will be two to three hours long, and each week of the course will focus on a different office, McQuillen said.

"The first is about the city manager and the finance officer," he said. "The second is about law enforcement, and we're going to have the police, fire, EMS and communication. The third session is about the street department, the light department

and engineering. The fourth session is about water and wastewater."

At the final session, participants will be presented with a certificate of completion and a "key to the city."

"It's a small pin they receive as a token of their participation," McQuillen explained.

There are several requirements participants must fulfill.

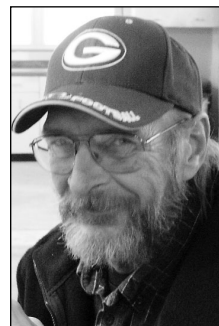
First, they have to be a citizen of Vermillion. They also will be asked about felony status.

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OBITUARIES

John 'Joe' Sealey

John Kenneth "Joe" Sealey, 61, died of cancer Friday, Feb. 17, 2012 at his home in Meckling. Friends and family were at his side. Joe was born Aug. 29, 1950 in Vermillion to John and Agnes (Roberts) Sealey.



SEALEY

After previous marriages, Joe found his soul mate Alice (Dunnam) Peters of Alcester. On Feb. 28, 2007 they were married in Vermillion, and made their home in Meckling.

Joe grew up on the family farm and attended Meckling School until it closed in 1965. Joe attended Wakonda High one year and graduated from Vermillion High School in 1969. He went to Southern State College in Springfield for four years, after which he went to work at the Chevy Garage in Vermillion. In addition to helping on the farm, in 1975 he went into partnership with his father's business, Sealey's Friendly Service, keeping the local farmers equipment running until 1991. Joe worked in the fields and as a mechanic for Freeburg Trucking and then Mount Trucking. In 1999, he partnered with Dale Heimes and started Spirit Mound Construction. The business closed in the summer of 2011 when Joe's health began to fail. He was a member of the Vermillion IOOF Lodge #3 and Rebekah Lodge #28 since 1968 and a lifelong member of the Bergen Lutheran Church.

Joe enjoyed being an auto mechanic, particularly working on cars, until electronics became more important than twisting wrenches. His old remodeled Chevy pickup was his pride and joy during the 70s. Carpentry was his second love. In addition to designing and building his own house and helping his sister and brother-in-law build theirs, it became a career. He and his friend Dale Heimes made construction into a successful business. Joe had an instinct and the math skills to be a creative carpenter. He knew how to build and repair just about anything, including all the plumbing and electrical skills to complete the whole project.

Joe had a soft spot for animals. Whether it was his 4-H calves and

sheep, the several dogs, his cat in the shop, to the Alpacas and dog, Saffyre, they all took to him. Twenty-year-old Sydney, the cat, was his loyal friend at his bedside.

He enjoyed the camaraderie of playing softball and bowling for Toby's Lounge, hunting, demolition derbies, Bull-a-ramas, playing pitch for turkeys in Gayville, the catfish fries and sports betting pools at Bunyan's, and most of all, his Green Bay Packers. His last big hope was to see them play in this year's Super Bowl.

Joe loved music, particularly country and the 60s. He would often break out in song, in his deep bass voice, with his favorite tunes on the radio. He loved his family and his family loved him. Joe was a man of "height and heart."

Survivors include Alice; son William "Bill" (Susan) Sealey; grandchildren Emma, Robert and Hayden of Sioux Falls; his parents John and Agnes Sealey of rural Meckling; brother Michael of Vermillion; sister Jane (Michael) Slattery of rural Meckling; brother in law Ron (Joan) Huot of rural Centerville; uncles George Sealey of Hot Springs and Dwight Joslin of Sioux City, IA; aunt Henrietta Sealey; great aunt Goldie Sealey; nieces and nephews Randy (Nancy) Huot, Cliff (Sherrie) Huot, Ladonna (Donovan) Leach, Kim (Jim) VanderWoude, Nick (Cindy) Slattery, Tom (Jean) Slattery, Jim (Carmen) Slattery; 16 grand nieces and nephews; partner Dale Heimes; Alice's children Becky, Michael and Jessie and his many friends.

Joe was preceded in death by grandson Matthew Sealey; his sister Nancy Huot; grandparents Fred and Caroline (Demann) Sealey and William and Dena (Anderson) Roberts; uncles Harold Sealey and Ole Linsley; and aunts Norma (Roberts) Linsley and Berniece (Roberts) Joslin.

Memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Bergen Lutheran Church on Timber Rd near Meckling at 10 a.m. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. There will be a video tribute showing in the fellowship hall during the visitation at the church. Burial of his ashes in Meckling Cemetery is planned for the Memorial Day weekend.

The family would like to thank Sanford Hospice of Vermillion for their support and care these last few months. Condolences can be sent to Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion or online at www.koberfuneralhome.com.

Louie Schulz

Louie E. Schulz, 91, of Vermillion, passed away, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012 at Sunset Manor/Health Care Center in Irene after a brief illness.

Louie was born to Karl and Sophie (Wenzel) Schulz on May 24, 1920 in Bloomfield, NE. He was baptized and confirmed at First Trinity - (Mo. Synod) Lutheran Church in Bloomfield. He attended country school in the Bloomfield area. He was a farm laborer for many years. He hauled hay and shelled corn for a living as well as working for a short time for the city of Vermillion. He retired in 1969.

Louie's life partner for over 20 years was Kate Ann Brown. She brought much happiness and great companionship to him. Kate passed away June 17, 1980. Having lived and worked in the area for most of his life, Louie was a familiar face in Vermillion. He has made his home at Town Square Apartments since 2003.

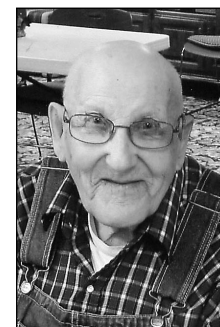
Louie is survived by one nephew, Earl Johnson of Martinsburg, NE; three nieces, Eunice (Roger) Johnson of Wakefield, NE, Evelyn (Joe) Calvillo of Sioux City, IA, and Erma Johnson of Pasadena, TX; many great and great-great-nieces and nephews and numerous of friends he enjoyed so much.

Louie was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Louise Johnson and his life partner, Kate Ann Brown.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012 at Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion with Rev. Elmer "Sandy" Aakre officiating. Burial will follow in BluffView Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be posted online to www.koberfuneralhome.com.



SCHULZ

Marvin Cleland

Marvin Howard Cleland, 94, of Bennington, NE, formerly of Vermillion, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012 at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha, NE.

Marvin was born Aug. 10, 1917 in Vermillion to Walter and Ida (Abild) Cleland. He graduated from University High School in Vermillion.

He moved to Rockford Illinois in 1940 and married Julia Reiersen on July 4, 1941.

Marvin returned to Vermillion to farm in 1942 where he farmed until 1985.

Marvin also worked in Denver, CO as a mechanic, and in Vermillion as an electrician, and in a local grocery store.

In 1994, he retired and moved into the town in Dakota Gardens



CLELAND

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Marvin was a charter member of the Eagles Lodge in Vermillion and was an active member of a dance band for 40 years.

Marvin is survived by his two daughters and their spouses, Lynn (Marlin) Ashmore of Omaha, NE, and Connie (Merle) Ashmore of Valley, NE. He is also survived by his sister, June Prusa of Canby, MN; his six grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Julia; his parents, Walter and Ida (Abild) Cleland; and his two brothers, Leslie and Elvin both of Vermillion.

Funeral service were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012 at First United Methodist Church in Vermillion with Rev. Brook McBride officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Burial was in Bluff View Cemetery in Vermillion.

Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion, was in charge of arrangements.

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Voting for Supervisors, Clerks & Treasurer.
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