

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S PRESS BRIEFING

01/28/14 07:53 – A vehicle was stopped for driving 76 mph in a 55 mph zone on 452nd Street. The driver was cited for the offense.

01/28/14 08:12 – A deputy assisted a driver of a vehicle that had run out of gas near Wakonda.

01/28/14 08:49 – A vehicle was stopped for driving 57 mph in a 35 mph zone near Wakonda. The driver was cited for the offense.

01/28/14 14:36 – A rural resident reported a man harassed her at an Alcester business. She was advised about the protection order process and advised to report the matter to the Alcester police.

01/28/14 15:47 – A caller reported an erratic driver on Highway 50. A deputy and a trooper located the vehicle but found the driver was not impaired.

01/28/14 16:57 – A deputy responded to Burbank to take a report of children throwing rocks at a dog tied up in a neighbor's yard. The owner was concerned the dog would become aggressive toward the children if the dog gets loose. The kids and their mother were informed of the concerns.

01/28/14 20:35 – Deputies assisted Vermillion police officers with an attempt to locate a woman who was reported to be suicidal. She was later located and was not in need of any assistance.

01/29/14 01:12 – A deputy assisted Vermillion police officers with locating a suicidal man. The man was located and taken into protective custody pending a psychological evaluation.

01/29/14 10:18 – While serving civil process to a Vermillion man, a deputy learned the man was wanted in Union County for a traffic warrant. The warrant was served and the bond was

collected.
01/29/14 13:57 – A deputy responded to assist fire units at a grass fire near a residence north of Vermillion.

01/30/14 04:24 – A deputy mediated a non-violent domestic dispute in Irene.

01/30/14 15:45 – An inmate was transported from the Yankton County Jail to the Clay County Jail after being picked up for a probation violation.

02/01/14 00:21 – A patient was transported from the hospital in Vermillion to the Human Services Center in Yankton for an involuntary mental health committal.

02/01/14 01:36 – A rural resident reported a neighbor's dogs were harassing her horses. A deputy located the owner of the dogs and shared information about the problem and potential liabilities if the problem continues.

02/01/14 02:43 – A deputy responded to Irene to a report of a suspicious vehicle in town. The vehicle was not found.

02/01/14 04:10 – A deputy encountered an occupied vehicle parked along the road. A couple was inside who reported they were talking. No assistance was required.

02/01/14 15:36 – A vehicle was stopped and the driver was cited for driving 76 mph in the 55 mph zone on Greenfield Road.

02/01/14 16:21 – A deputy responded to a car fire on Highway 46 near Irene.

02/01/14 23:19 – A vehicle was observed with a non-functioning headlight. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was notified of the problem.

Total Records: 19

City council moves forward on BID plan

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The proposal to establish a community-wide lodging fee of up to \$2 made further headway this week.

The Vermillion City Council adopted Business Improvement District (BID) Plan #1, as well as a resolution of intent to establish a lodging fee at their regular meeting Monday night.

The council members did not decide on the fee amount, although the BID Board of Directors recommended it be \$1, although the state allows a fee of up to \$2.

"The board found that there is a citywide need to fund a portion of the costs of creation, promotion and marketing of visitor facilities, events, attractions and activities which benefit the city and hotels," said City Manager John Prescott. "Eligible expenses may include payment for costs of acquisition, construction, maintenance, operation and funding of public improvements, facilities for the enhancement, expansion, marketing and promotion of visitor facilities, events, attractions and activities, and the necessary staff to

execute these efforts."

Council member Tom Davies questioned how much the \$1 amount would generate.

Prescott said that if there was a 50 percent occupancy of all the hotel rooms in the city, \$1 a night on those rooms would generate approximately \$30,000-\$35,000.

He added that, as the BID board discussed the issue, "They wanted to try (\$1) and see how it went. Actually, you as the city council are the ones who would adopt the ordinance, so you'll be able to plug into place an appropriate number. They suggested \$1 to start with."

"That is a bit different than the other communities in the list that was provided," Prescott said. "It's either \$2, or in one case, \$3 that they have, because they have two different bids in the city of Mitchell."

Council member Howard Willson questioned the value of a \$1 fee in terms of the amount of money it would generate.

"I don't think it would be unreasonable to go ahead and ask for the full \$2 so that they'd have enough resources within a year to be able to really put it to some use and see the

value of it, where if we have such a small amount, I don't think we'll really be able to determine the value," Willson said.

Davies agreed, asking whether investigations had been made on how the money would be utilized.

"It would be nice – for me, anyway – to have an idea of what \$30,000 or \$60,000 might be able to generate before we set that fee," he said. "If it's \$50,000 to put a couple of ads in some newspapers, it's not going to get us very far."

Prescott said those investigations still can take place.

"At this point, we're just putting together the ideas to bring those forward," he said.

The council will continue to address the BID plan on the following schedule:

- March 17: A public hearing to consider the first reading of the ordinance.

- April 7: Second reading of the ordinance, if the first reading is approved.

- April 18: Publication of the ordinance, if it is adopted.

- June 1: Proposed implementation date.

EAGLE

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complaints – not just for Eagle Creek, but in general – the utility rooms get so cramped," Howe said. "They try to cram so much into these small places as a way to try to save money ... that you can't maintain the equipment properly. "So, we designed it to make sure that there was really good airflow and access for the people that service the equipment," he said.

While the building itself is set to be completed May 1, there may still be some work to be completed outside.

"We got as much possible done on the exterior before the winter came, just to make sure and stay ahead of the game," Howe said.

Eagle Creek provides consulting and technical expertise, focusing on customer relationship management, information management and applications development.

The company's mission is to help its clients increase quality and efficiencies while managing price and risk in software development, deployment and support.

Eagle Creek currently has a temporary workspace at USD's Beacom School of Business.

"They've pretty well filled that up," Howe said. "They have 41

employees so far, and right now they could and would like to have the next training class, but they don't have the space up there for another class.

"So, they're going to try to time it so that they'll start another training class when they start to transition into here," he said.

When it is completed, the Eagle Creek facility will bring approximately 200 new jobs to Vermillion, Howe said during the ground-breaking ceremony last August.

The headquarters of Eagle Creek Software Services is located in Eden Prairie, MN. The company has project centers in Pierre and Valley City, ND.

For more information, visit <http://www.eaglecrk.com/>.

USD

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South Dakota, which coordinates the pre-registration of medical and healthcare professionals who are willing to volunteer during disaster situations.

Disaster Training Day has been held at USD since 2003.

"It's grown over the years," Chalcraft said. "It started small, with just the medical students, and we've expanded gradually to include other health professions."

Those include dental hygiene, masters in social work, clinical lab science, nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, physician assistant, physician and clinical psychology.

"We tweak it a little bit every year with the breakout sessions," Chalcraft said. "We adjust (them) based on what's going on in the world, and what's important for the students to take home."

According to a press release, 1,037 students have participated, with 267 becoming certified in CDLS from the National Disaster Life Support Foundation in the past three years alone.

Chalcraft said the event helps students understand the system that's in place to help coordinate efforts when a disaster strikes.

"It's a lot of working with other disciplines," he

said. "They can't respond alone. It takes a team, it takes a community to really respond effectively. I think that's what they really get out of this the most, (the idea) that we're not in it alone, that there's an organized way to respond and handle these events."

Michels agreed, saying its most useful aspect is "just preparing the future health professionals of South Dakota, given the world that we live in. Who knows what could happen? It's great training that we can use in a scaled-down environment, too."

Owens said the day helps students in a number of respects.

"One, it makes them realize they're a part of a greater health care community," he said.

"Number two, they have an opportunity with training to play a support role for their hometown, whether that's West River, East River.

"Number three, it gives them basic information on what to do," Owens said. "It's not if a disaster happens. It's when, and what it's going to look like."

Last week's event was coordinated by the DOH, the USD Sanford School of Medicine, USD School of Health Sciences, SDSU, the Regional Training Center for Upper Midwest and the Yankton Rural Area Health Education Center.

The day was funded by the DOH through a federal Health and Human Services grant.

OBITUARIES

Carol Bye

Carol Ann Bye, 76, of Vermillion, passed away Thursday, Jan. 30, 2014, at her home after a battle with cancer.

Carol Blair was born Sept. 20, 1937, in Vermillion, to Harold and Edna (Aden) Blair. She graduated from Meckling High School in 1955 and married Gary Bye on Aug. 27, 1956.

Besides raising their children, Carol was a secretary for the Clay County Extension Office for many years, and also had a successful career as a real estate broker in Rapid City, and Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Gary.

She is survived by her 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 four sisters, Edith Nelson, Mary

Ellen (Ellis) Jensen, Dorothy Blair and Helen (Buster) Walraven, all of Vermillion. She 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 and Chad Peterson, Emma (Adam) Ladwig, Parker and Morgan Erickson, Sara, Jana and Regan Bye. And also seven great-grandchildren, Taylor Lyso, Madlyn Peterson, Callie Peterson, Gretchen Bast, Pierce and Drake Camp and Grady Likness.

Memorial service was 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at the Bergen Lutheran Church in Meckling, with private family burial in the Meckling Cemetery. Visitation began at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, with a service at 5 p.m. at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion. hansenfuneralhome.com.

Donna Johnson

Donna May Johnson, 74, of Vermillion, passed away on Friday, Jan. 31, 2014, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.



Johnson

Donna May Chamberlain was born Feb. 25, 1939, in Burbank, to Chester and Gladys (McLain) Chamberlain. She married James R. Johnson in Vermillion on Oct. 16, 1955. She attended elementary schools in Union and Clay County, SD, and high school in Vermillion. Throughout her life she had lived in South Dakota, Iowa, Washington, and Nebraska. For 32 years of her life she was a wife, mother and grandparent and later was employed at SIC, Davis Pharmacy and Sioux Valley Vermillion Campus, all in Vermillion, retiring in January of 2001. Throughout her life she had enjoyed drawing, painting, creative crafts, reading, genealogy

and spending time with family and friends. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Gerald Chamberlain; and a grandson, Cory Dean Burrell.

She is survived by her two daughters, Cindy L. (Fred) Balleweg and Cheri L. (Ronnie) Ahrendt all of Vermillion; and a son, Marty J. (Susan) Johnson of Meckling. Also three sisters, Barbara (Monroe) Gibbs of Cottonwood, AZ, Norma Huebner of Sioux City, IA, and Helen (Denny) Hays of Burbank; and a brother, Jerald (Bernice) Chamberlain of Vermillion; and five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2014, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion with burial of ashes at a later date. Visitation was 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion. hansenfuneralhome.com.

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