

VHS girls suffer third straight loss

By Scott Bormann

LENNOX – Vermillion's girls' basketball team fought hard Feb. 7 against Lennox (8-7), but came up short once again. The Tanagers (9-8) split the games against the Orioles, having won a Jan. 24 home game 45-37.

"We played much better against Lennox," Coach Jon Brooks said. "We had a good defensive game, but once again struggled shooting."

Josie Huber led the Tanagers with a double-double. She scored 14 points, grabbed 12 rebounds, one assist and two steals. Haleigh Melstad had 10 points, seven rebounds and three steals.

"If we can get to shooting like we were earlier in the year, we can be real good," said Brooks. "We were in position to win the game, up three with a couple minutes left, but just made some mistakes down the stretch that ended up costing us."

The Orioles did not have a single athlete score in double-figures, but still managed to win. Tara Kuper led Lennox with nine points and 10 rebounds. Katelyn Hinker scored eight points, while Taylor Anderson and Jordan Kruse each scored seven points.

"We will build off of our effort and teamwork tonight and head into some big games next week," Brooks said.

The Tanagers were helped by Kasey Jensen scoring eight points and grabbing three boards. Hailey Freidel had four points and three rebounds. Shantel French added three points, while Tori Gregoire had two points, two assists and one assist.

The girls have a tough road ahead to finish the season. They next travel to Dakota Valley (9-7) on Feb. 11, then host West Central (13-2) on Feb. 13. They hope to finish the regular season strong with a game in Wagner (9-7) on Feb. 18.

Tanagers have 4-game win streak

By Scott Bormann

Beresford tried to make a game of it in the VHS gym on Feb. 4, but a strong fourth quarter by the home team doomed that effort.

With a tie game at halftime, and the Watchdogs ahead by one after three quarters, the Tanagers leashed them for a 61-48 victory.

The Tanagers' Nick Jensen led all scorers with 20 points, four rebounds, one steal and two assists. Tyrell Harper added 18 points, eight rebounds, three steals and two assists.

The Watchdogs were led by Kory Diefendorf with 16 points, while Logan Busch added 16 points and Oliver Doeden contributed 14 points.

Jayne Huska scored eight points for the Tanagers, grabbed two steals and two assists. Carter Andre added another eight points, two rebounds, one steal and one assist.

Cooper Williams had four points, two boards and six assists. Jeremiah Johnson scored three points and grabbed two rebounds.

State DOT helps with local airport repairs

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The City of Vermillion has entered into a financial agreement with the state department of transportation (DOT) to help cover some repairs on the airport that were made last year.

The action was taken at the Vermillion City Council's regular meeting Feb. 3.

City Engineer José Domínguez told council members that \$5,000 will be taken from the city's portion of the state's Fuel Tax Fund, which will then be utilized for the repairs.

The agreement requires the city assume all maintenance and financial costs associated with the replaced items for the next 20 years.

The repairs in question were the replacement of the septic tank and absorption field at the airport's terminal building, and a precision approach path indicator (PAPI) light.

Domínguez told the council that both repairs were "essential" to the airport.

According to a memo given to the council members, the septic tank's lid had collapsed, posing a danger to the airport users.

The other repair involved damage to the motherboard for the PAPI light controls, the memo said.

"The PAPI lights are essential to the airport users, since they guide the airplanes to the correct flight path to the runway," Domínguez said.

Neither of the repair items were budgeted for the 2013 budget year.

The costs of both totaled \$9,175.62, the memo said.

Using the \$5,000 from the state – which is the maximum allowance – the city's costs will be brought down to \$4,175.62.

The agreement was approved unanimously by the council.

FAIR

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"(There has been) a lot more consistent traffic throughout the health fair, so that's been fun to see, and we've really noticed people taking advantage of the family-friendly atmosphere," Merrigan said.

While visiting the fair, people could get readings on their blood pressure, blood sugar and body fat/body mass index, as well as other tests like lung and vascular screenings, which were available for the first time.

One booth that was popular with youngsters dealt with the Children's Health Fitness Initiative (fit).

"Fit is a choices platform to build awareness of how your sleep and your mood impact the choices that you make for food and movement," said Donna Hardie, fit coordinator for Sanford Health. They're all connected, but it's really a health activation program to activate healthy behaviors through choices. By giving children ... awareness of the choices they can make to better their health or maintain their health."

Also wandering throughout the fair were three people costumed as characters from the fit Web site, which is a partnership between Sanford and WebMD.

"The little kids are excited to see them, and they represent the program that we have running in elementary schools right now," Merrigan said. "It



A bird's eye view of the annual Community Health & Wellness Fair, which was held Saturday in the Lee Medicine Building on the USD campus.

(Photo by Travis Gulbrandson)

promotes fitness in children, and really heightens the idea of what kids need to be thinking about so they can have healthy habits as young as they can. Hopefully those carry through their lifetimes."

Hardie added that although the fit characters were geared more toward children, the Web site contains a lot of resources for teens.

"It gives you information, but it also gives you something to do," Hardie said.

Another popular booth was "Eyes in a Box," which discussed eye maintenance, health and safety using life-size models that could be taken apart to show the individual components of the eye.

The booth also gave visitors a chance to see what it's like to have eye-related disorders.

"We have goggles that mimic eye diseases, so people that haven't experienced them themselves can actually see what it's like to have glaucoma, cataracts and macular degeneration," said nursing student Natalie Ray.

Heather Petrino, wellness coordinator with the USD Wellness Center, was on hand doing body composition girth measurements, as well as 10-minute yoga sessions.

"It's for when people are at work and sitting down, so that they have ways to do different poses to release the tension, the stress in

their neck, and just basically take a few deep breaths to help manage stress," Petrino said.

The whole day was "very busy," she said.

"The body composition has been phenomenal. I got here about just before 9, and we've been going nonstop since," Petrino said. "It's good information to get to the public, so they can know numbers and know where they should be to reduce that cardiovascular risk."

"We're really excited that the community came out," Merrigan said. "It just has been really consistent, so we're happy to see that ...

"People are arriving, and if they take advantage of everything, they're probably here for a couple of hours," she said.

VERMILLION POLICE DEPARTMENT BRIEFING

02/04/14 14:32 – The State Department of Social Services requested assistance with checking on an elderly person they had not heard from in some time. Officers found the person to be in good health and advised DSS of the same.

02/04/14 16:58 – While on patrol, an officer saw a driver texting while driving and stopped her. She admitted she had been texting and had the phone open in her lap with a partially completed text on the screen. She was cited for violating the City's ban on texting and driving.

02/05/14 11:18 – Officers stopped a vehicle whose rear window was completely obstructed by snow. The driver was suspended and did not have any insurance and was cited.

02/05/14 14:06 – A local business reported a woman had tried to return an item that she had picked up in the store. Camera footage showed the woman entered the store without the item. Investigation

revealed information regarding the identity of the suspect. Under investigation.

02/05/14 16:36 – A man was attempting to get his vehicle out of impound when it was discovered he had an arrest warrant out of Minnehaha County. The warrant was for Ingestion of intoxicating substance and the man was arrested.

02/05/14 21:17 – Officers investigated a two-vehicle non-injury accident. One of the drivers had no insurance and was cited.

02/06/14 17:05 – Caller reported a car drove by the school bus while the stop sign and lights were activated. Investigation revealed the identity of the subject and information was forwarded to the state's attorney.

02/06/14 22:24 – Caller reported a domestic in progress. When officers arrived the male had left the residence. The woman explained the two had been drinking and playing a football video game with the man became upset with the

game and then continued to get more upset and the two ended up arguing. The man left and in the process damaged the door frame. Under investigation.

02/07/14 08:54 – A local store reported several thefts of cough syrup and that a suspect could be identified on video. Under investigation.

02/08/14 01:33 – Officers pulled over a vehicle for no headlights. One of the passengers was underage and had been drinking. He was cited for underage drinking.

02/08/14 02:12 – Caller requested help with a young man who was very intoxicated and poorly

dressed for the subzero temperatures. Officers spoke to the man who was highly intoxicated, did not have a coat and who had apparently fallen several times. Officers located his residence and a sober third party to care for him. He was also cited for underage drinking.

02/08/14 07:55 – An 18-year-old who is required to provide a breath test to insure sobriety failed the test. Additionally, he had driven to the Sheriff's Office with a breath alcohol in excess of .02, which was an additional charge.

02/08/14 10:56 – Caller reported a hit and run accident. Caller states she

left her vehicle parked near downtown, this morning she found it had been damaged by a collision with an unknown vehicle. Officers have not developed any suspect information.

02/08/14 18:33 – The sheriff's office requested assistance with securing a residence while they applied for a search warrant. An officer stood by while the Deputies obtained a search warrant. Marijuana and associated paraphernalia was seized.

02/08/14 23:58 – Caller requested an officer regarding a possible violation of a protection order. The caller reported that he was inside a bar when a man who has a protection order against him entered and told him he had to leave. He left but felt it was a violation of the protection order. The officer reviewed the order, but there was no violation and the caller was required to leave.

Total Records: 15

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Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 1:00 P.M.
At Toby's Lounge, Meckling, SD

To discuss maintenance on the ditches for 2014/2015 and other matters to come before the Board. All interested persons are urged to attend.

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