

VHS students honored

Sam Ekstrom and Katie Goeden were selected as the Vermillion High School Students of the Month for November. They will be honored for their efforts and leadership with a \$100 scholarship from First Bank & Trust-Vermillion.

Ekstrom "is an excellent contributor in class discussions. He is outgoing, friendly, and willing to work with a number of students in his class as well as underclassmen," as related by his faculty endorsement. He plans to attend Dordt College in pursuit of a career in sports broadcasting.

He is involved in National Honor Society, baseball and basketball. His parents are Mary and Richard Ekstrom.

"Katie is a hard worker and great contributor to class discussions," according to Goeden's recommendation. "She is an inspiration to peers and teachers alike." Her father is Dan Goeden.

She is involved in several community functions and has been a CNA at Sanford-Vermillion Care Center for the past year. She plans to attend the Creative Center in Omaha, NE for graphic design.



Sam Ekstrom



Katie Goeden

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The Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company office has relocated to the Market Street Professional Building at 116 Market Street in Suite 103. Please stop by and see us at our new location. Look for us under the water tower!

This Weeks Happenings!

- High School Boy's/Girl's Basketball at Parkston Friday, Jan. 8 at 5 p.m.
- USD Men's Basketball vs. Cornell University Friday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the DakotaDome.
- High School Gymnastics at West Central Friday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
- High School Bowling vs. Sioux Falls Lincoln Friday, Jan. 8 - TBA (H).
- JH Wrestling at Mitchell Saturday, Jan. 9 at 10 a.m.
- High School Wrestling at Brandon Valley Saturday, Jan. 9 at 10:30 a.m.
- High School Gymnastics at Stanley County Saturday, Jan. 9 at 12 p.m.
- USD Swimming/Diving at Washington College in Key Largo, FL Saturday, Jan. 9, all day.
- USD Men's Basketball vs. SIU-Edwardsville Saturday, Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the DakotaDome.

Next Weeks Happenings!

- USD Women's Basketball vs. Seattle University Sunday, Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. at the DakotaDome.
- First Dakota National Bank hosts Agrivisions 2010 featuring Sue Martin on Monday, Jan. 11 at the Best Western Kelly Inn, 1607 East Hwy. 50, Yankton. Farmers, agribusiness professionals and business owners are invited to attend. Sue Martin, president and owner of Ag & Investment Services, Inc., has 36 years experience in the brokerage business. She is a regular analyst on "Market to Market," a weekly TV program and is heard regularly on radio stations across the country. Get ready for an exciting opportunity to hear Sue present a fundamental domestic and global look on corn, soybeans, and wheat. She will also share her opinions on how the markets will respond and how producers might best time their cash marketing. Agrivisions 2010 begins with registration from 6:30 to 7 p.m. and Sue's presentation at 7 p.m. Call 605-665-4904 or 800-657-5826 to reserve a seat.
- Fourth Annual "Heroes Behind The Badges" Community Blood Drive Monday, Jan. 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wal-Mart and 2:30 to 6 p.m. at Sanford Vermillion Hospital. Vermillion law enforcement and the Vermillion Fire Department will be battling to see who can recruit the most blood donors for the community's blood supply. The public is encouraged to come in to donate and designate their donation to the department of their choice. All donors will receive a blood donor t-shirt. The department credited with the most blood donations will receive a trophy and bragging rights for a year. Donors must bring an ID, be 17 years of age



Alyce Iverson, community supports instructor, center, is presented a plaque for employee of the month by her supervisor, Amanda Wynia and Gerald Tracy, SESDAC, Inc. executive director.

Iverson selected as SESDAC, Inc. Employee of the Month

Alyce Iverson, community supports instructor, was selected as the SESDAC, Inc. December, 2009 Employee of the Month. Alyce has been employed at SESDAC, Inc. since September, 2007.

Alyce was nominated for the award by her fellow co-workers, based on her dedication to her job and the people she supports.

Co-workers had the following compliments written in their nominations for Alyce, "Alyce takes each step in stride and is a wonderful team player."

Alyce currently resides in Vermillion. SESDAC, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that assists people with disabilities to live, work, and socialize in their community. SESDAC, Inc. began providing services in 1973 and currently serves 75 people with disabilities and has 140 employees.

Dakota Life celebrates arts, crafts

Some of South Dakota's talented artists and craftspeople are in the spotlight in January's DAKOTA LIFE. The program travels to Isabel, Mission and the Black Hills to explore two unique artists and talented woodworkers.

The signature SDPB Television series, in its 12th year, features the stories, people and places that make South Dakota a great and fascinating place to live.

DAKOTA LIFE airs multiple times, giving South Dakotans an opportunity to drop in on interesting people and places in the state. The new episode airs:

- *Thursday, Jan. 7, 8 p.m.
- *Friday, Jan. 8, 9:30 p.m.
- *Sunday, Jan. 10, 1 p.m.
- *Monday, Jan. 18, 10:30 p.m.
- *Friday, Jan. 29, 10:30 p.m.

January's line-up includes: Mouth-Painter Jack Reich of Isabel

Jack Reich was born with a birth defect that limited the use of his arms and legs. He overcame these issues in his own way, learning to paint and draw with his mouth. Despite the tragedies in his life, he is still painting and is a member of the Association of Mouth and Foot Painting Artists of the World.

Mike Marshall, Sicangu Lakota Artist, Mission

Drawing on his cultural heritage, Mike Marshall incorporates natural materials in the objects he makes. He uses hides, beads, bone and paints - creating work that is utilitarian as well as decorative. His work includes buffalo robes, silverwork, beaded jewelry, Lakota toys

and bone sleds.

Black Hills Wood Workers Guild, Rapid City

The Black Hills Wood Workers Guild, Northern Chapter, has a project near and dear to the hearts of many. They create wooden cases for folded military flags.

Tune in and join the DAKOTA LIFE. Past programs can be viewed online at SDPB.org/dakotalife.

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- USD Men's Basketball vs Longwood University Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at the DakotaDome.
- High School Gymnastics vs. Madison Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 6 p.m.
- Cancer Support Group Wednesday, Jan. 13 at the Al Neuarth Media Center Conference Room (corner of Dakota & Cherry St. on USD campus). Support group meetings to be held on second Wednesday of every month. Education component: Ashley Herry, RN, Chemotherapy Services at Sanford Vermillion.
- USD Faculty Horn Recital featuring Dr. Gary L. Reeves Thursday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Colton Recital Hall.
- Chamber Night with the Musketeers Friday and Saturday, Jan. 15 and 16. The Sioux City Musketeers will recognize all Siouxland area Chambers and their communities that are at the game on Jan. 15 and 16. For more information or to purchase your tickets contact Rhonda Johnson at 712-251-1587.
- USD Women's/Men's Indoor Track & Field Friday and Saturday, Jan. 15 and 16 at the Holiday Inn Invite in Lincoln, NE (all day).
- Brown Bag Lunch Program at the National Music Museum on The Living Roots of Music featuring Lauren Pelon from Red Wing, MN on Friday, Jan. 15 from 12:05 to 12:55 p.m. The story of music and musical instruments from diverse cultural heritages will be explored through Pelon's singing and virtuosic playing on more than 25 ancient and modern instruments.
- USD Women's/Men's Swimming and Diving against SDSU and St. Louis University, Saturday, Jan. 16 in Brookings, from 1 to 4 p.m.
- USD Women's Basketball vs. University of North Dakota Saturday, Jan. 16 in the DakotaDome at 6 p.m.
- USD Men's Basketball vs. University of North Dakota Saturday, Jan. 16 in the DakotaDome at 8 p.m.

• Vermillion Area Arts Council (VAAC) hosts Art for Peace Exhibit and a Bargain Basement Sale Mon., Jan. 18 at the Washington Street Arts Center to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Students from USD's Center for Academic Engagement will assist VAAC volunteers with both events. The Art for Peace Exhibit in the Gallery from 1 to 6 p.m. will feature works by artists of all ages. Visual artists are invited to display original works addressing the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., civil rights issues, social issues, or peace in any art form. All work must be hand-delivered to Washington Street Arts Center on Friday, Jan. 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. or between 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16 or Sunday, Jan. 17. Refreshments will be served and the exhibit is free and open to the public.

• The Bargain Basement Sale will be from 3 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 18. Donated items for the sale can be brought to the Arts Center basement on Friday, Jan. 15 from 4 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 16 from 1 to 5 p.m.; or Monday, Jan. 18 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, contact the VAAC, vaacboard@yahoo.com, or 605-675-9053.

• Preservation Wednesdays - The Clay County Historic Preservation Commission and the Clay County Historical Society are presenting the second Annual Series of Historic Presentations. A presentation by Will Schweinle entitled "Vintage Tools" will be at 7 p.m. at the Public Library on Wednesday, Jan. 20. The presentations are free and open to the public.

• Book Blab at the Vermillion Public Library will be held in the Community Room on Thursday, Jan. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. Adult readers will share favorite authors and books and discover some new ones with other book lovers. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

• Fun & Games at the Vermillion Public Library will be held in the Community Room on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. Adults and youth ages 12 and up will play board games and put jigsaw puzzles together. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

• Clay County ACS Relay for Life, Sunday, Jan. 31 from noon to 6 p.m. at the DakotaDome. Sponsored by the Clay County ACS and the USD Campus Against Cancer organization. For more information, contact Wess Pravecek at 624-5352.

• Citizens Academy - The city of Vermillion is starting a Citizens Academy for all Vermillion residents over the age of 18. The Citizens Academy is a free, hands-on, interactive public information program that allows citizens an insight into city services and the functions of city departments.

The purpose of the Citizens Academy is to familiarize citizens in the community with the city of Vermillion's government. The program will include the function of city departments, explain the relationship between the city council, planning commission and city administration, allow an overview of the budgetary process and it will provide an outlet for citizen input.

All participants interested in the Citizens Academy are encouraged to attend all of the sessions in order to get the most from the program. All sessions, unless otherwise noted, start at 5 p.m. and will meet at City Hall on Feb. 16, Feb. 23, March 2, March 16, March 23, and March 29. During the course, several sessions will meet away from City Hall at different department sites.

The Citizens Academy is a hands-on experience that will allow Vermillion residents to get a behind the scenes look of how your city government operates. The class will graduate with a certificate in "Governmentology" and a key to the city at the end of the last session. If you or someone you know is interested in this program, please contact Evie Johnson, public relations and education coordinator at 605-677-7159 or eviej@cityofvermillion.com

• Sessions
The Foundation of Your City Government
Introduction to the class, city government, and the finances of the city. Come meet the City Council members and take a tour of City Hall.

• **The Business of Water**
There are more than 4000 residential, commercial, and industrial connections to the City's water and sewer system. All water from the faucets, drains, and flushes come from somewhere and go somewhere. Learn about where that somewhere is and how we get clean water to the places you need it most!

• **The Landfill: The You'll Never Call it a "Dump" Again Tour and the Recycling Loop**
The sanitary landfill of today is not the dump of previous generations. Come learn how the landfill operates and see what stuff we are keeping out of the landfill because of recycling.

• **Emergency Services - In the Line of Duty**
Overview of VPD, fire department, and EMS.

• **Potholes, Pavement, and Streetlights**
Building and maintaining streets, drainage issues, traffic flow and the street lights that light your path.

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