

SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS



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A gang of boys returned this week from the Boy Scout camp in Minneapolis and they all report a grand time. Bob Davis, Charles Hunter, the Abrahamson brothers, and Donny Crawford all said it was a "big week".

Prosperity Is Here: The list of marriage licenses granted in Clay County the first six months show a gain of three over the same time last year. The list includes a marriage in connection with the carnival which was at the fairgrounds last week.

A very large crowd turned out at Westreville for the ice cream social Thursday evening but to the disappointment of those in charge, the ice cream

did not arrive so lunch and coffee was served.

A fellow, who didn't start saving his money until the stock market crash took it all away from him, is a great deal like the fellow who doesn't repent from his sins until he is past seventy years of age.

If you want the best food—eat at—The Waldorf Cafeteria or Golz Café.

Vermillion people spent a quiet day on July 4th in their homes and local parks. Sioux City was a particularly dangerous place as the popular pastime seemed to be to light a giant firecracker and throw at the street cars and passing automobiles, with apparently no interference on the part of the police.

A new grandstand must be installed at the fairgrounds before the Racing Commission will grant a license for further race meets. Modern sanitary conveniences must also be provided.

A novelty summer party in the form of a "basement pick-up luncheon" was given last Thursday by Mrs. Carl B. Hoy in honor of her house guest, Mrs. Elwood H. Smith of Chicago. The luncheon was served in the basement of the

Hoy home, which was profusely decorated with garden flowers for the occasion. Seven tables of bridge followed the luncheon.

Jay Swisher and his tan and white pony "Jack" is a familiar sight around town. Jay has taught his pet a lot of tricks and Jack can jump about three feet now. Jay says the fellows want to ride Jack but he says he always tells "em", "nothing doin, cold turkey".

The two Standard Oil stations were given a new coat of paint last week. A spray paint machine was in town from Sioux City dressing up the stations in cream color. This is a nationwide project.

Money is coming in rapidly for the new hospital. One thing or another has necessitated postponement of the building plans but it now appears assured that actual construction work will start this fall. The final amount of money which made the renewal of the plans possible was the PWA grant of \$25,000. To this may be added the \$30,000 gift from the heirs of the M. D. Thompson estate. There is a further sum of \$15,000 from the city of Vermillion. The hospital committee has several

thousand on hand, and in addition has pledged to the amount of \$22,000 for hospital purposes. The site at the east end of Main Street, across south of Prentis Park is bought and paid for. \$1,500 has been paid to the architects. The proposed building will be a 40 bed hospital complete operating rooms and other rooms needed in a modern, up to date hospital. It is hoped to have the building enclosed before cold weather.

The County Dads have added \$12,000 for poor relief in Clay County for the remainder of the year. A \$10,000 appropriation was made January 1, 1934 but has run short. The \$12,000 will be voted on in July and adopted in August. A grandstand at the fairgrounds is now assured and bonds will be on sale next week. Thus, Vermillion is granted a pari-mutual license.

The Torstensen building, in which the Golz Café is housed, has been painted this week. The colors used are green and cream.

The Associated Market says our prices are never high. Libby's red sockeye salmon, 1 lb tin for 20 cents. Tobacco, Velvet or Prince Albert, 2 tins for 21 cents. Canning peaches, Cali-

fornia Elbertas for 95 cents per crate. Onions, 4 lbs for 15 cents. Ivory soap, 2 bars for 17 cents.

Gus Dahl and Leon Farrell have leased the old post office building and are arranging to open a new drug store. The building was more recently occupied by the Home Bakery. Mr. Dahl has been in the employ of Davis Pharmacy and Mr. Farrell had a similar position with the Neumayer Pharmacy. They plan to open their store the middle of August.

Dr. Thomas Cruickshank has completed 35 years as a Vermillion Physician. His first patient in 1899, was Richard Atwood, a Civil War Veteran and a pioneer resident of Vermillion.

Wakonda and Vermillion are planning a "Get Together" at Prentis Park on August 19. The Vermillion Chamber of Commerce will furnish the beverage but those attending are urged to bring their own lunch. All kinds of sports events are planned and later a band concert will be held. The event was started last year and met with a huge success.

Swanson's Dalesburg store was burglarized by prowlers who entered through the back door. They took about \$30.00

worth of articles including canned goods, shoes, tobacco and candy. No trace of the robber has been found, but several men in the community are under suspicion.

The Citizens Bank has a service for travelers. Cash is always a temptation to thieves and a cause of uneasiness. A part of the banking service is to safeguard your travel funds through the issuance of American Express Travelers Cheques. The charge is 75 cents for each \$100.00 purchased.

This time of year housewives are kept on the jump in an effort to exterminate ants. One man who was eating a hearty breakfast of pancakes with maple syrup noticed some peculiar looking specks in the syrup only to find the syrup had brought the greedy little ants to an untimely death. Boiling water poured on their nests will take care of them if one can find their nests. Then there is a kind of paper to be laid down where they congregate that is guaranteed to drive them out of the house—it says so right on the paper. But one housewife tried it and discovered that her ants could not read and kept right on with their work.

Community fights back against cancer

People who have first-hand experience with cancer play a big role at the annual Clay County Relay For Life. Doors open at noon on Sunday, Jan. 31, at the DakotaDome. Teams and fund-raisers from throughout the community will sign in and prepare for the afternoon event from 1 to 6 p.m.

At 1 p.m., the Relay begins with a lap around the track by community members who have battled cancer. Each carries a linked paper chain with each link representing a year of survival. To participate in the survivor activities, call Barb Kronaizl, 624-8929.

After survivors complete the first lap, everyone joins in the Relay, to show support for those who have fought and are fighting cancer, and learn about warning signs and prevention through information stops around the track.

The theme for this year's event is "Make Cancer a Thing of the Past." The Clay County Chapter of the American Cancer Society and the USD Chap-

ter of Colleges Against Cancer sponsor the event to promote awareness, encourage healthy lifestyles, share information and raise funds to fight the many forms of cancer.

Here's how you can help. Community members, from USD and throughout the county, form teams of up to 15 people to raise money and walk around the track during the event and set up a decorated team "campsite" where team members will rest when they're not walking. Teams pre-register by calling Wess Pravecek at 624-5352. Each team member donates \$10 to participate and raises more dollars from family, friends, acquaintances and colleagues, as well. Team members get T-shirts and participate by making sure someone from their team is always on the track. Teams and individuals may register at the event, but T-shirts may not be available.

Prizes are awarded for the team and individual who collect the most in donations. The best

decorated campsite wins a prize, too.

"The event features something new this year," according to Community Chair Wess Pravecek. "There will be drawings for big ticket items like a 19-inch HDTV, a hotel getaway, a Sony Walkman and more. Participants get one entry for every \$50 they raise. So, the more money you raise, the more chances you have to win!"

You have another way to honor those who have battled cancer. The Relay will sell "luminarias" before and during the event. For a \$5 donation, a decorated white bag that bears the name of a cancer survivor or someone who died of cancer will be placed along the track. Participants can read the names as they walk around the track, and the names on all the luminarias will be read during the Relay. Donors can decorate the bags themselves with the name, and drawings and photos if they wish, or have Relay volunteers do the decorations. And, make sure to thank

the major sponsors as the event nears. They include Walmart and Classic Hits 106.3/Sports Radio 15.70 AM—The Ticket at the \$1,000 level; the Broadcaster/Plain Talk, Vermillion Medical Clinic, Randy Hammer and Sanford Health in Vermillion at the \$500 level; and the Vermillion Civic Council and Hy-Vee Vermillion at the \$250 level. To join them, call Wess Pravecek at 624-5352.

Here's how you participate.

- To form a TEAM and get a team packet, contact Wess Pravecek, 605-624-5352.
- To participate in the SURVIVOR activities, call Barb Kronaizl, 624-8929.
- You may purchase LUMINARIAS before the Relay: The Nook 'N Cranny, the Civic Council store and the Vermillion Beauty Shop, all in downtown Vermillion; or the Vermillion Federal Credit Union at Cherry and Dakota. They



Vermillion Mayor Dan Christopherson, center, declares Jan. 31 Relay For Life Day. Sarah Olson, at left, is chair of the USD Chapter of Colleges Against Cancer. Wess Pravecek, right, is the community chair for the Relay, from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31.

also will be sold at the Relay.

- For more information, go to [www.relayforlife.org/USD](http://www.relayforlife.org/USD).

The money raised is used by the American Cancer Society for research, public education

and help for cancer patients and their families.

"If we all work together, we can help make our theme come true—Make Cancer a Thing of the Past," Pravecek said.

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The cause of the fire is unknown, and Logan said an investigation likely won't be carried out unless it is done by an insurance company. However, it appears the home was not insured.

Melisa Smith of the Yankton County Red Cross is assisting the family that lost its home.

"They had a place for the first night, so we're waiting to hear from them for temporary housing," she said.

The family lost everything in the fire, according to Smith.

"They need everything you can think of," she said. "Fire is so devastating, but luckily no one was home so no one got hurt."

Smith said Sunday

evening that was not aware of any charity funds that had been set up for the family.

She said donations can be made to the Yankton County Red Cross.

**Quad State Honor Band Concert**  
Conducted by Dr. Rolf Olson and Dr. Jonathan Alvis  
**Monday, January 25, 2010**  
**7:00pm**  
**Knutson Theater,**  
**Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts**  
A Free Band Concert featuring some of the top high school musicians from South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, and Minnesota!

*Thank You*

*During a time of great need, my family was extremely fortunate to receive an outpouring of support from my co-workers at Sanford Vermillion Medical Center and from Dakota Hospital Foundation. Contributions to help us move forward were immediate and abundant starting on the very day of our tragic fire. My entire family is so very thankful to all those who have helped us and most especially to those at Sanford Vermillion and Dakota Hospital Foundation.*

*With Warmest Regards,*  
*Staci Hanson and family*

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