



new City Hall.

**May 15**

About 1,150 graduates at The University of South Dakota's 122nd annual spring commencement Saturday received advice about how to deal with current economic problems. Stephen Myers and Mary Lynn Myers were the commencement speakers.

School district plans to put stimulus funding to good use. The total allocation of funding available to Vermillion for special education purposes is approximately \$318,000. Stimulus funding totaling nearly \$206,000 for Title I also is available for Vermillion to apply for.

**May 22**

The dedication ceremony of the Muenster University Center was held May 15. The buildings at USD bear the names of individuals who had a lasting impact on the school, the state of South Dakota, and the nation, according to President James Abbott.



Hy-Vee in Vermillion distributed over \$5,000 to local schools. From Sept. 1 to April 30, for every \$200 of products purchased at Vermillion Hy-Vee, \$1 was donated to local schools as part of the Cash for Students program.

Len Griffith, long-time member of Vermillion's education system, was recognized by the Dakota Hospital Foundation for the significant impact he has on the well being of the Vermillion community. He was presented the Community Health Service Award.

**May 29**

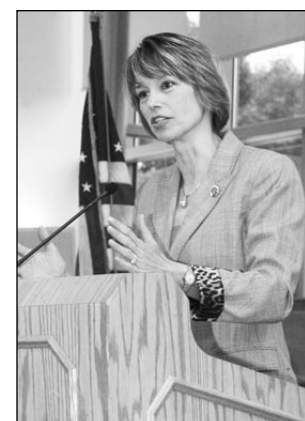
Brian Mehaffey was the speaker at the Memorial Day observance.

Rev. Steve Miller tells VHS graduates that important

tasks await them at commencement exercises May 24.

The South Dakota Board of Regents authorized The University of South Dakota to go ahead with its plans to construct Coyote Village, a new student housing project that will be located south of the DakotaDome.

**June**



**June 5**

The opening night of South Dakota Girls State in Vermillion featured an address from Rep. Sephanie

Herseth Sandlin.

Scott Piper began his second annual "Camp Opera" workshop. The camp reached all ages with lessons in opera and other musical expressions.

Gretchen Burbach received Teacher of the Year honors from the Vermillion School Board during VHS commencement exercises.

**June 12**

Buddy Seiner, outdoor representative from the South Dakota Office of Tourism and Diana Lambdin Meyer, a writer for Midwest Living, made a whirlwind tour of Vermillion June 4. The purpose of the trip was to give out-of-state writers and photographers a glimpse of tourist attractions that south-

east South Dakota has to offer.

South Dakota Sen. John Thune outlined three qualities of leadership to members of Girls State Friday night, while answering questions about a variety of topics relevant to state and national government.

**June 19**

Lewis & Clark Regional Water System board revels after receiving lower-than-expected bids for the second phase of construction of the water treatment plant. The low base bid totaled not \$96 million, but \$61.4 million.

Representatives of the city of Beresford came before the Vermillion City Council May 18 and expressed hopes that Vermillion's proposal could be expanded, allowing Beresford to also tap into the Spirit Mound substation as a power source.

Sanford Vermillion Medical Center and Dakota Hospital Foundation recently awarded \$4,500 in academic scholarships to area high school students.

**June 26**

Sexual orientation, gender identity added to school's revised nondiscrimination policy.

VCT to debut original musical about Vermillion, production will celebrate community's 150th anniversary.

Gov. Mike Rounds and T. Denny Sanford arrive 4,580

feet underground in the former Homestake gold mine to dedicate the Sanford Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory.

**July**

**July 3**

Vermillion townsfolk gathered at the community's new city hall to celebrate.

In a little over six months, organizers of Vermillion Now! Have not only met their goal of \$1.5 million in donations and pledges, they've surpassed it.

The annual Sioux Valley Kennel Club Dog Show and Obedience Trials were held in Vermillion Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28.

A capacity audience gave a standing ovation to the cast and musicians who performed Mozart's The Magic Flute June 29 in the United Congregational Church in Vermillion.

**July 10**

The Washington Street Arts Center will get a facelift this summer thanks in part to a \$10,000 Deadwood Fund Matching Grant.

People from the Vermillion area gathered at Barstow Park at 6pm Saturday, July 4, to celebrate Independence Day. There were food vendors, activities for the kids, and a hot dog eating championship sponsored by Hy-Vee. The celebration ended with a beautiful fireworks display by Tom Taylor

and Dennis Anderson of Fireworks Unlimited.

Juli Frey and her son, Christopher, 14 were on top of the clouds when they reached the peak of Mt. Kilimanjaro last January.

**July 17**

The weeklong annual Upper Midwest Junior-Senior High School Summer Music camp was held this week at the university

The Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts will be abuzz with young talent as the inaugural South Dakota Vocal Arts Festival gets underway July 22.

Attendees of In Every Generation didn't go home until giving a rousing standing ovation to the actors, vocalists, musicians, and crew that made the production possible.

SD minimum wage to increase on July 24 to \$7.25. USD Healthcare Careers Camp hosts area high school students.

**July 24**

Perfect weather conditions added to the delight of pilots from near and far who traveled here last week to take part in the Two Rivers Light Sport and Ultra-light Fly-in.

New web site for VCDC is proving to be a big hit already.

A group of USD swimmers from the 70's and 80's honored their former coach E. Don "Doc" McCullough and his wife by creating a scholarship in his name.

**July 31**

Vermillion is celebrating their Sesquicentennial this weekend. The centerpiece for the celebration is the new city hall. There will also be an all school reunion reception for Vermillion High School. There will be tours of the new city hall and Vermillion High School. Saturday events include a 5K Fun Run/Walk, sesquicentennial parade and Young Eagles airplane rides at the airport.



**August**

**August 7**

USD is holding their final summer commencement July 30. USD has been the only state university to hold three commencements each year. USD officials have decided to follow other South Dakota Regent institutions and hold only to commencements exercises a year in May and December.

**August 14**

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