

festivities for Vermillion's Sesquicentennial. Thousands took part in the three days of events. Representatives from Vermillion's sister city Ratingen, Germany took part in the events with the Ratingen Youth Orchestra performing.

August 21
Don Hewitt the creator of the television program "60 Minutes" died of pancreatic cancer earlier this week. He was 86, he travel to Vermillion in 2004 when he received the Al Neuharth Award.

Marley Hanson was crowned Princess and Rachel Brady was crowned Junior Princess at this year's Clay County Fair. Achievement Days featured the livestock shows; free musical entertainment, the demolition derby and the ATV mud races and the community barbeque.

August 28
Curbside recycling will begin in Vermillion starting in September. Approximately 2,700 pairs of green and blue bins have been ordered. The bins will be distributed to qualifying residents.

Participants in the Hy-Vee Scramble for SESDAC collected more than \$16,296 on the links. A group of 145 golfers played at the Bluffs Golf Course in Vermillion. The events are held to raise funds for SESDAC, Inc. Foundation.

10,000-seat facility has served as the headquarters of the South Dakota High School Football Championships as well as the Vermillion Tanager Football team.

September 18
Rod Anderson of Clive, Iowa with Buster Dog BBQ was named the grand champion of Vermillion's Ribs, Rods & Rock and Roll celebration. He received a check for \$1,500.

September 25
USD officials held a groundbreaking for the new apartment complex that will be know as "Coyote Village." The new facility will feature 175 units. The four-story coed complex will be open to sophomores and older students.

A USD student, Elizabeth Lias was killed in a two-vehicle accident near Vermillion. Another USD student, Alexandra Harter was driving the wrong direction on the four-lane highway. Her vehicle struck the left side of Lias' vehicle. Lias was killed at the scene. Harter was transported to a Sioux Falls hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Wayne and Joyce Hawley are spearheading a fundraiser for renovations of the Burbank school. The school is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



a trophy and quilt for the race committee.

Vermillion native, Dylan Fischbach will be playing on Team USA's under 20 National Junior Wheelchair Basketball team for the Inaugural Australian Youth Paralympics Games. Dylan began his journey to Australia yesterday. He will be the youngest player on the team at age 14.

October 9
USD President James Abbott said that the college is on track to meet their goals. Enrollment has climbed 3.5 percent and the total number of students is approaching 10,000.

Julie Renner and Gerrit Heine were crowned homecoming queen and king at coronation ceremonies held Oct. 1.

October 16
Katie Couric was presented the 20th annual Al Neuharth Award for Excellence in the Media.

USD dedicates Beacom School of Business and Beacom Hall.

October 23
Sanford Vermillion enhances the ability to detect breast cancer in the early stages with digital mammography.

October 30
Groundbreaking ceremonies held for the new USD wellness center.

Tanagers were defeated in first round of 11A football playoffs by Dakota Valley.



November

November 6
Just over 1,000 flu vaccinations were given to young people and people in risk categories. Four hundred sixty doses of the H1N1 vaccine were administered.

November 13
Heartland Humane Society hosts third annual Tails and Trails event. It is a free-will donation for anyone to come out and walk his or her dog, it promotes a healthy lifestyle and promotes education of owning animals.

USD business student, Jessica Burchill, was one of several USD students who got the chance to meet with Omaha financial guru Warren Buffet.

November 20
The Vermillion City Council refused to change the zoning of the Duane and Lorraine Brunick home located at 916 Ratingen Strasse to allow the house to be removed and replaced with a fast food restaurant. The Brunicks had applied to have the zoning changed. The new Coyote Village student housing buildings being constructed currently overshadows the home.



November 27
The City of Vermillion and the Cherry Street task force committee celebrated the

completion of the Cherry Street project with a ribbon cutting late last week. The project began in the spring of 2008. The goal is to replace approximately three miles of Cherry Street. This includes replacement of the pavement as well as other improvements.

December

December 4
Dr. Stephen Yarbrough, a composer in residence at the University of South Dakota has written music for the Christmas season. Two of his new works will premier in the holiday performances this month. His son's recent death has changed his view of life. He says music has helped him cope with his loss.

December 11
The City of Vermillion recently held its first annual Parade of Lights in downtown Vermillion. The theme of the parade was "Christmas Past & Present." After the end of the parade Santa turned on the lights of the community Christmas tree. Following the tree lighting the Vermillion Public Library had storytelling and crafts for the children.

A fire destroyed the home

of the Doug Hanson family earlier this week in Meckling. The house was fully engulfed in flames when fire units arrived. The house

December 18

Kay Heikes two story dollhouse that she built herself is now on display at the W. H. Over Museum. The house is approximately 50 years old. Kay was a lifelong resident of Vermillion and she worked as a registered nurse. After Kay passed away her family put the dollhouse in storage, but in November they donated it to the museum to be displayed.

H1N1 vaccinations were open to all at the second clinic held at the Vermillion High School Dec. 16.

December 24

After being severely damaged in a September 29, 2008 fire, the Pressbox is no more. An investigation determined that the fire was deliberately set. Three men were arrested in July and charged with reckless burning or exploding. The charge is a Class 4 felony that carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment in the state penitentiary. The buildings owner Chad Gruenwaldt, owner of the Vermillion tavern, and the city of Vermillion reached an agreement last month that called for the structure to be demolished. It was estimated the Pressbox building received damages totaling nearly \$290,000.

USD's 34th winter session commencement exercises were held Saturday, Dec. 19 at the DakotaDome.



September

September 4
Vermillion is hosting the South Dakota Barbeque Championship at the 5th annual Ribs, Rod & Rock n' Roll. The festival will be held September 11th and 12th. Events included a poker run, street dance, live music and food, car show, arts and crafts fair, kids entertainment.

September 11
USD's DakotaDome is celebrating their 30th birthday. After 30 years the DakotaDome has become a vital part of Coyote athletics. The

Many different events have been held at the school over the years, a barbeque and auction will be held this Saturday at the school to raise funds for the school's renovation.

October

October 2
Vermillion hosted the Susan G. Komen Race for breast cancer at the DakotaDome. Racers could choose between a 1-mile fun run/walk and a 5K run/walk. Ellen Grimlie of Sioux Falls was the winner for the best time of cancer survivors who ran in the race. She received



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