

Irwin is SESDAC January EOM

Debbie Irwin, Direct Support Professional, was selected as the SESDAC, Inc., January 2012 Employee of the Month. Debbie has been a part of our organization since October 2006.

Debbie 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 Debbie: "Debbie is awesome at her job. She communicates well and always has her job completed at the end of her shift. She is always doing extra tasks and is always willing to cover additional shifts. She is a remarkable person!"

Debbie and her family currently reside 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.



Pictured above is Debbie Irwin, Direct Support Professional, center, her supervisor, Chandel Bultsma, right, and Gerry Tracy, Executive Director, left.

SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Cleo Erickson

Excerpts from the Plain Talk

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The 1971 City budget is \$3,418,270.00. The following changes were made by the Council in answer to departmental requests. A \$300.00 per year across the board salary increase for each employee plus a salary scale adjustment was made.

\$4,000.00 has been requested by the Street Department for removal of trees killed by Dutch elm disease.

Over 300 people attend the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The recurring theme of "Green and Growing" was the main topic of Dr. Donald O. Clinton. He entertained the audience with humorous parallels to the ingredients' necessary for progress in Vermillion.

On January 26 at 4:30 p.m., the Vermillion Police were called to the USD Book and Supply Store to arrest a person accused of shoplifting. The article was valued at \$1.10.

Leo's Lounge will have a "Grand Opening" on February 12th and 13th. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for the door prizes that include a 1st prize portable TV set, 2nd prize, \$25.00 Savings Bond and third prizes are 10 Steaks and Lobster for two. You will enjoy the fine service, fine food, background music and a wonderful atmosphere.

Ladies if you are tired of your wig style, take it to Stewart's Hairstylists and let them restyle it for you.

After many long discussions about where to set your garbage can for weekly pickup, the City Council finally voted 5-4 that the garbage can may stay on the curb.

The City Council passed an ordinance to rezone the area north of Cherry Street and from Dakota Street to Rose Street. The area will be rezoned to permit the construction of apartment buildings. Mr. Tom Urup spoke in support of the ordinance as he is planning the construction of a 96 unit apartment building on the property.

The "Adopted Grandparents" program at the Dakota Nursing Home is a huge success. Students at USD have adopted residents of the home as their grandparent. The "grandchildren" visit each week and play cards, dominos, write letters for their grandparent and bring a lot of sunshine into their friend's life.

It's "Vermillion Beautification Week". The message sent to all residents and merchants from the Vermillion Chamber of Commerce, Retailers and the Vermillion Civic Council is "Lets All—Clean Up", "Paint Up", and "Sweep Up" Vermillion. All residents are urged to cooperate by removing all litter from their property. The Beautification Committee is recommending that the petunia become the city flower

as it will stand heat, wind, sun and drought and will bloom until frost. If everyone plants this colorful flower, Vermillion could become known as the Petunia Capital and perhaps even a Petunia Festival could result. The City will collect all trash and rubbish.

A report on animals taken from a survey in April shows 17 horses, 1 cow, 10 sheep, and 160 pigs living within the city limits.

The new "Territorial Days Room" at the W H Over Museum will be officially opened on May 8th. The new exhibit hall represents days in Dakota Territory. An exhibit of paintings by National known Indian Artist, Oscar Howe, will be opened to the public, and a historical cannon from the U S Army will be presented. The cannon, still in good repair, was used by the army in the 1800's when it had regiments in Elk Point and surrounding areas.

Stan Kenton and his orchestra will be in concert at Slagle Auditorium on May 17th.

Bob Lund and Tom Urup are discussing the plans for construction of the new Lund Drug, Inc, a Walgreen Agency that will be constructed adjacent to Piggly Wiggly on Highway 50. The structure will contain 7,200 square feet. An August 1st opening is scheduled.

At the City Council meeting last night, the Council voted to appoint a consultant to study the possibility of a new airport for Vermillion.

Police Chief Merle Offerdahl was busy telling the children about bicycle safety. The children were enthusiastically asking questions and listened carefully to the Chief's answers.

The Middle School Building is coming along satisfactorily. Completion date is tentatively set for January 1972.

Over nine hundred will receive degrees at the USD Commencement on Sunday. This is the largest graduating class in the history of USD. In the total there are 125 candidates for graduate degrees including 11 doctorates.

The preservation and development of the Arne B. Larson collection of rare and historic musical instruments at USD is the goal of a newly formed organization. The group proposes to establish a non-profit foundation to provide a permanent home in Vermillion for the collection which has been rated by an expert as "one of the finest collections of musical instruments in the country and possibly the world."

An ordinance that would regulate animals other than pets within the City of Vermillion was put on second reading. If this ordinance is passed, it would be unlawful for anyone to keep cattle, sheep, goats or swine in the City of Vermillion. It will also make it unlawful for anyone to keep horses, mules or fowl within 150 feet of any building used for humans.

OBITUARIES

Loretta Lofgren

Loretta Lofgren passed away peacefully with family members on Jan. 17, 2012 she was 101 years young. She suffered a stroke on Jan. 10, 2012 and developed complications.

Known for her pleasant smile, positive attitude and active lifestyle, she had many experiences over her lifetime and loved to tell stories about it. Born in 1910 on a farm in South Dakota she was the only daughter of a family of eight. Raised on a farm in South Dakota and married Clarence Lofgren in 1930. Together they farmed and had three children. After quitting farming and trying several occupations they settled in Golden, CO for 20 years. They



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moved to Folsom, CA in 1978. Clarence passed away in 1986 and Loretta continued to manage the apartments until 2004 when a hip replacement forced her to retire to Placerville Eskaton where she actively participated in the activities there.

She was preceded in death by husband, Clarence; grandchild, Dwayne Lofgren; and great grandchild, Angela Lynde.

She is survived by her brother, Burt Dutcher (Grace); three children, Norma (Max) Brown, Jerry (Ann) Lofgren and Doug (Susan) Lofgren; eight grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Jan. 29, 2012 at El Dorado Community Church in El Dorado, CA at 3 p.m. with a reception to follow in the church hall. Donations to the Loretta Lofgren Memorial may be sent to P.O. Box 832 El Dorado, CA 95623.

Online condolences may be posted at chapelofthepinesfunerals.com

Nicholas Miller

Nicholas James Miller, 31, passed away on Jan. 21, 2012, from injuries suffered from an accident on Jan. 16, 2012, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. In death, Nick gave the gift of life by being an organ donor.



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A celebration of Nick's life was held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, 2012, at Alcester Baptist Church in Alcester, SD, with the family present one hour prior to greet friends. Internment will be at a later date.

Nick, as he was called, was born in Vermillion on Feb. 12, 1980, to Teddy L. and Cynthia (Lamoureux) Miller. He was raised in the Sioux City and southern Union county areas. He graduated from Vermillion high school in 1999. He was currently employed at Aladdin in Elk Point, South Dakota.

In 2006, he met the love of his life, Jessica. They lived on their acreage near Burbank, South Dakota. They were planning a summer 2012 wedding.

Nick was a fun-loving, active person. His passions were riding

his motorcycle and he was proud of his tattoos, which he won awards for. He loved his family, was a friend to many and would help anyone who needed his help. He enjoyed hours of entertaining his nieces and nephews. He was a caring person and gave of himself to others in many ways.

Nick is survived by his fiancée, Jessica Peters of Burbank; a son, Alex of Sioux City, IA; his mother and step-father, Cindy and Pat Enright of Dakota Dunes; his father and step-mother, Teddy and Sue Miller of Alcester; maternal grandmother, Agnes Trudeau of Vermillion; two brothers and their wives, Jerry and Missy Miller of Belgrade, MT and Russ and Lori Miller of Beresford; a sister and her husband, Beth and Travis Goeden of Beresford; four step-brothers, Corey Enright of Sioux City, IA, Jarrod and Tiffany Kayser of Ames, IA, Luke Kayser and Brett Kayser both of LeMars, IA; two step-sisters, Andrea and Dawson Stansberry of Sioux City, IA and Marie Kayser and fiancée Matt Reese of Prairie Village, KS; six nieces, one nephew and numerous aunts and uncles.

Nick was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Dick and Betty Lamoureux; paternal grandfather, Theodore Miller; an aunt, Jeanne Miller; an uncle, Rick Lamoureux; and a step-grandmother, Mildred Hunter.

Mildred Herren

Mildred Herren, 92, of Vermillion, passed away at Bethany Retirement Living, Fargo, ND, on Jan. 22, 2012.

Mildred was born the oldest child of Ambrose and Mary Elizabeth Ward on Dec. 6, 1919 in Carlinville, IL. After graduation from the then two-year Blackburn College in 1939, she taught school in several rural schools and in the Illinois communities of Chesterfield and Virden. During the summers she attended classes at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale; in summer of 1942, she met her husband-to-be, Norman Herren. She married the young ensign on Jan. 26, 1944 in South Bend, IN.

She was teaching in Winchester, IL, when Norman returned from the war. His career in the building supply industry led them to Fremont, NE and then to Vermillion (1954). Mildred received a B.S. from the University of South Dakota in 1955 and that fall began teaching third grade at Jolley School in Vermillion. During her 30 years at Jolley, she continued her education at USD, earning a Masters in 1969 and 30 plus hours of additional credits.

Mildred retired from teaching in 1985, but never retired from life and gave many hours of service to others. She was a member of the Library Board, treasurer for the Friends of the Library and worked eight years in the children's summer reading program. She was secretary of the hospital and Care Center Auxiliary for several years and American Legion Auxiliary for nine years and president for two years. She was treasurer and secretary of Southeast Area Retired Teachers and a member of PEI and Delta Kappa Gamma. She received the Reminiscent Teacher Award in 2003 and the Delta Kappa Gamma Order of the Rose Award in 2007.

Mildred and Norman enjoyed living in Vermillion, surrounded by their many friends and remaining engaged in numerous activities. They lived independently in their own home until December 2009, when health issues forced them to move to Fargo.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Bill Ward, Carlinville, IL. She is survived by her husband of almost 68 years, Norman; son, Stan Herren (Karen Froelich), Fargo, ND; daughter, Norma Woodall (Jim), Louisville, KY; grandsons, Patrick Woodall (Amanda), Magnolia, DE and Jason Woodall, Lexington, KY; granddaughter, Jill Colvin (Nathan); and great-granddaughter, Liesl Anne, Waynesville, OH; sister, Dorothy Mefford, Litchfield, IL; brother, Elmer Ward (Letha), Carlinville, IL; and sister-in-law Arlene Ward, Carlinville, IL.

A chapel service was held at Bethany in Fargo, Reverend Philip Larson presiding. A memorial service will be held in Vermillion in May, details to be determined at a later date.

Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be posted online at www.Koberfuneralhome.com.

Robert Tschetter

Robert John Tschetter was born Sept. 10, 1939, to John and Elizabeth (Hofer) Tschetter in Bridgewater, where he lived in his parents' home until 1957. In 1957, he moved to Redfield, where he lived until 1988. He then moved to Vermillion, where he lived until passing.

Grateful to share his life were his brothers and sisters: Richard Tschetter, Bridgewater, John Tschetter, Bridgewater, Elsie (Tschetter) Spearfish, Donald and Mae Tschetter, Huron, Rose (Tschetter) and Edwin Johnson, Lennox, MaryKay Tschetter, Huron, Viola (Tschetter) and Norman Burnham, Alfordton, OH and his special cousin, Joni (Tschetter) and Kurt Siedschlaw, Kearney, NE.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents John and Elizabeth Tschetter his brother Alvin Tschetter, Irvin Tschetter and his brother-in-law,

William "Bill" Bradley.

Robert loved to greet people, sit in the sunshine, watch birds, listen to music, drink shakes, go for rides especially buses, look nice, get his hair cut, get massages, take afternoon naps, go to parties, go out to eat to socialize, attend the UCC Church where he was adored and be warm. Every morning he woke up happy ready to start a new day.

Robert died Jan. 18, 2012, at the age of 72 at Prairie Estates Nursing Home in Elk Point.

The memorial service was Tuesday, Jan. 24, 10 a.m. at United Church of Christ in Vermillion, with the burial at Neu Hutterthaler Cemetery in Bridgewater, on Friday Jan. 27, 2012, at 1 p.m.

Thank You

The families of Hazel Vennard wish to sincerely thank all our relatives and friends, for the cards, flowers, memorials and food sent us during the loss of our loved one.

Also a special thank you to Pastor Rick Pittenger for his prayers and service, the United Methodist Women for preparing the meal, Vermillion Dispatch, Police Department and Ambulance staff, for their prompt and efficient service and the Sanford Emergency Room staff.

We are forever grateful.

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