

County fair begins Aug. 11

**August 12, 2011**  
Edith Siegrist gives gift to library

**August 19, 2011**  
SDNG Solider dies in Afghanistan

Researchers with the South Dakota State Historical Society recently played a key role in solving a 32-year-old mystery involving the death of a Civil War veteran.

Johnson tours Mo. River flooding

**August 26, 2011**  
Robert Kyte sentenced for killing dog  
Five people were injured in a series of crashes on Interstate 29 between mile markers

3 and 5 near North Sioux City on Friday afternoon

## September

**September 2, 2011**  
Ribs, Rods & Rock 'n Roll to gear up Sept. 9

**September 9, 2011**  
Remembering 9/11 after 10 years

The U. S. Coast Guard granted Gov. Dennis Daugaard's request to rescind the ban on boating on a large portion of the Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam before the long Labor Day weekend.

**September 16, 2011**  
Food, fun sizzle at

Ribs, Rods and Rock 'n Roll

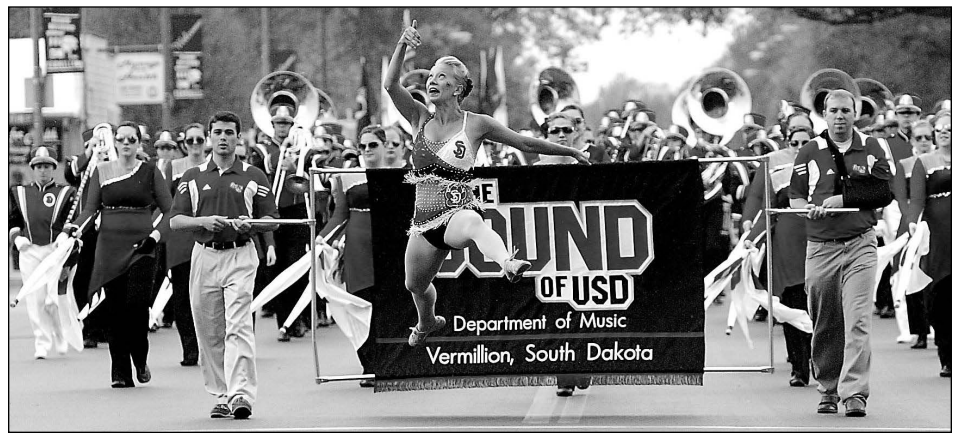
**September 23, 2011**  
Hyperion permit approved

**September 30, 2011**  
Vermillion hosted its 4th annual Susan G Komen Race for the Cure

## October

**October 7, 2011**  
The University of South Dakota is celebrating the grand reopening of Slagle Auditorium.

Five research labs at the Center for Cancer Biology Research at Sanford Research/USD



The University of South Dakota Marching Band makes its way down the streets of Vermillion during USD's annual Dakota Days homecoming parade Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011. Despite the threat of rain, thousands once again lined the streets for the annual festivities, which were part of USD's week-long homecoming celebration. The theme of this year's parade was "Raise the Dust."

(PHOTO BY DAVID LIAS)

will benefit from a multi-million dollar, five-year grant from the National

Institutes of Health (NIH)

**October 14, 2011**  
A 20-year-old man was transported to a Sioux Falls hospital for injuries he apparently received after an assault this past weekend.

Ongoing cuts in the state budget have driven up tuition and fees for public universities in South Dakota and elsewhere for some time.

**October 21, 2011**  
Merle Offerdahl, whose careers include over two decades as Vermillion's chief of police and three terms as Vermillion's mayor, has passed away.

**October 28, 2011**  
A South Dakota inmate was sentenced to death Thursday for killing a prison guard.

ta with career opportunities and helps local businesses recruit employees.

Although its completion took place less than three years ago, plans are being made to expand the Muenster University Center (MUC).

**December 9, 2011**  
Congresswoman Kristi Noem (R-SD) is the keynote speaker for the 36th Winter Commencement ceremony at the University of South Dakota

Former South Dakota men's basketball standout Nate Tibbetts has been named an assistant coach with the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers

The faces have changed, the competition level has increased and there's a new football stadium, but Joe Glenn is back home in Vermillion after nearly 40 years as new football head coach for USD.

**December 16, 2011**  
The Vermillion City Council plans to open bids Jan. 19, 2012, for the planned renovation and addition to the Vermillion City Library

U.S. Senator Tim Johnson (D-SD) is pushing a plan to prevent the United States Postal Service (USPS) from closing or consolidating mail processing facilities or rural post offices for the next six months

**December 23, 2011**  
Mark Larson, president of Builders Choice, speaks to a crowd of well-wishers at his company's new manufacturing center in Vermillion

**December 30, 2011**  
The recent addition of Builder's Choice to Vermillion's economy, and new expansion plans for Masaba Mining Equipment have pushed the demand for skilled trade workers to an all-time high.

In order to meet this demand and remain competitive for future industrial economic development projects, the Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company (VADC) created a Welding Boot Camp to introduce basic welding skills to prospective workers seeking careers in manufacturing.

## November

**November 4, 2011**  
Former South Dakota governor, Bill Janklow, announces he has terminal brain cancer, Friday, Nov. 4, at his office in Sioux Falls

**November 11, 2011**  
Handlers take a newly inflated Sega's "Sonic the Hedgehog" helium balloon on a test flight inside the Dakota Dome on the University of South Dakota campus before hitting the Macy's parade.

**November 18, 2011**  
Vermillion honors veterans during Friday's High School Football Championships held in the Dakota Dome.

USD newspaper honored with Pacemaker Award

**November 25, 2011**  
University of South Dakota Athletic Director David Saylor announced Tuesday that head football coach Ed Meierkort's contract will not be renewed.

## December

**December 2, 2011**  
The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) announces a newly enhanced website for Dakota Roots at www.DakotaRoots.com. The website provides resources to connect individuals looking to relocate to South Dako-

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