



Cameron Stalheim, a 2010 USD fine arts grad, poses with the Coyote statue he created. He unveiled this latest addition to the university campus during a Friday ceremony. (Photo by David Lias)

Williams declined further comment.

Union County Commission Chairman Doyle Karpen said Monday he was surprised by the report.

National Music Museum appoints new director

Larry Schou, D.M.A., dean of the College of Fine Arts of the University of South Dakota, and Tom Lillibridge, chair of the Board of Trustees of the National Music Museum, announced last week that the university and the trustees have selected Cleveland T. Johnson, Ph.D., as the director of the National Music Museum (NMM).

Johnson will join NMM on Nov. 1. He recently stepped down as executive director of the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship at the Thomas J. Watson Foundation, New York City. He served in that post while on leave as professor of music at DePauw University in Greencastle, IN, where he also served as dean of the School of Music.

Johnson holds a D.Phil. in Music from

Oxford University in England, and a B.Mus. with a double major in Music History and Organ Performance from the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, Ohio.

Neuharth calls award winner one of his 'best bosses'

When Marilyn Hagerly first met Al Neuharth in the 1940s, she never would have guessed that one day she would be a recipient of the annual journalism award that bears his name.

And, she definitely would not have guessed she would receive it "because I wrote a review of the Olive Garden."

"You just never know what's going to happen," she said. Hagerly officially received the Al Neuharth Award for Excellence in Media in a ceremony Thursday night in Aalfs Auditorium on the campus of the University of South Dakota.

The award is presented jointly by USD and the Freedom Forum, and has been given to

25 journalists and media representatives since Walter Cronkite was its first recipient in 1989.

"My name is going right there," Hagerly said, pointing to the list of winners on the back of the award statue. "Under Katie Couric, Walter Cronkite, Garrison Keillor. And now it's going to be, 'Marilyn who?'"

Hagerly came to national prominence in March after she reviewed the Olive Garden for the Grand Forks Herald, a publication for which she writes five columns per week.

Vermillion High School boys' soccer claims State 'A' crown

Dust off another spot in the trophy case at Vermillion High School!

Another Tanager team wears the mantle of state champions after the VHS boys' soccer team won a dramatic overtime thriller Saturday afternoon, Oct. 13, in Rapid City, edging Harrisburg, 2-1, in the Class "A" tournament finale.



remains a mystery
The cause of last month's fire at the Vermillion Landfill is undetermined.

This was the consensus between five investigators, landfill manager Bob Iverson told members of the Vermillion City Council during a special meeting Monday.

The investigators also said the fire did not start due to faulty wiring, Iverson said.

According to City Manager John Prescott, the insurance company has not provided a total loss estimate yet, although City Finance Officer Mike Carlson said that based on historical costs, one estimate for the building and its contents is \$1.4 million.

Familiar faces chosen by local voters Tuesday

Voters in Clay County decided Tuesday to return some familiar faces to county and legislative offices, while adding some new people to the mix.

In the two-person race for District 17 state senator, former State Rep. Tom Jones defeated challenger John S. Chicoine. Jones received 3,563 votes, and Jorgenson received 3,477.

In the race for two District 17 House seats, Republican Nancy Rasmussen and Democrat Ray Ring were elected with 3,576 votes and 3,226 votes respectively. Marion Sorlien received 3,052 votes.

In a five-person race for two Clay County Commission seats, incumbents Leo Powell and Raymond (Dusty) Passick and newcomer Travis Mockler garnered the most votes, with 2,123, 1,883 and 1,759 respectively to win.

top vote-getters, defeating Ruth Bremer, who received 1,683 votes and Stanley Peterson, who received 705.

November 2012

School board asked to reinstate tennis program

The ball is in the Vermillion School Board's court, after hearing public support at its meeting Monday night, Nov. 12, to reinstate the district's tennis program.

The meeting began with a full house, with nearly every student athlete involved in tennis and their parents sitting in the audience.

The school board, in a budget-trimming move, decided two years ago to no longer fund the sport. It has survived during the last two seasons thanks mainly to private donations and funding.

Local soldiers share experiences

Each year, Veterans Day offers people across the country a chance to contemplate the sacrifices and stories of the men and women of the

Carlson.

While the fire department's insurance company has reimbursed the costs of the hose and gloves, and acquired some coats, they still have 20 damaged pairs of pants.

VHS students to utilize iPad

Interaction with technology continues to be a growing aspect of most areas of life, and this month, students at Vermillion High School saw this interaction spread to their classrooms.

That's because on Nov. 13, each VHS student was provided with an iPad for use as a tool for doing homework assignments, studying and communicating, both in and out of school.

New USD Veterans Center fulfills students' needs

It has only been a few weeks, but since the new Student Veterans Resource Center opened on the USD campus, it has rarely been empty.

"It's rare that I'm the only one here studying," said Eric Gage, former president of the USD



The National Guard Army in Vermillion, which doubled as a polling place for Tuesday's general election, saw a steady stream of foot traffic after 5 p.m. on Election Day as last minute voters cast their ballots. Voter turnout in Clay County was nearly 64 percent, trailing the statewide average which topped 69 percent. (Photo by David Lias)

armed forces.

In Vermillion Monday morning, two local veterans shared their own stories during the 2012 Veterans Day Program at W.H. Over Museum.

Sgt. Marty Nygren and Staff Sgt. Neil Wallin offered the main addresses of the annual ceremony, during which they recounted their experiences in the Middle East.

City declares emergency to replace fire equipment

An emergency was declared to make it easier for the city to replace some fire department gear that was damaged in the fire at the Vermillion Landfill last month.

The action was taken by the Vermillion City Council during their regular meeting Nov. 19.

"In working the fire, the firefighters had oil that was floating on the water contaminate hoses, gloves, boots, bunker gear pants and some coats," said city

Veterans Club. "This room is probably one of the biggest deals for veterans on campus that I can think of."

Located at the Temporary Student Center, the room had its official ribbon-cutting Nov. 13 and offers student veterans a venue to study, interact or just take a break between classes.

December 2012

Feds in N.J. arrest former USD student who sparked bomb scare

A former University of South Dakota student from Essex County, NJ was arrested Wednesday morning, Dec. 5, on charges related to a January 2012 bomb scare in Coyote Village, a student housing complex on the USD campus.

Anthony Nicholas Gallo, 20, has been charged with transportation of explosive materials without a license or permit issued by the

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