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(Submitted photo)

Lion's Club member receives top honor

Lion's Club president Mick Breske presented long-time member Keith Joy with the distinguished Melvin Jones Fellowship, the highest honor awarded within the club.

The special event took place on Thursday, Dec. 12 at the Vermillion Lions Club's annual Christmas party.

Joy has been a member of the local club for more than 35 years, and has been very active in many projects and activities, including leadership roles in their annual Christmas

Box Project and USD Sports Event Project. He is also an anchor in the club's main fundraiser "Pancake Days," which is held twice a year to supplement many club activities.

The Fellowship recipient is selected by a special committee that follows a voting process, choosing from the clubs entire membership.

Joy has been an asset and an inspiration to the local club in Vermillion, and well deserving of this award.

Tanagers triumph over Parkston Titans 40-37

By Scott Bormann

PARKSTON – The game that Vermillion played at the Parkston Boys' Basketball Classic on Dec. 28 against Mount Vernon/Plankinton brings an old coach's mantra to mind. "If you live by the 3, you die by the 3."

Through the first three quarters, the Titans were hitting many 3-point shots. Without a shot clock, the Titans also dribbled and passed around the perimeter, killing a lot of time off the clock.

The third quarter was especially damaging to the Tanagers. The Titans outscored them 13-4 to take a 12-point lead going into the final quarter. Sitting under their basket, I was convinced that a lid had been securely attached over their hoop for most of the stanza. Nothing seemed to fall for the Tanagers.

"Our guys hung in there and battled back," said Coach Jay Drake. "Things didn't look too promising being down 34-22 going into the fourth quarter, but our guys hung in there together and we were able to knock a few shots down and were able to turn up the pressure a little on the defensive end."

The fourth quarter was the total opposite. "We

didn't panic and had some kids step up and make some plays down the stretch," said Drake.

The Tanagers finally went on their first real scoring streak, outscoring the Titans 18-3. This time nothing would fall for the Titans, but the game was still in doubt with time running out and the Titans moving the ball down the court.

That is when senior center Nick Jensen intercepted a pass at the half-court line. He really could have iced the game if he would have hit his free throws, but the Titans were unable to score again.

Vermillion was led in scoring by Jensen with 15 points, with 6 rebounds, 2 steals, and 3 assists. Tyrell Harper led the team with 9 rebounds, scored 4 points, had 2 steals, and 3 assists. Carter Andre added 8 points and 2 rebounds. Jayce Huska had 6 points, 2 rebound and 2 steals. Cooper Williams had 3 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals and 1 assist. Paul Schwasinger added 2 points and 1 assist. Jeremiah Johnson had 2 points, 1 assist and 1 rebound.

The Tanagers (3-0) won 40-37 over the Titans (3-1) in this heart attack game for Tanager fans.



Vermillion's Tyrell Harper (22) goes high over Mt. Vernon/Plankinton's Cote Hinker (1) and teammate Nick Jensen (52) on the way to a Dec. 30 victory.

(Photo by Scott Bormann)

Vermillion gave Mount Vernon/Plankinton plenty of a head-start to make any fan nervous.

"It was good to get a win," said Coach Drake, "but we must still continue

to improve as a basketball team."

Vermillion next hosts the Tea Area Titans (2-3) on Friday, Jan. 3 in a double-header with the girls' basketball team.

Heartland Humane Society meet and greet Jan. 4

YANKTON – Heartland Humane Society will have dogs available for adoption at the former Yankton Motor Building Saturday, Jan. 4, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The building is located at 3400 East Highway 50 in Yankton.

"Meet and Greets allow our dogs waiting for adoption to get out into the public and make new friends," said Kerry Schmidt, executive director at Heartland Humane Society.

All dogs available for adoption can be found on the shelter's webpage.

Schmidt encourages anyone interested in adopting an animal to fill out an application prior to

the Meet and Greet.

You can pick up an application at the shelter or find it online at www.heartlandhumanesociety.net.

For more information, contact Heartland Humane Society at (605) 664-4244.

Heartland Humane Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves surrounding communities, protecting and enhancing the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people.

Visit Heartland Humane Society online at www.heartlandhumanesociety.net.

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S PRESS BRIEFING

12/22/13 05:35 – A caller reported a car stopped on Highway 50 in the travel lane. The occupants were found to be sleeping with the car running. The driver was arrested for DWI and other charges. Other occupants were cited for alcohol offenses.

12/22/13 14:37 – A deputy responded to a burglar alarm at an Irene business. It was found that an employee had accidentally tripped the alarm.

12/22/13 15:26 – A rural resident reported a suspicious caller claiming to have been in an accident with the reporting party and asking for insurance information. No information was shared and the call was believed to be fraudulent.

12/23/13 16:31 – A deputy checked on the welfare of dogs that often strayed from a rural residence. The dogs had food, water and shelter at their owner's residence. The owner was informed of the complaint.

12/23/13 21:13 – A deputy responded to a medical emergency in Wakonda.

12/23/13 22:17 – A deputy responded with fire units to a report of a smoke smell in a house west of Vermillion. The smoke was from a fireplace but GFCI outlets had tripped indicating

another problem so a breaker was shut off.

12/26/13 01:38 – A vehicle was stopped and the driver was cited for driving 84 mph in the 65 mph zone on Highway 46.

12/26/13 02:05 – A deputy located a vehicle in the ditch on Highway 46. The vehicle was not damaged and there were no occupants.

12/26/13 20:11 – An inmate was transported to the Yankton County Jail to meet an inmate transport shuttle to Pennington County.

12/26/13 20:46 – A deputy mediated a child custody dispute in Wakonda.

12/27/13 07:44 – A deputy observed a vehicle traveling at 70 mph in the 55 mph zone on 306th Street. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was cited for the offense.

12/28/13 00:00 – A deputy investigated the theft of a corncrib at a rural residence of a neighbor of the reporting party. The deputy learned the corncrib was removed with proper permission.

12/28/13 18:12 – A deputy responded to a report of a car/deer accident east of Vermillion.

12/28/13 18:22 – A deputy responded to a report of a vehicle striking a stock tank on the highway south of Vermillion.

Total Records: 14

Vermillion River Basin project

By Elmer Ward
Resource Specialist

The Vermillion River Basin Implementation Project, which covers parts of 14 counties up and down the Vermillion River, in partnership with USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), is still providing technical and financial assistance to producers within the Vermillion River Basin.

The financial portion of the project is a partnership with the EQIP Program and is intended to help clean up the waters of the Vermillion River.

The two main conservation practices used by the project to assist in achieving this goal are Animal Waste Management Systems and Riparian Area Management.

Both of these practices have priority areas

established within two miles of the main stem of the river.

Individual operators outside the priority area can be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and can be determined to be eligible to participate if the benefits to the project are great enough.

The technical assistance to producers is provided to help implement the programs of the Farm Bill such as

CRP, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program and Conservation Security Program.

If you have any questions or are interested in participating in the project, contact the conservation district in your home county or call the project coordinator, Elmer Ward, at (605) 280-8518 and set up an appointment to get your answers.

FOR THE RECORD

Cases Disposed 12/20-12/26/2013

Jennifer Loring Sisson, 1011 Lincoln St #5, Vermillion; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$54.00 plus costs
Debra Stapelman, 402 Maple St., Laurel, NE; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs
Ivy Chantel Roed, 615 S. Hayes Ave., Pringhar, IA; Illegal lane change, \$54.00 plus costs
Bruce A. Mockler, 3304 E. SD Highway 50, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00
Alex Lee Ufford, 3821 E. Main St., Vermillion;

Renewal registration during assigned month, \$54.00 plus costs

Jory Freeburg, 30874 457th Ave., Volin; Fail to report accident to police officer, \$204.00 plus costs
Roger Dean Jensen, 210 Dakota St., Wakonda; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Matthew Cody Freeman Metzger, 71015 S. 260th Rd., Wagner, OK; Open alcoholic beverage accessible in vehicle, \$54.00 plus costs

Joe Ohler, 516 W. Cedar St., Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Kristianna Marie Blackler, 102 N. Plum,

Vermillion; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$54.00 plus costs

Gianna Iverson, 45571 313th Street, Meckling; No drivers license, \$54.00 plus costs

Jason D. Higgins, 2129 S. Spring Ave., Sioux Falls; Speeding on other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Cortney Marie Stewart-Ashes, 5335 E. SD Highway 50, Vermillion; No drivers license, \$54.00 plus costs; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$54.00 plus costs

Ashley Eileen Nelson, 102 N. Elm, Vermillion; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$54.00 plus costs

Nancy Hauser, 78 Bear Mt. Rd., Bolton, VT; Speed on four-lane in rural areas, \$39.00 plus costs

Donald Scott Hinojosa, 3391 South 4300 W., Salt Lake City, UT; Speeding on other roadways, \$79.00 plus costs

Clinton Wescott, 4411 W. Valhalla #21, Sioux Falls; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, \$204.00 plus costs

OBITUARIES

Greg Bierle

Greg Bierle passed away on Dec. 29, 2013. He fought pancreatic cancer. He married Roseann Bruyer in Vermillion, SD, on July 9, 1977. Together they have four children, Michelle, Angie, Chris and Emily. Michelle married Bill Stein and they live in Wisconsin. Angie is married to Colin Early and they live in Minneapolis with their four-month-old daughter, Evelyn. Chris is married to Cortney Costello and they live in Sioux Falls. Emily also lives Sioux Falls.

Greg was an electrician for 33 years. He was with



Bierle

the Electrical Union #426 for 23 of those years.

He is also survived by his mother, Margaret, and his 10 brothers and sisters. He is preceded in death by his father and one brother.

Greg's family would like to thank everyone for all their support and prayers during this tough time.

In memory of Greg, the family requests in lieu of flowers that a donation be made in his name to the Dougherty Hospice Prince Chapel Fund, 4509 Prince of Peace Place, PO Box 5045, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5045.

A Memorial Mass service was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014, at St. Lambert Catholic

Church in Sioux Falls with burial to follow at the Bruyer Cemetery in Vermillion, SD. The family was present to greet friends for a memorial visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014, at George Boom Funeral Home in Sioux Falls with a Liturgical Wake Service beginning at 7 p.m. www.georgeboom.com

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