

MUC expansion nearly complete



After more than a year of work, the expanded Muenster University Center (MUC) appears to be nearly complete.

The facility is set to have its official reopening ceremony and community night from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16.

The completed facility will feature expanded seating and national restaurant options, such as Chick-fil-A, Qdoba and Einstein Bros. Bagels – the last of which was opened late last year. Aramark also will continue to offer dining options for students and visitors.

Several temporary walls were removed from the work area last month, giving passersby a glimpse of the additions that have been made.

The 31,000 square foot expansion began in the fall of 2012, with exterior work.

Through the following spring and summer the project has included placement of additional steel beams, pouring the

floors, and work on the exterior enclosure of the new addition.

The piping and plumbing was already completed by April 2013.

Sustainability also is a consideration in the project, with contractors using LEED Silver certification materials to promote further efficiency of the MUC.

According to its official Web site, “LEED is a green building tool that addresses the entire building lifecycle recognizing best-in-class building strategies.”

The project’s general contractor is Sioux Falls Construction, with design of the new addition handled by RS Architects, also of Sioux Falls.

Work is taking place between the original MUC building and the I.D. Weeks Library, necessitating the closure of the “link” students use to pass back and forth.

Last year, USD’s manager of media relations Phil Carter said that beyond “little inconveniences here and



A view of part of the Muenster University Center expansion, which will have its official reopening ceremony from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16.

(Photo by Travis Gulbrandson)

there,” students will be largely unaffected by the link work.

The original MUC building opened in February 2009, and expansions of it have been discussed since USD President James Abbot’s state of the university address in 2011.

“Even though the facility is relatively new, our student enrollment was growing at such a good pace it made sense just to add on and provide more dining options, more seating options, more areas for students to use the

Muenster University Center to relax,” Carter said. “It is their place, and since their base is growing, I guess it all kind of factored in with that. ...

“Whenever you have one a facility like the MUC on campus and you start growing, it just makes sense for that facility to expand, sooner rather than later,” he said.

Last spring, Jeff Baylor, vice president of marketing, enrollment and student services at USD, was quoted as saying the campus community and future

students are “very excited” for the completion of the project.

“Since opening in 2009, the Muenster University Center has certainly impacted the quality of student life at USD whether students are hanging out with friends, watching the big game or one of their favorite shows on one of the facility’s high definition TVs, or simply grabbing a bite to eat. It’s the focal point of campus. It’s USD’s ‘living room,’ so to speak.”

SCHOOL MENUS

Menus listed below are for January 8 – January 14. Menus are subject to change without notice.

Vermillion Elementary & Middle School - Breakfast

Available everyday: Breakfast entrée or choice of cereals with toast. Fruit or Fruit Juice, Milk choices.

Wednesday –Homestyle Fruit Muffin Square, Fruit, Milk Choices

Thursday – Pancake Sausage Stick, Fruit, Milk Choices

Friday – Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll, 100% Fruit Juice, Milk Choices

Monday – French toast Sticks with Syrup, Fruit, Milk Choices

Tuesday – Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk Choices

Vermillion Elementary Schools – Lunch

Wednesday-A. Beef Stroganoff, breadstick, B. Pizza Hut pizza (Jolly)

Cheese Pizza (Austin), Golden Corn

Thursday- A. Hot Dog, B. Sloppy Joe, Baked Beans, Sugar Cookie

Friday – A. Homestyle Taquito, B. Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Baked Tator Tots

Monday – A. Fajita, B. Corn Dog, Refried beans

Tuesday – A. Homestyle Beef Chili, B. Baked Chicken nuggets, Green Beans, Frosted Cinnamon Roll

Vermillion High & middle school – Lunch

Wednesday – A. Beef Stroganoff, breadstick, B. Pizza, C. Combo Sandwich, Golden Corn

Thursday – A. Hot Dog, B. Hot Pepperoni Sub, C. Fajita Salad, Baked Beans, Sugar Cookie

Friday – A. Homestyle Taquito, B. Crispy Chicken Sandwich, C. Sub Sandwich, Baked Tator Tots

Monday – A. Fajita, B. Corn Dog, C. Sub Sandwich, Refried beans

Tuesday – A. Homestyle Beef Chili, B. Baked Chicken nuggets, C. Oriental Salad, Breadsticks Green Beans, Frosted Cinnamon Roll

Elk Point Breakfast and Lunch

Wednesday Bkfs. French Toast Sticks & Fruit – Lunch: Chicken & Noodles or Beans & Wieners, Hash Browns, Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce

Thursday –Bkfs. Biscuits & Gravy & Fruit- Lunch: Crisptos or Tavern, Chips & Salsa, Carrots, Orange Slices

Friday – Bkfs. Yogurt w/ granola & Fruit – Lunch: Pizza or Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Corn, Breadsticks

Monday – Bkfs. Eggs & Toast & Fruit – Lunch: Soft Taco or Chicken Fajitas, Rice, Broccoli, Applesauce, Cookie

Tuesday – Bkfs. Breakfast Pizza & Fruit – Lunch: Chicken Nuggets or French Dip, Potato Wedges, Mandarin Oranges, Corn

Irene-Wakonda School – Breakfast

Available every day: Breakfast entrée or Choice of cereals w/toast, Fruit, Milk Choices

Wednesday Fruit Muffin Square, Fruit, Milk Choices

Thursday – Pancake Sausage stick, Fruit Juice, Milk Choices

Friday – Na Monday – French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Milk Choices

Tuesday – Biscuit and Gravy, Fruit, Milk choices

Irene-Wakonda Elementary School – Lunch

Wednesday – A. Meatloaf, Whole Grain Roll, B. Baked Chicken Nuggets, Whole Grain Roll, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Thursday – A. Beef Stroganoff, B. Pizza, Cooked Carrots, Rice Crispy Treat

Friday – NA

Monday – A. Orange Chicken whole grain rice, B. BBQ Sandwich, Peas, Fortune Cookie

Tuesday – A. Super Nachos, B. Hot Dog, Golden Corn, Sugar Cookie

Irene-Wakonda High & Middle School – Lunch

Wednesday – A. Meatloaf, Whole Grain Roll, B. Baked Chicken Nuggets, Whole Grain Roll, C. Sub Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Thursday – A. Beef Stroganoff, B. Pizza, C. Deli Wrap Cooked Carrots, Rice Crispy Treat

Friday – NA

Monday – A. Orange Chicken whole grain rice, B. BBQ Sandwich, C. Sub Sandwich, Peas, Fortune Cookie

Tuesday – A. Super Nachos, B. Baked Fish and Cheese Sandwich, C. Taco Salad, Refried Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick

DINING

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The Vermillion Area Dance Organization's (VADO) new creative movement class will be opening on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:15.

Creative movement is a beginning dance class. For students ages 3-4. It teaches students basic dance steps through games, in a fun learning environment.

Other Available Openings include:

- pre-ballet class on Tuesdays at 5:00 for children ages 5&6.
- Dance Team 1 on Fridays at 5:30.
- Combo classes on Fridays at 6:30 (ballet & other styles of dance) For children ages 5&6

All Classes begin on the week of January 13

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1101 Announcements - Events

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH: 401 Main Street, Makell, NE. Sunday School 9am. Worship: 10am. Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays. (605)658-0240 (home) (402)-692-3323 (church).

Faith United Lutheran Church, ELCA, 44874 303rd St/Po Box 168, Volin, SD 57072, (605)267-2277. Sunday Worship: 9:30am with Holy Communion the 1st & 4th Sundays. WOW Wednesday program beginning at 6:30pm for all children 3 yrs old - 7th grade, and confirmation classes for those in grades 8th & 9th.

FIRST BAPTIST Church Elmer "Sandy" Aakre, Pastor 624-6391 home, 624-4658 church. Time: 9:15 Sunday School, 10:30 Worship. Sunday Choir Practice, 11:50 a.m.

GAYVILLE LUTHERAN Church: Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor Ralph Egbert.

GOSPEL CHAPEL Church, 708 Jessie St./Highway 12, Newcastle, NE. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; AWANA Wednesday at 7 p.m., 402-355-2305. Pastor Chuck Myers, 402-355-1335.

GRACE BAPTIST Church, SBC, Pastor Steve Ford, 1102 E. Main. Phone 624-4949. Adult's and Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

HILLSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1800 Constance Dr. Worship Sept.-May 10:30a.m. AWANA Small groups; 9-10:15 Worship May-August 10a.m., 6 0 5 - 6 2 4 - 4 8 6 2 , www.hillside-cc.com Like us on Facebook!

IMMANUAL Lutheran Church, Elk Point, SD: Worship Service 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

KOMSTAD COVENANT Church, Rural Beresford and Centerville, SD: Matt Styles, Pastor. 18 miles north on University Road. Phone 563-2402. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m.

PLEASANT VALLEY Lutheran Church, Rural Vermillion: Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Holy Communion First Sunday of every month. All welcome.

PROVIDENCE REFORMED Church, 830 Madison: Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. "We Welcome You To Historic Protestant Worship And Fellowship."

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL, 226 E. Main St., Pastor Steve Miller. 10:30a.m. Worship Service. *No Longer Strangers* www.uccvermillion.org

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