

will announce a groundbreaking new partnership with a software services company Wednesday afternoon.

This unique effort with Eagle Creek Software Services has the potential to create 1,000 new jobs in South Dakota, with 200 of those jobs being headquartered in Vermillion.

Those jobs will boast pay higher than the state's average wages, and the supply of employees will come from USD and its recently formed Information Technology Consultant Academy.

"We've been working with this company for a long time," said Steve Howe, executive director of the Vermillion Chamber of Commerce and Development Company. "The company provides software outsourced services for companies."

#### Vermillion Teen Drowned

The body of a Vermillion teenager who disappeared in the icy waters of the Big Sioux River on March 14 was recovered by rescue workers the next day.

Madison Wallace, 16, apparently drowned after she entered the river to save her little brother, Garrett Wallace, 6, also of Vermillion, after he entered the water. The incident happened at Falls Park in Sioux Falls, in a stretch of river below the falls.

A bystander, Lyle Eagletail, 28, of Sioux Falls, also plunged into the river March 14 to help the two siblings. Crews removed his body from the river on March 16.

Garrett Wallace was eventually able to exit the river shortly after the incident occurred. Despite numerous eyewitness accounts, it is still unclear whether Madison Wallace, Eagletail, or both played a role in saving him.

"We do have some sad news," Sioux Falls Fire Chief Jim Sideras told reporters early Friday afternoon, March 15. "We did find the young girl who went in after her brother. We found her in an area we where we thought it would be best to look for her."

The teen's body was recovered near a man-made dam located about a block downstream from the falls.

Holding back sobs, but with a firm voice, Anna Cable thanked God for the gift of Madison

Wallace as she presented the invocation at the Vermillion teen's funeral service Tuesday night.

"Thank you for the many blessings ... and for the honor and privilege of brushing lives with this remarkable young woman," Cable said in her prayer that began the night's services at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Vermillion.

Madison, 16, drowned in the Big Sioux River last Thursday as she attempted to rescue her younger brother, Garrett, after he slipped into the icy water during a family outing to Falls Park in Sioux Falls.

A bystander, Lyle Eagletail, 28, of Sioux Falls, also entered the river Thursday evening to help the two siblings, and lost his life in the river. Crews recovered Madison's body Friday afternoon, and located Eagletail's body in the churning river Saturday.

The crowded church, filled with the young woman's friends, family and fellow community members, learned how she often thought of others rather than herself, and that a disability made her more determined to work hard and be curious.

#### Sen. Johnson to Retire

Sen. Tim Johnson ended weeks of speculation Tuesday.

Standing before reporters and well wishers, with his wife Barb at his side, he announced during an afternoon press conference that he would not be seeking a fourth term in the U.S. Senate.

"I will be 68 years old at the end of this term and it is time for me to say good-bye," he said. "I will not be running for re-election to the United State Senate in 2014 or any other office."

"I look forward to serving the remaining two years as the country is facing difficult times on many fronts and I will work every day to find a bipartisan solution to these challenges," Johnson said, reading from a prepared text.

During a question-and-answer session with reporters following his formal remarks, Johnson noted that the time is right for him to step away from public office when his term ends in 2014.

The senator said he will not let up his pace of work during the remainder of his U.S. Senate term. "I am on the

Banking Committee, and that will remain a priority with me," he said. "The Lewis & Clark Water System and the Mni Wiconi Water System are two key things that deserve to be built."

## April 2013

#### New Ordinance Prohibits Texting While Driving

The Vermillion City Council has approved an ordinance that prohibits texting while driving.

The action was taken at the council's regular meeting Monday night.

The ordinance as adopted said that drivers may not "operate or be in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while using a handheld wireless communication device to compose, read or send an electronic message when the vehicle is in motion or where the motor vehicle constitutes a part of the flow of traffic or an obstruction and hazard to traffic."

#### VHS Student to Compete in Poetry Contest

When people think of school-related competitions, poetry may not be the first thing that springs to mind.

However, it is poetry that has landed Vermillion High School senior Samuel Pearson a chance to compete in a national contest on April 28-30.

That's because Pearson won the state Poetry Out Loud competition last month in Sioux Falls. "I'm very excited," Pearson said of his upcoming trip to the nation's capital. "It's going to be a great time."

#### Herbster Named USD Athletic Director

David Herbster had the interim athletic director tag removed from his title at the University of South Dakota on Thursday during an athletic department meeting with president Jim Abbott.

Herbster, in his sixth year with the department, was named interim A.D. last December after athletic director David Saylor resigned to take the same position at Miami University in Ohio.

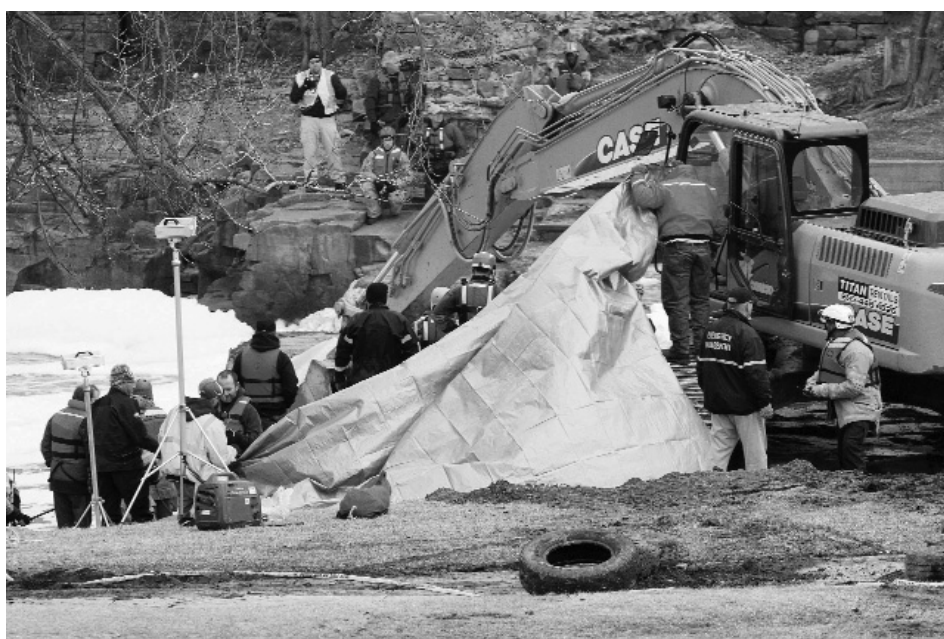
#### USA Today Founder Al Neuharth Dies at 89

Al Neuharth, a 1950 graduate of USD, a former editor of the *Volante*, creator of USA Today and founder of the



Emily Rolfes takes aim as she and other members of the Clay County Flyers 4-H club practice archery Sunday in the Extension building in Vermillion.

(Photo by David Lias)



At approximately 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 15, rescue workers recovered the body of 16-year-old Madison Wallace of Vermillion from the Big Sioux River at Falls Park in Sioux Falls.

(Photo by David Lias)

Freedom Forum, died April 19, 2013. Neuharth turned 89 on March 22. He lived in Cocoa Beach, Fla.

"It is my sad duty to report that our alumnus, benefactor and friend Al Neuharth has died," stated President James W. Abbott. "He was a favorite of students, faculty and staff in part because he visited USD so often. He was in Vermillion three or four times a year."

Neuharth's last visit was in October 2012 when he presented the Al Neuharth Award for Excellence in Media for the 26th time. As part of the annual Neuharth Award festivities Al always included time to interact with students, answer their questions and ask them questions of his own.

## May 2013

**Title Reinstated**  
One week after her title was revoked, an area 6-year-old was again

named winner of the 2013 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition.

On April 19, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that a painting of a canvasback duck by Madison Grimm of Burbank had won the national contest, and would appear on the 2013-14 Federal Junior Duck Stamp.

The next week, it was announced Grimm had been disqualified because she copied her painting from a photograph.

Then, on Thursday, May 2, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service restored Grimm's win.

"The Service's decision to reinstate Grimm's work was made in recognition of the fact that it was judged the winner during a fair and open public contest," the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said in a statement. "The Service respects the decision of the contest judges, and apologizes for any distress this process may have caused the top-placing artists and their families, teachers and friends."

As a result, Grimm's painting will again be featured on a stamp and she will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

#### Daugaard Speaks to Area 10th Graders

Gov. Dennis Daugaard was in Vermillion Saturday offering three points of advice to area high-achieving 10th graders: Use self-discipline, have persistence and determination, and remember the people who love you.

Daugaard made these remarks at the annual Governor's Leadership Luncheon, which recognizes high school sophomores from South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa for their academic achievement and major leadership roles in their respective communities. The event was held in the ballroom of the Muenster University Center at the University of South Dakota.

## June 2013

**Noem Addresses Girls State Attendees**  
Live your life as if you're driving without the emergency brake compressed.

This was among the advice Rep. Kristi Noem had for the attendees of the 67th annual South Dakota Girls State, whom

she met during a presentation in Aalfs Auditorium Thursday morning.

"For a lot of us, we have our emergency brakes on our lives," Noem said. "Maybe you're feeling really insecure, maybe you think you're not a very good public speaker ... but I realized (people) really just want to hear what's on your mind and in your heart, and have you state it to them like a normal person."

#### Library Expansion Completed

It was standing room only at the newly-christened Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library, which had its dedication ceremony Saturday afternoon, the culmination of years of planning and work.

It also was a day to thank those who helped on each of the project's various stages, including those who passed away prior to its completion.

"Congratulations to you," said Jon Flanagan, president of the library's board of trustees. "It is a great thing to have the Vermillion Public Library expansion and remodeling, and we are ready to move into the new world with the new public library."

## July 2013

#### Prentis Park Swimming Pool to be Replaced

There are plans to replace the swimming pool in Prentis Park with an aquatic center, but until that time comes, the old pool is still in use.

The question is, for how long?

"It's like an inefficient house," parks and rec director Jim Goblirsch said of the old pool, which was built in 1967. "You live in your house and your windows leak air, hot or cold. When do you want to replace them?"

"I can't give you a guarantee and say it'll be open another five years," he said. "These guys are doing a great job keeping it operational, but it is falling apart, and it takes considerable man-hours to keep it operational."

#### City Fogs for Mosquitoes

The City of Vermillion fogged for mosquitoes for the first time this year last week.

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