

SILVER THREADS

The Main Street Center News (formerly known as the Senior Center)

History of the senior center written by Nila Fostved

January 6, 1978, a dream that began 10 years ago was realized in a mortgage burning ceremony at 320 W Main. Rev. Bruce Williams, Viola Bremer, Center chairman and Harvey Hanson, director, presided. At the same ceremony, Milton Macy, chairman of the Center Building Committee, presented plans for the addition of a 40' x 52' wing. The present facility of 3,360 sq. ft. was begun in October 1974 and occupied in June 1975 at a cost of \$80,204.44.

A fund drive netted \$47 thousand up to the time the new center was ready. A loan of \$23,000 was obtained from each of two local banks for a period of 20 years. The final paybacks were made only 27 months after the loan was received! Funds for the Center were received from the city of Vermillion, Clay County, Churches, Civic and Service organizations, Private Businesses and individuals.

The Tomorrow Project Campaign begins June 1, 2011 at the Main Street Center (formerly known as the Senior Center).

The Dakota Hospital Foundation assisted the center in a study to help develop a vision for the tomorrows to come. That study resulted in the development of a \$200,000 comprehensive master plan to improve the centers aging facility over the next three years. The plan was presented

to the Dakota Hospital Foundation and they endorsed the vision with a generous gift to be awarded in yearly increments, with the stipulation that the Center would annually provide matching funds.

In order to assist the center in meeting the challenge of raising funding for the Tomorrow Project Campaign, the executive board is appealing, not only to our membership, but to various individuals, institutions and businesses in Vermillion. The Center feels we can meet the annual challenge with a campaign we are calling the "Tomorrow Project." Part of the center's vision is to make our facility into a better community asset and we would like to appeal to the Vermillion community members, businesses and organizations to help us meet these financial challenges. Questions and concerns may be addressed to the director of the center, Crystal McGuire at 624-8072.

Be watching for "your" next "Silver Threads."

Activities & Events of the center

Sunday, Aug. 8 - Fly-In Pancake Breakfast at the Airport 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; suggested donation of \$5.

Thursday, Aug. 11 - Annual Ice Cream Social. Homemade desserts, ice cream, sandwiches and more beginning at 5 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 22 - Dinner sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Members in support of the center.

Activities available:

Pinochle & Scrabble on Monday's at 1 p.m.; Pinochle and Dominoes on Tuesdays at 1 p.m.; Pitch & Bridge on Wednesdays at 1 p.m.; Bridge and Dominoes on Thursdays at 1 p.m.; Knit, Stitch and Portable Crafts on Friday at 10 a.m. and Movies on Friday at 12:45 p.m.

Pancake Sunday is always the second Sunday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$4 for pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice and is prepared by the senior men of the center.

Visually Impaired meet the second Monday of each month at 1 p.m. at the center. They meet to discuss options for different types of support and equipment for visual impairment.

Foot clinic is held on Tuesdays at the center by Sanford Vermillion Clinic, call 624-2611 for an appointment.

Vermillion Medical Clinic presents a program on health topics and checks blood pressure - check the center for date.

Hy-Vee pharmacy visits once a month to assist with prescription help and diabetes information.

The Dakota Senior Meals prepares and serves food Monday through Friday at the center. The nutrition program is a separate program under the direction of ROCS and receive state and federal funds to help pay for a small portion of the meal cost. A donation for your meal helps support the program that is available to anyone age 60 and above. All members of the center receive a monthly newsletter

with scheduled events and activities plus a menu from Dakota Senior Meals. Members are encouraged to participate in the daily activities and events, educational and health programs, share in the book and puzzle exchange, participate in fundraisers and other activities or events. Members need to be only 40 years of age and pay an annual fee of \$25 per year or \$250 lifetime.

The senior center is a non-profit organization that welcomes volunteers and financial donations. We sponsor monthly fundraisers and send out requests to businesses and organizations in the community as our means of funding. If you or your group would like to help sponsor a fundraising event, please contact the center at 624-8072. Be watching for more events and activities in the next "Silver Threads."

Volunteers needed:

- * to sort greeting cards, magazines, puzzles, etc
- * line dance or exercise / fitness instructor
- * to help with fundraiser dinners serving and clean up

Donations:

Donations or sponsors from businesses or friends of the center are needed monthly to help pay for the food and supplies for each fundraiser. Thank you for any financial support you can provide to the center. All donations and sponsors are recognized in our monthly newsletter. Your support is so appreciated.

Kolberg-Pioneer awarded grant to recruit, train welders

Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. (KPI-JCI), a premier worldwide manufacturer of heavy equipment for the aggregate and recycle markets, was recently chosen to receive a \$12,850 Workforce Development Grant from the American Welding Society (AWS) Foundation.

The grant, which partners Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc., with the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC), is designed to help the two companies work together to recruit and select 10 individuals to participate in a special business-industry training partnership over the course of the next year.

The end goal is for the individuals to successfully complete training, become AWS certified, and to ultimately become employed at Kolberg-

Pioneer, Inc.

Mark Luchtel, manufacturing manager at Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc., said an increase in equipment sales has led to a need for more welding professionals.

"We have seen a steady increase in business activity during the past year, as have other area manufacturers," Luchtel said. "This has resulted in a shortage of skilled welders in the Yankton area. This AWS grant is a great opportunity for KPI-JCI to work with RTEC in recruiting promising individuals and training them to become welding professionals."

Those interested in learning more about possible funding from the AWS grant are encouraged to contact Rhonda Kocer, human resources manager at Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. at 605-668-2518.

CHECK IT OUT

By Anne Marshall

One World, Many Stories Summer Reading Program

The library's summer reading adventures includes an adult program, Cultural Clips Film Festival, young reader and young adult reader programs, and preschool and toddler story time sessions. For more information, pick up a Check It Out Newsletter and Calendar of Events pamphlet at the circulation desk. This summer is going to be your greatest adventure yet!

Monday, July 25: Books and Brunch starts at 10 a.m. Craft Day. Join us at 1:30 p.m. for the Indiana Bones program.

Tuesday, July 26: Children's showing of Rescuers Down Under starts at 1:30 p.m. (77 mins., rated G)

Wednesday, July 27: Create Australian necklaces and boomerangs starting at 1:30 p.m. Global Creations starts at 4 p.m.

Thursday, July 28: Zoom! Two programs at 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. Multicultural Mapping starts at 3 p.m.

Friday, July 29: World's Fair from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Family Swim Party from 5 to 6 p.m.

The Prize Store will be open starting Monday, Aug. 1.

Weekly Online Book Club

The DearReader.com Book Club offers many selections to Internet patrons. Each book runs for five days, Monday through Friday. Some genres offer selections every other week. Check out this service by registering at the library's Web site, <http://vpl.sdlm.net> and clicking on the book club icon. The Online Book Club is asking it's readers to write and tell what they enjoy about this special library service. The features for the week of July 25 are:

AUDIO BOOK: Check online for this selection.

BUSINESS: Beyond Viral: How to Attract Customers, Promote Your Brand, and Make Money with Online Video, by Kevin Nalty.

CLASSIC BOOK CLUB FOR JULY: Celestina, by Fernando de Rojas.

FICTION: You Know when the Men Are Gone, by Siobhan Fallon.

GOOD NEWS: All for One, by Melody Carson.

MYSTERY: Sticky Fingers, by Nancy Martin.

NON-FICTION: Stuff: Compulsive Hoarding and the Meaning of Things, by Gail Steketee and Randy Frost.

PRE-PUB: Please check online for this selection.

ROMANCE: Passion Becomes Her, by Shirlee Busbee.

SCIENCE FICTION: Counterstrike, by Dayton Ward.

TEEN: The Vespertine, by Sandra Mitchell.

THRILLER: Cold Shot to the Heart, by Wallace Stroyby.

The library is raffling off a brand new iPad, donated by Janet Hoff and Vermillion Dakota PC Warehouse. The proceeds will benefit the 2011 and 2012 Summer Reading Programs. Purchase one ticket for \$5 or six tickets for \$25. The drawing will be held on Friday, July 29 at 3:30 p.m. Participants need not be present to win.

During the summer the Vermillion Public Library is closed on Sundays. Materials may be returned to the book or A/V drop boxes located on the south side of the building.

VPL Book of the Month

It's 1960, Eisenhower's White House is planning an end to Castro, and the Mob is pleased to assist. The Mob wants its Havana casinos operational again, and serving as the CIA's hired guns is keeping the Feds off their backs. But President Kennedy's inauguration brings his brother, Bobby, into office as Attorney General, and he begins a relentless pursuit of the Mob and its teamster puppet Jimmy Hoffa.

"The Camelot Conspiracy," by E. Duke Vincent, links factual events, historical characters, and the hard truths of November 1963. A master storyteller, Vincent creates a gripping and multi-layered portrayal of the tragic power struggles, the betrayals among federal agencies, Mob capos, Cuban exiles, and Castro's inner circle. This novel will forever change what you thought you knew about the Bay of Pigs, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the day John F. Kennedy died.

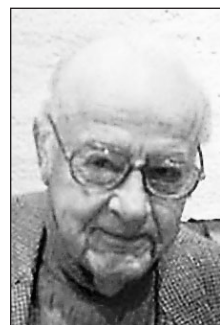
OBITUARIES

Dr. Robert Davis

Dr. Robert J. Davis was born on June 15, 1922, in Sioux City, IA, the younger of two sons of Roy and Fern Davis. He grew up and attended high school in Vermillion.

His father died when he was 12. His beloved older brother Marshall provided guidance, direction and friendship as he grew to a young adult. He entered Williams College in 1940. Following Pearl Harbor, he accelerated his study to obtain his bachelor's degree and enter the United States Marine Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1943, entering the war as one of the youngest officers in the United States Marine Corps. He served at Guadalcanal, Okinawa and Northern China.

Following the war he attended Western Reserve Medical School in Cleveland, OH, and completed his residency in ophthalmology in Iowa City. He moved to Spokane in 1958, where he was one of the original partners in the Spokane Eye Clinic.



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Dr. Davis was in the practice of medicine in 1985, but remained dedicated to a wide range of activities, continuing to ski at Mt Spokane until the age of 80, and fishing at Priest Lake until a few weeks before his passing, July 12, 2011 at the age of 89. He will be well remembered by his many, many friends and loved ones.

He is survived by his son, Clark (Diane); daughters, Robin Davis, Gail Davis and Erin Davis (Steve Dunbar); and grandchildren, Matthew, Mark, Sean, Vanessa, Ainsley and Charlotte.

Memorial services will be Saturday, July 23, 2011 in Spokane, WA.

Lowell Gregoire

Lowell E. Gregoire, 84, retired Beechcraft employee, passed away Sunday, July 17, 2011, in Clearwater, KS. Private interment will be in the Forrest Hill Cemetery, Canton, SD.



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He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Ida Gregoire; wife, Joanne (Hyink)

Gregoire; son, Timothy L. Gregoire; sister, Ilene Holmes; brothers, Hubert and Ellsworth Gregoire. He is survived by sons, Doug (Debra) Gregoire of Mulvane, KS, Jeff (Jennifer) Gregoire and Dennis Gregoire both of Wichita, KS; nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The family gives their heartfelt thanks to the entire staff of the Clearwater Nursing & Rehabilitation for taking such good care of Lowell.

Memorial: American Legion Riders Post 136, c/o Paul Stewart Irwin Post 136, 410 SE Louis Dr., Mulvane, KS 67110

Marilyn Siecke

Marilyn JoAnn Siecke, 72, of Vermillion, passed away on Monday, July 18, 2011 at Touchstone Living Center in Sioux City, IA.

Funeral service will be on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at First Baptist Church at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Elmer "Sandy" Aakre officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in Norfolk, NE at 3 p.m. Visitation was held on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at Rohde Funeral Home in Kingsley, IA from 6 to 8 p.m. Visitation will resume on Friday, July 22, 2011 at



SIECKE

Iverson-Siecke-Kober Funeral Home from 5 to 7 p.m. with a prayer service to begin at 7 p.m. followed by an Eastern Star service. Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com.

John Bell

John Augustus Bell, 86, Edgemont, died Thursday, July 14, 2011 at the Dept. of Veteran's Affairs, Fort Meade.

Visitation was one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.

Funeral services were 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at the Little White Church in Hills City with Pastor Ron Walker officiating. A second service was offered at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 21, 2011 at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion, with Pastor Trisha Boese officiating. Burial followed in the BluffView Cemetery in Vermillion with military honors.

John was born March 29, 1925 at Cut Hand, TX, to Gus and Katie (Alexander) Bell. John had fond memories of his great grandfather. He was a Texas Ranger and Confederate Civil War Veterans. John's other great grandfather was a Union Civil War Veteran.

John married Franklyn Bessie Block at Morrystown, on Sept. 24, 1949. The couple lived in Vermillion where John was employed by the university.

John loved the outdoors. He spent most of the warm weather checking throw lines and hoops nets on the Missouri River. He and Buster Moore bought a deep fat fryer and had fish fries at local bars and for groups of friends. He liked fishing at Roy Lake and trolling below Gavin's Point Dam all night for walleye, then trout fishing in the lakes and ponds of the Black Hills. He also enjoyed deer hunting in the "Hills." He

also enjoyed working in the garden and yardwork.

John served his country honorably with the 8th Air Force, 351st Bomb Group as a radio operator on B-17 heavy bomber during World War II from 1943 until 1945. He also served in the US Navy from 1946 until 1948.

He was a life time member of the VFW, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, National Rifle Association, and a 25 year member of the Vermillion Volunteer Fire Department, former Texas Rangers Association, sons of Confederate Veterans, and a charter member of the Black Hills Good Time German Club. He enjoyed polka music and attended and helped in every festival for the last 21 years.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie Bell, Edgemont; son, Steven (Nancy) Bell, Vermillion; daughters, Jerri (Dave Walsh) Balke, South Sioux City, NE, Cathy Bell, Edgemont; half brother, Gene (Barbara) Hoag, Vermillion; half sister, Helen (Ernie) Metz, Yankton; also four grandchildren Brenda (Bart) Gawlikowski, Brian Balke, Laura Bell, Joshua Bell; and great grandchild Ava Gawlikowski; also brothers in law, Nick (Della) Block, Jack (Linda) Block; sisters in law, Peggy Block Koch, Patricia "Patsy" Block Mollman, Georgia (Richard) Block Makens, Inez Block Locken.

He was preceded in death by his parents, mother and father in law, three brothers in law.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

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