

Alvis dedicated to music

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For director of athletic bands and assistant professor Jonathan Alvis, last week was a busy – but fun – immersion on what he has made his life's work: Music.

From Sunday through Friday, the USD Department of Music hosted the 61st annual Upper Midwest Summer Music Camp.

It was Alvis' second year as camp coordinator.

"It's basically a week of dedicating their lives to nothing but music – learning about music and making music, and everything involved with that," Alvis said.

The students range in ages from those who just completed fifth grade through those who just completed their senior year in high school.

Throughout the week, they have an opportunity to get involved in major ensembles, smaller

ensembles, concert band, concert choir, jazz band, show choir and other activities.

"Every kid (likes) something different," Alvis said. "That's one of the nice parts about camp, is that it's not just one type of kid – we have kids from every different background, every type of band, and really I think in the end their favorite parts are getting to make music and getting to meet new friends."

Music has long been a part of Alvis' life.

"I come from a long line of trombonists," he said. "My dad still plays the trombone, my mom played the trombone in band, her dad played, his dad played and his dad played. My mom still has my great-great-grandfather's trombone."

Although Alvis began "really, truly playing" trombone when he was in the fifth grade, there is evidence he had the urge to do so long before.

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"I have a picture of myself when I was there (where) my dad is holding the trombone and I'm playing," he said.

The Athens, WV, native went on to earn his bachelor's degree in music education from Concord University, and his Master of Music in Trombone Performance, as well as a Doctor of Music Arts in Trombone Performance from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Despite his background, Alvis said he never attended a camp

such as the one he coordinated last week.

"I never really knew what one was until I started working for the one at UNCG," he said. "I really wish I would have gone to one."

This is one of the reasons he hopes to give each of the students as memorable an experience as possible.

"The kids already have a love of music, obviously, or they wouldn't be here," Alvis said. "But I would love for them to want to go home and spread that love, share that with their



friends and family, get their friends who are kind of on the fence about whether they really want to stay in choir or band ... interested in staying involved.

"Music is a huge part of everyone's life, and the more that they can be involved, the more they can create. That's a fantastic thing," he said.

Alvis serves as USD's director of athletic bands and associate professor of low brass.

He directs The SOUND of USD, the Coyote Pep Band and the low brass ensembles.

He also teaches low brass students, methods courses and supervises student teachers.

Railroad crossings to be upgraded near Lesterville and Tripp

Two railroad crossings over state highways are set to be upgraded over the next few weeks near Lesterville and Tripp, according to the South Dakota Department of Transportation.

Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railroad crews are scheduled to upgrade the crossing on state Highway 46 northwest of Lesterville beginning Monday, July 16, and upgrade the crossing on Highway 18 beginning Monday, July 23.

The crossing surface will be removed and replaced with new concrete planks; it will take five days to complete each one.

Highway 46 traffic will be detoured around the

work onto Menno Road – a Yankton-Bon Homme County road two miles north of Highway 46 and east of Highway 25.

Highway 18 traffic will be detoured on the county road just east of the crossing. Traffic will travel north two miles and west one mile to Highway 37.

For more information, contact Ron Peterson or Rod Gall with the Department of Transportation at (605) 668-2929.

Complete road construction information can be found on www.safetravelusa.com/sd/ or by dialing 511.

DAKOTA SENIOR MEALS

Served at the Main Street Center and Town Square, "Meals on Wheels." Please call before 9 a.m. to schedule or cancel a meal at 624-7868. Menus listed below are for the week of July 17-13.

Menus are subject to change without notice. All menus are served with whole grain bread and 1% milk, unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday - Taco Salad with Meat, Beans, Cheese, Salsa, Lettuce, Tomatoes and Tortilla Chips, Orange

Wednesday - Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Milk Gravy, Peas, Apricots

Thursday - Pork Chop w/ Celery Sauce, Baked Brown Rice, Broccoli, Fruit Cocktail, Cranberry Juice Cocktail

Friday - Baked Fish, Company Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Tropical Fruit

Monday - Beef Stroganoff, Orange Spiced Carrots, Ruby Beet Salad, Tropical Fruit

FOR THE RECORD

Cases Disposed 06/29-07/05/2012
Christopher Reid, 400 S. Main, Hills, MN; No drivers license, \$50.00 plus costs

Jeremiah D. Kashas, 833 E. Duke St. #47, Vermillion; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Brandon James Watterson, 46904 307th St., Burbank; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Robert Allen Love, 31125 475th, Akron, IA; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Adam James Bennett, 29616 461st Street, Centerville; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Nicole Sue Thielvoldt, 31370 Margaret Street, Meckling; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Chandra Sue Sandres, 1111 E. 13th Street, Yankton; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Patricia Murillo, 3500 La Mesa Way, South Sioux City, NE; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Rebecca Decker, 29586 479th Ave., Alcester; Careless driving, \$54.00 plus costs

Amy Kathleen Hertz, 31332 Bluff Road, Vermillion; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Timothy M. Sweeney, 4519 Deer Shadow Terrace, Sioux City, IA; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Caitlyn Molczyk, 901 Rose #474, Vermillion; Municipal speeding, \$19.00 plus costs

Edward Wolter, 46508 313th Street, Vermillion; Driving with revoked (not suspended) license, recharged; Driving with revoked (not suspended) license, dismissed

Teala Claudio, 600 E. 6th, Yankton; Speed on

four-lane in rural areas, \$79.00 plus costs

Teala Claudio, 600 E. 6th, Yankton; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, \$204.00 plus costs

Sara Sterrett, 101 Stenton Drive, Brandon; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Jessie Kay Fischer, 45327 299th Street, Irene; Speeding other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Jerald Daniel Hamilton, 501 Montana St., Centerville; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Christopher Sudbeck, 2402 Cedar Terrace, Yankton; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Gabrielle E. Kachena, 1606 Dakota St., Yankton; Speeding other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Stephanie Marie Wieman, 111 Calument Drive, Yankton; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Michael David Stevens, 28916 458th Ave., Viborg; Speeding on state highway, \$39.00 plus costs

Amelia Suzanne Heier, 530 Elm #3, Vermillion; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$54.00 plus costs

Erin Persinger, 208 W. 1st Street, Ponca, NE; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Keri Paulson, 37507 U.S. Highway 18, Fairfax, SD; No drivers license, \$54.00 plus costs

Brooks Brian Hendricks, 600 3rd Ave. 2, Edgerton, MN; Speeding other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

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