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wasn't able to break it until the ninth. Anderson reached on an error by the Beresford centerfielder, and then stole second and third. Kratz delivered the go-ahead RBI with a scorching single past the second baseman.

An errant throw by the Beresford first baseman allowed Kratz to score himself, pushing the lead to 5-3. Mount made quick work of Beresford in the bottom half of the inning to send the Reds into the winners bracket.

Vermillion Reds, 15 – Irene, 1

Three consecutive singles by Anderson, Kratz, and Mount in the top of the first inning plated two Vermillion runs and gave the squad a lead it would not relinquish. The Reds scored a run in each the second and the third before the floodgates opened in a six-run fourth inning.

Cole Anderson started the game on the mound and handled the Irene lineup until four walks in the fourth inning spelled an Irene run and the end to Anderson's night.

Kratz finished the inning with six consecutive strikes, and Kyle Johnson came in for the fifth and final inning of the game shortened by the mercy rule.

Kratz and Mount had identical, huge days at the plate, each going 3-3 with two singles and a triple. Riley Peters also added two hits and a run in the rout that sent the Reds to the semifinal game against Dakota Valley.

Vermillion Reds, 7 – Dakota Valley, 8

The Reds jumped out to an optimistic start in last Tuesday's semifinal

game. Billy Mount clubbed a long homerun to left field with Kratz and Anderson on base to give Vermillion a 3-0 lead.

A bases loaded walk by Riley Johnson later in the inning plated a fourth. But Dakota Valley countered in the second, with a two-out, bases loaded blooper by Bryce Schroeder, which allowed all three runners to score.

Christopherson scored on a shortstop error in the third, and Kyle Johnson scored on another RBI hit by Mount in the fourth to nudge the lead back up to 6-3. But Dakota Valley once again answered with an RBI infield single by Schroeder in the fourth and a two-RBI infield pop-up that dropped to tie the game in the sixth.

The score remained tied into the extra eighth inning before Vermillion got a run when Nate Robertson walked and came around to score on a passed ball.

In the bottom of the eighth, Dakota Valley loaded the bases on two singles and a hit batsman with one out. A bouncing ball to second baseman Riley Johnson looked as if it may be a double play and a way out of the jam for Vermillion, but Kratz's throw to first was wide of Christopherson's glove and the tying and winning runs came around to score to end the game.

Kratz pitched the first seven innings for the Reds in a valiant effort. Kratz threw what could have been a gem, but some errors and bad breaks led to Dakota Valley scoring six runs on him, all with two outs.

Kyle Johnson gets pegged with the loss as he came into the game in the eighth.

New city measure requires Knox Boxes

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An ordinance approved by city council members Monday night will make it easier for firefighters to enter certain new structures during emergencies.

The ordinance will require the installation of the Knox Box, a rapid key entry system recommended by the Vermillion Fire Department.

The box itself will be installed near the entry of the buildings, and will contain keys to the facility, maps of the building and emergency contacts.

"By utilizing this box, we're able to gain access to the building without creating any damage," said fire chief Shannon Draper.

Facilities covered by the ordinance include:

- New commercial or industrial structures that are secured in a manner that restricts access during an emergency;
- new multifamily residential structures that have restricted access; and

- new governmental structures and nursing care facilities.

Draper said the city buildings already have the boxes, and the Vermillion School District has ordered them.

Buildings that are already standing will not be required to get the Knox Boxes, he added.

"Personally, I would like them on every business, but I do believe that already in discussions with businesses in the community and talking with them about this, there is a great interest in it," he said.

According to the ordinance, a master key for all exterior and interior locks must be placed inside the box, and no more than two keys are permitted inside without the approval of the fire chief.

If two keys are present, they must be clearly labeled as exterior or interior doors, the ordinance said.

The location of the installation must also be approved by the fire



The Vermillion City Council has approved an ordinance that will require a Knox Box to be installed on certain new buildings. The box pictured here is located near the entrance of City Hall.

(Photo by Travis Gulbrandson)

chief prior to being installed.

Although keys to the facilities are stored in the box itself, Draper assured the councilors that the system is secure.

"The only way to access the key is through dispatch via the radio," he said. "Once the firefighter gets the code from dispatch, they access the key, take the key. ...

"It would take a lot to get into this box. I do feel comfortable that this is a secure box," he said.

When the emergency is over, the firefighter either re-secures the key, or gives it to the manager of the facility.

Draper added that there is a second program related to the Knox Boxes that is not part of the ordinance that involves loaning them

to interested residents for temporary use.

"That is where someone may be prone to falls and need our assistance or EMS assistance for lifting purposes," he said.

The boxes range in price from around \$160 to more than \$400, Draper said. However, there are no ongoing costs.

"Once it's mounted, it's there," he said.

He added that if any resident or business gets a Knox Box, installation directions are included, although he recommends that they get it professionally installed.

"There are new boxes that are completely recessed. I would not install them myself," he said.

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S PRESS BRIEFING

07/07/13 00:43 – A deputy investigated a report from a woman who felt she was assaulted while she was drunk and abusing drugs. A deputy investigated, speaking to witnesses and found that no assault had occurred.

07/07/13 17:38 – A deputy stopped a vehicle for speeding on University Road and found the passenger in labor. The driver stated they were going to the hospital in Yankton. The deputy advised them that the hospital in Vermillion was closer.

07/07/13 20:37 – A deputy provided traffic control until a tree could be moved from Highway 19 near the Missouri River after a storm blew it down.

07/07/13 20:53 – A deputy investigated a minor car/deer accident on Highway 19 north of Vermillion.

07/07/13 23:36 – A deputy responded to a report of cattle on the road near Burbank.

07/08/13 07:22 – A deputy stopped a vehicle and cited the driver for speeding in a construction zone west of Vermillion.

07/08/13 13:21 – A deputy took a report from an Irene resident of hang up phone calls happening repeatedly. Information was given regarding blocking private numbers.

07/08/13 22:36 – A deputy mediated a non-violent domestic dispute near Wakonda.

07/09/13 10:24 – A deputy stopped a vehicle for speeding in a construction zone west of Vermillion and informed the driver of a malfunctioning tail light.

07/09/13 11:31 – A purse was brought into the Sheriff's Office after it was found along Highway 50. A deputy contacted the owner and returned it to her.

07/09/13 16:53 – A rural resident report fraudulent activity on her credit card after it was lost or stolen. The matter is under investigation.

07/09/13 17:17 – A caller reported a reckless driver northbound from Meckling. A deputy

responded to the area but the vehicle was gone.

07/10/13 02:01 – A deputy stopped a vehicle to notify the driver that she had no working taillights. It was found the driver had neglected to turn on her headlights and had only daytime running lights on.

07/10/13 09:55 – A deputy assisted a GFP Conservation Officer with investigating a report of a mountain lion sighting near Spirit Mound.

07/10/13 10:45 – A deputy transported an inmate who was just released from the State Penitentiary to the Clay County jail due to a warrant for his arrest for pending charges.

07/10/13 14:49 – A deputy assisted a driver who was stranded in a hot car. Mechanical assistance was contacted and the vehicle was towed to a service center.

07/10/13 18:54 – A rural resident reported a transient asphalt paving contractor pushed him into agreeing to a quick paving job. Deputies investigated and found fraudulent practices were used. The victim's money was recovered and the pavers left the area. Charges are being considered.

07/10/13 22:27 – A vehicle was stopped and the driver was cited for

driving 66 mph in a 45 mph construction zone on Highway 50 west of Vermillion.

07/11/13 07:52 – A deputy assisted the County Highway Superintendent with investigating some barricades being moved from a closed bridge near Westville. The barricades were properly replaced.

07/11/13 09:50 – A deputy investigated a complaint of an irrigation pivot spraying water on the road. The owner was contacted and arrangements were made to adjust the pivot.

07/11/13 10:16 – A deputy investigated vandalism and a theft of a drill in Wakonda. The drill was later located elsewhere in the residence.

07/11/13 12:53 – A deputy transported two inmates from the

Minnehaha County Jail to the Clay County Jail after they were arrested there for Clay County charges.

07/11/13 14:27 – A deputy transported an inmate to a doctor appointment and then returned him to the jail.

07/11/13 18:50 – A deputy traveled to Lake Andes to pick up a prisoner wanted on Clay County charges.

07/11/13 23:59 – A deputy investigated a one-car accident north of Vermillion.

07/12/13 16:20 – A deputy responded to a 911 call from a cell phone leaving the line open. The caller was found doing construction work near the Missouri River. The call was an accidental dial and there was no emergency.

07/12/13 18:52 – A deputy responded to a

medical emergency at a rural residence and assisted the patient until the arrival of an ambulance.

07/12/13 21:50 – A deputy responded to a 911 hang-up call at a rural residence. He found there had been a verbal domestic dispute and no violence had occurred.

07/12/13 23:29 – A deputy checked on a vehicle parked on University Road north of Vermillion. He found the driver sleeping but not

impaired. The driver woke up and drove to Vermillion.

07/13/13 14:58 – Deputies assisted a Highway Patrol Trooper with investigating a two-car injury accident at Hub City.

07/13/13 21:25 – A caller reported a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed near Irene. Deputies responded to the area but the vehicle was no longer present.

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