



Dancing To The VADO Beat

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For the Plain Talk

For moms looking to wrestle the wiggles out of their active offspring, the Vermillion Area Dance Organization in Vermillion has one solution.

Fridays at 10:30 a.m. parents are invited to bring their children age 0-3 to the Parent-tot Dance Class held at the VADO studio across from Sanford Hospital.

Ellie Pyles and her son Kesling are regulars at the class.

"We started in the fall and he wasn't even a year old when we started," Pyles said. "It's been good for him to get out and be around other kids because I'm a stay at home mom and he likes to see faces other than mine every once in awhile."

Amanda Yeary and her son Abraham also attend frequently.

"We started last summer but he was kind of young for it and his nap-time coincided with it," Yeary said. "He wasn't quite ready but in February we started coming full time. He has some friends he's met here. He likes to run a lot. It's just fun for him to get out and get movement going."

Kelsey Collier-Wise teaches the class.

"It goes year round," she said. "We took a break at the beginning of the summer because there's a lot of traveling, people coming and going. A summer ago, maybe it was two years ago, we had a bunch of people that were teachers that couldn't do it during the year because they worked during the day but they could during the summer. So it kind of changes."

The class begins with a bus ride as moms and kids sing along to 'The Wheels on the Bus' with actions.

Skipping is also a tot favorite to classic tunes like 'Skip to My Lou.'

Other activities with songs involve dancing around like a monkey or a snake or crawling through a tunnel.

According to Pyles her son's favorite part of the class is simply running around.



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Who doesn't enjoy a good round of 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes'? Parents and kids age 0-3 enjoy this and other activities at the Vermillion Area Dance Organization weekly Parent-tot dance class.

"It's been good for him and it's been a good chance for me to get out of the house and chat with other moms too even though he hasn't been able to participate fully," she said. "He's participating more and more all the time."

The fun extends to the home according to Yeary.

"He always says 'Dance! Dance' and make a little dance," she said. "He loves to dance. He really loves dancing to Singing in the Rain. It's one of his favorite movies. He watches it and dances with them. I think he really would enjoy dance and that's why I signed him up for it. It's really great just for movement and just getting out and meeting other kids his age."

Yeary went on to say she has been surprised at how much her son picks up.

"They absorb things as they go along," she said. "I find that interesting because he'll not pay attention to any song for a long while and then the next

time we go he'll start singing along with it, knowing the words. He heard them before, I just had no idea he was paying attention."

Collier-Wise has seen this type of progress quite frequently.

"I've seen that in a lot of the different ages we've had come through," she said. "You'll think they just come and run laps for twenty minutes and that's totally necessary too especially in the winter. It's nice to have a place to just come run laps. But then one day they'll be able to do another song."

"It's there in a time of their life where they're developing and changing a lot," she said. "My daughter when she started coming couldn't do much of anything. She just kind of sat there and now when she has the day off of school she comes and 'helps' teach, sort of."

For more information on this and other VADO classes visit www.vermillionareadance.com.

Open Meeting Law Changes In Effect

New laws, passed by the legislature earlier this year, take effect today in South Dakota.

The only new law affecting our state's open meetings laws deals with the posting of meeting agendas. The legislature passed a bill to clarify that agendas for public meetings of public boards such as school boards, city councils and county commissions must be posted and visible to the public for a full, continuous 24 hours prior to a meeting.

Previously, it apparently was not clear to some that the 24-hour posting requirement meant it be publicly posted for a full, continuous 24 hours prior. Some public officials apparently believed the old law meant the agenda could be publicly available for eight hours a day for three days prior to a meeting, thereby tallying a full 24 hours. In fact, the South Dakota Open Meetings Commission ruled last year that the law was not clear it required a continuous 24 hours of public posting.

So, the legislature passed a bill this year to clarify it. The law, as of today, now reads:

"1-25-1.1. Notice of meetings of public bodies—Violation as misdemeanor. All public bodies shall provide public notice, with proposed agenda, that is visible, readable, and accessible for at least an entire, continuous twenty-four hours immediately preceding any meeting, by posting a copy of the notice, visible to the public, at the principal office of the public body holding the meeting. The proposed agenda shall include the date, time, and location of the meeting. The notice shall also be posted on the public body's website upon dissemination of the notice, if such a website exists. For special or rescheduled meetings, the information in the notice shall be delivered in person, by mail, by email, or by telephone, to members of the local news media who have requested notice. For special or rescheduled meetings, all public bodies shall also comply with the public notice provisions of this section for regular meetings to the extent that circumstances permit. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor."

Two USD Students Part of Fulbright Summer Institute in United Kingdom

Two University of South Dakota students are among eight from around the United States to receive places on a Fulbright Summer Institute to study and explore for six weeks in the United Kingdom country of Wales.

Matthew Preszler and Anna Madsen will spend time at three Welsh institutions: Cardiff University, Bangor University and Aberystwyth University. Along with academic study, they and other participants will have the opportunity to explore the geography, culture, heritage and history of Wales.

Preszler, from Menno, is majoring in medical biology at USD and will be a sophomore this fall. Madsen, a Ruthton, Minnesota, native, is majoring in political science and also will be a sophomore.

The US-UK Fulbright Commission is the only bilateral, transatlantic scholarship program offering awards and summer programs for study or research in any field at any accredited U.S. or U.K. university. The commission is part of the Fulbright program conceived by Sen. J. William Fulbright after World War II to promote leadership, learning and empathy between the nations through educational exchange. The commission supports around 60 U.K. and U.S. undergraduate students in academic and cultural summer programs at leading institutions in the countries.

Meeting

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was on that panel and I didn't know who she was," he said. "We are only 20 miles apart and I didn't know their mayor. I didn't know anybody on their Council and I wondered how we could make that first step to get to know each other. Once you know someone, it is easier to talk to them and ask questions. So, it was just an opportunity to get everyone together and put a face to a name and have a quick discussion. Next time we have one, maybe we will have a higher comfort level just because we have met them and know you have had a discussion with them and we may be able to move into other things."

Carda noted that the two communities share similar struggles with attracting people and businesses to their respective towns, as well as finding adequate housing.

"Given our backgrounds, we don't know what each other is doing," he said. "But we could work more together. It's a different environment in the two towns. They have a lot of students, they have a big college, where Yankton has

a small college, with big manufacturing – they don't have as much manufacturing. But we both struggle with the same things: people and housing. How do you get more? We need to work together to find those answers."

Vermillion city manager John Prescott said the opportunity for the two boards to come together was a great first step to working together in the future.

"It's not that we don't work together now; it's more learning how we can grow in other areas," he said. "This was a great building base to help begin that dialog in a different tone perhaps than has taken place before. I just really appreciate that the council and commission took this time to meet. I am very happy and pleased to have this opportunity."

Yankton city manager Amy Nelson said she believes this may be the first time two city boards have held a joint meeting.

Both managers noted that they already work together on an informal basis.

"All the city managers in the state ... we all work together closely," Nelson said. "We have to. We are a large state with a small amount of large cities to get the jobs done. Maintaining that friendship and looking to see how we can get the job done is important to run our own communities better

and be more productive. Rather than say, 'Hey, what can we get done that these people can't?' It is better to push each other up and bring each other along."

Prescott also stressed that the communities are already linked.

"We have employees that commute between the two communities and we are more closely tied than I think we realize," he said. "I don't know that there is a magic solution or issue that will happen from this meeting, but I can envision a council member turning to me or Amy and saying, 'How does Yankton do that?' or 'How does Vermillion do this?' It planted a seed that maybe we can work together in the future."

During the meeting, the boards heard a report on the Joint Powers that oversees the Yankton Transfer Station and the Vermillion Landfill and Recycling Center, which is jointly managed by both communities.

Bob Iverson, manager of the Vermillion Landfill, said that the Joint Powers agreement was formed in 1994 and that it is one of the five largest landfills in the state.

Iverson said the landfill averages almost 21,000 tons from Yankton and more than 12,000 tons from Vermillion each year. He also said that they recycle nearly 1,110 tons of material each year; however that amount was re-

duced last year when Polaris started privately recycling its cardboard.

It was also noted that since May 18, when the landfill began recycling glass, they have collected nearly 1,100 pounds of glass in Yankton and 2,500 pounds of glass in Vermillion.

Iverson pointed out that the landfill has approximately 50 years of storage space left and that the boards should consider expanding now, as land is only going to get more expensive as time goes on.

Nelson also spoke to the boards informing them that the Yankton Transfer Station's scale and gatehouse area needs to be redesigned due to the scale not being repairable any further.

"Earlier this spring we had to have a repair team come in because the scale wasn't working," she said. "They told us they would not be able to fix it a second time. Because of that we are having Planning District Three work with us to write a grant for the DENR."

The expected cost of the project is estimated at \$800,000 with \$100,000 of that being for a year-long rental of a scale should the transfer station's current one break down again.

Nelson said the hope is to have the new scale and gatehouse area completed in 2016.

Young Eagles Soar At Local Airport

A Young Eagles event was held at Vermillion Airport on Saturday, June 27, 2015, from 9:00am to noon. Yankton Chapter 1029 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) conducted the event.

Pam Hamilton checked registration forms and assigned kids to pilots, Jerry Bailey filled in pilot information on registration forms, and Brenda Martens hand printed Young Eagle certificates. Gene Hornstra photographed activities.

Bob Grossmann flew one Young Eagle in his Mooney. Jacob Hoffner flew two kids in his Cirrus. Denny Martens flew two kids in his Cessna 172. Steve Hamilton flew two kids in Mr. Skyhawk. Skip VanDerhule flew three kids in his Mooney. Rolly Goeden flew three kids in his Cessna 182. Scott Olson flew 5 kids in his Cherokee 180. Total of 18 kids. One kid was from Sioux Falls, 3 kids from Sioux City, 13 kids from Vermillion, and one kid from Kempner, TX.

Young Eagles received a flight certificate, pilot logbook for free web-based ground school training (ages 13-17 years old), and their name will be placed in the world's largest logbook at www.young eagles.org. For more information contact Steve Hamilton at 605-665-8448.

The family of The Late Wayne Everson would like to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation for all the love, kindness, and thoughtful gestures during this time of bereavement. Wayne loved his hometown of Vermillion and always spoke fondly of the friendships and the memories he made there.

Your many acts of sympathy and support continue to be of great comfort during this time of sorrow.

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