

## SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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### 1976

Home Trust Savings & Loan is going all out to celebrate the Bicentennial. Their celebration will begin on January 1st.

Sheriff Arnie Nelson said that Clay County residents need to be aware that thieves are working on the area. They are taking everything from farm animals to colored TV's. In Vermillion, thieves have broken into Melstad Jewelry and removed \$4181.00 worth of Black Hills jewelry.

The new South Dakota Bicentennial license plates are being distributed this year. Instead of the standard numbers representing counties, the new plates will have abbreviations of the county name. For example, all plates starting with the "19" represented Clay County, under the new system, "CL" will be in its place. The plates will be good for five years but the fee still must be paid each year.

Dr. C. R. Herbrandson will close the doors to his office on March 1st after ten years of practice in Vermillion. He and his family

will be moving to Graybull, Montana.

The installation of the new roof at the Austin Whittemore House has been completed and other plans are in the process of being completed for further upgrading of the house. Phase II is for the mechanical and electrical work and Phase III is for refinishing of the first floor will be next.

CB's are fast growing means of a speedy communication. Handle, sling, nugatory, ears, ten-four and these are all words that are familiar to a CB operator.

Seven hundred twenty five people have signed up for rural water and paid their hookup fees on the first three days of the Clay Rural Water sign up last week.

Delmar Lynch and Marvin Staum were elected new members to the Board of Directors of Clay Union Electric Corporation.

Mrs. Delmar Lynch of Burbank will serve as Chairman of the 1976 Heart Fund Campaign in Fairview Township. Other committee members are Mrs. Joe Millette and Mrs. Richard Sorensen.

Guy and Raina, the popular husband and wife singing team

with the Lawrence Welk Show, has joined the list of celebrities who will be in Sioux Falls this week.

Lickity Split Ice Cream Store will open this weekend. Check out the 22 flavors at the new location, 125 E. Main, (corner of Main and Dakota).

High winds damaged three hangers at the Harold Davidson Airport on Friday. Sixteen local residences and businesses were also affected by the high winds. Gibson's Discount Store had to close as they were afraid their two front windows would shatter, but they didn't. Wind velocity varied from 25 to 50 miles an hour with gusts up to 85 miles an hour.

Gov. Richard F. Kneip will be in Meckling on June 22 to be a contestant in the "Bicentennial Beard Contest". The contest is open to the public. Entry fee is \$1.00.

Town Square Apartments in Vermillion is one of two of the first low-income housing units funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Section 8 Housing and Assistance Payment Program in the State of South Dakota and will be completed by July 1. There are 36

single bedroom units and 4 two bedroom units. The other unit is being built in Elk Point.

One hundred fifty five residents from Vermillion and surrounding area have tried out for parts in the upcoming Community Theatre presentation, "The Wizard of Oz". The production will be held on June 25-27th.

The Vermillion Area Arts Council and the Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee will sponsor a Bicentennial Display competition for all Vermillion businesses. Displays should feature the Bicentennial theme and historical items. Prizes will be awarded the top three businesses.

Golf league starts this week for about 140 men and many women who enjoy the game.

Groundbreaking for the Dakota Dome is set for Saturday, June 12. It will be held during the Golden Years Alumni Reunion. Construction of \$7.2 million Dakota Dome building will begin this summer.

The W. H. Over Museum will celebrate a 110th birthday this June.

A new eating place is opening at Vermillion on June 21st. Long

John Silver's Seafood Shoppe stresses fast, quality service on an excellent menu in the pleasant atmosphere.

The Senior Citizens are spearheading a Charter Life Membership Drive. The drive will end June 30, the end of the first year in operation at 320 W. Main. A life membership is \$100.00. If desired, the membership may be paid over a 12 month period. The goal is 50 members by the end of the fiscal year.

Dakota Hospital has announced a \$150,000.00 remodeling program. The needed improvements include a new elevator and additional storage space. There will be a new standby generator added and a new front door with new steps and a wheel chair ramp making it easier for visitors. The new parking lot east of the hospital will be completed in two weeks.

The Nook and Cranny received first place in the Bicentennial Display competition. Second place went to Sletwold Flower Shop and third place to Four Seasons.

The Senior Citizens Center sponsored a Bicentennial Fashion

Preview and a quilt display for one of the many Bicentennial programs. Mrs. I. D. Weeks dressed as Martha Washington and Albert Ransell in his black dress suit and silk hat were the highlights of the show.

A caravan of 75 Air Stream Trailers stopped in Vermillion on the evening of July 14. They are following the route taken by Lewis & Clark that will take 37 days to complete. They don't all travel on the highway at once and if they did the caravan would be five miles long.

A group of interested Vermillion area men met last week to organize a "Bridge Building Committee" with the purpose of building a bridge across the Missouri River at Vermillion.

Happy New Year from the City Council: Your electric rates are going up. If a customer uses 325 KWH of electricity, the rate will increase 35 cents. A commercial customer in the downtown district using 1400 KWH will have an increase of \$9.23. The rate increase was necessary to meet the seven percent rate increase enacted by the Bureau of Reclamation and becomes effective Jan 1, 1977.

## CAMP

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said. "We look at their grades, we look if they have ACTs and take those into consideration. There are some questions on there about why they're interested in health care, what are some of the important elements that they have identified.

"What we'll do then is go through those and select those students that we think are already on that track toward health care, and maybe going to college, or certainly some post-

secondary education," he said.

Some applicants may unsure as to what area of medicine they're interested in, and that's OK, Yutzenka said.

"We give them a checklist of things that they might want to hear about, and from that we try to design some of the things we may be able to make available for them," he said.

Van Kley added that the interests of other students may shift by the time the week is finished.

"A lot of them came into the camp thinking they knew what they wanted to do, but by the time they left they found another area that they never heard of that they were interested in,"

she said. "One of them was audiology. We had never had that in the program before ... and a couple of the kids were like, 'I've never heard of that, and I'm really interested in it.'"

Addressing the campers during the closing ceremony, USD President James Abbott said that whatever area they eventually choose, they will be needed to serve both the aging Baby Boom generation and people living in rural and other underserved areas.

"Remember, in this state, by definition rural means virtually every place but Rapid city and Sioux Falls," he said. "At least in our state, the need is everywhere."

Abbott stressed the importance of

the students taking leadership roles in healthcare, not only on the medical professional side, but the administrative side, as well..

"It's important, I think, to think about the diversity in healthcare," he said. "As the nation becomes more diverse, the needs in healthcare become even greater because different population groups ... have different needs. So that means even more professionals are necessary."

Van Kley said she hopes the students who took part in the camp last week will continue their research after they return home.

"I hope they seek out shadowing opportunities and volunteer

opportunities, and that when they head off to college that they have a pretty good idea of where they want to go and what they want to do," she said.

Those opportunities will continue to evolve, Abbott told the attendees.

"We didn't used to talk about health sciences," he said. "We talked about specific things. We now have an undergraduate major in health science because we know that healthcare and health sciences span a spectrum of things that need to be done, where expertise needs to be developed to take care of the folks who live in our state and our country."

"And I think the future of that kind of care rests entirely in your hands," he

## MEALS

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"Today's meal is almost like a picnic," Hudson said, "and using the federally-approved menus, we've just geared it toward things that work well with the kids.

"This program is really wonderful because I get to see all of the kids that I've gotten to know throughout the year from Austin and Jolley and the middle school and St. Agnes," she said.

State and federal regulations will take effect in October aimed at making improvements to the nutrition quality of school meals. Lunchtime Solutions is already taking steps to meet those guidelines, and the children participating in the summer meals program are benefitting from it.

"We've been integrating those changes this past year when we could," Hudson said.

The Vermillion Weekend Backpack Program (VWBP), which operates all year long in the community, is currently focused on Jolley Elementary. The school, in its role as summer meal site, also serves as the perfect distribution point for the backpack program while school isn't in session.

"This is the first time we've had an opportunity (during the summer) to have a captive audience where we can distribute food items to kids that come through this program," said John Lushbough, a leading advocate of the VWBP. "This is an ideal fit for

us."

Lushbough tries to visit Jolley Elementary every day. "Sometimes I have a variety of things to hand out that I won't distribute just on Friday," he said.

Hy-Vee, for example, provides bread to the backpack program, and Lushbough distributes that to youth as it becomes available.

"We also got bread from Jimmie John's last week, and I guess that's going to be an ongoing thing that's going to happen all summer, too," he said.

The VWBP is a non-profit organization founded in January of 2009 and is sponsored by the non-profit Vermillion Welcome Table.

Its mission while school is in session is to provide students in the Vermillion area who do not have enough to eat over the weekend an opportunity to receive snacks and easy-to-prepare meals for a nutritious

and fulfilling diet while away from school.

That mission is continuing each Friday this summer at Jolley.

"On Fridays, we do our distribution here," Lushbough said. "It's a program designed to help families and children that may not have enough food over the weekend. Normally, this program has been a school-year thing. We know at that time there are a lot of children who are eating free or reduced

school lunches during the week, but not might have enough food to make it through the weekend.

"Our whole purpose is to supplement," he said. "We're not feeding kids over the weekend - we're not doing that much - but we do try to supplement the amount of food available in their homes during the weekends."

The backpack program was modeled after the Feeding America Backpack Program and the Sioux Falls Backpack

Program, which are designed to meet the needs of hungry children at times when other resources are not available.

Each Friday, children are given the opportunity to take home a bag containing a dozen or so different items to supplement their diets over the weekend.

"We always have two or three pieces of fresh fruit, fruit juice, a couple of what we call 'entrée' items, such as apple sauce, or a choice of canned soup,"

Lushbough said. "We have a couple of different things like that."

"We just encourage kids under the age of 18 to join us for lunch," Beerman said. "We are encouraged by the numbers we are seeing, and we are encouraged by how smoothly this is being operated. The school board was also excited when they heard the numbers, and how successful the program had been in just the first two weeks."



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