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Vermillion Children's Theatre Looks 'Marvelous' In Summer Performance

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As last week came to a close, the children of Vermillion and their families packed into the gymnasium of the Jolley Elementary School.

They came to see their youngsters in a production of 'You Look Marvelous', a retelling of the story 'The Emperor's New Clothes' written by local resident, Steve Miller. Two guest directors from the Dakota Players, Jada Fisk and Eli Corbett, assisted the Vermillion Community Theatre (VCT) in their annual Children's Theatre Workshop.

Throughout the week, the children worked hard to learn and memorize the forty-five minute show,

culminating in a live performance.

As the show opened, the Seer (Corbett) lured his band of gypsies into a land unknown to them. The band of gypsies bore witness to the treatment of the townspeople by the overly fashion-conscious and slightly dictatorial Suzerain (Fisk).

As the story goes, the Seer tricks to the townspeople and the Suzerain into believing that he can create a new outfit that will be unlike any other. Also, this outfit can only be seen by those who look with their hearts instead of their eyes. Of course, this was a clever ruse to take advantage of the Suzerain, but the bigger message was that no one is perfect, it is okay to be silly,

and enlightenment comes from within.

With cute songs about ideas being powerful, looking marvelous, and seeing beyond the physical world, "You Look Marvelous" will no doubt resonate with the young artists that participated in it.

The Dakota Players, key to the success of the workshop, will continue being, "dedicated to empowering, educating, and helping to build the future for children throughout the Midwest."

To those who call the Midwest "home", thanks should be extended to the Dakota Players and VCT for keeping programs like this available to the children of Vermillion.

Looking ahead to other VCT endeavors, you can see

some of the same faces from the Children's Workshop in the production of "Mary Poppins," which is underway and set to open on August 21 at the Vermillion High School.

Mark your calendars and start looking for bouquets because the summer is passing quickly.

Young Eagles Event Set For Vermillion Airport

A Young Eagles event will be held at Vermillion Airport in the terminal building on Saturday, June 27, 2015, from 9 a.m. to noon. Yankton Chapter 1029 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is conducting the event.

The Young Eagles Program of the EAA has the goal of giving 100,000 kids age 8 to 17 a free airplane ride in 2015.

The EAA achieved their previous goal of flying 1 million kids by December 17, 2003, which was the 100th anniversary of powered flight first accomplished by the Wright Brothers.

The current total is 1.9 million Young Eagles flown. The program is closing in on the 2 millionth Young Eagle - will it be someone from Vermillion?

The YRAA has flown more than 2,700 kids in Young Eagle events at local airports including Vermillion, Yankton, Bloomfield, Gregory and Hartington in the past 22 years.

A parent of guardian must sign a registration form that will be available at the registration table in the airport terminals.

Young Eagles receive a flight certificate, pilot logbook for free web-based ground school training (ages 13-17 years old), and their name is placed in the world's largest logbook at www.young eagles.org.

For more information contact Steve Hamilton at 605-665-8448.



WIND DAMAGE



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Straight line winds rolled through Vermillion at about 5:15 a.m. Monday morning pushed behind a storm front moving at a 75 mph clip across the area. While Vermillion residents did not feel the full brunt of the storm, the punch packed by the winds in the storm still brought down trees in the community. Here a tree has fallen on a camper at the City's Barstow Park Campground located on West Cherry Street.

VCDC Encourages Vermillion Residents To Vote On June 30th

The Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company Board of Directors are encouraging Vermillion voters to take advantage of the opportunity for their voices to be heard and vote on June 30th in the Special Election. Voting will take place at the National Guard Armory / Community Center from 7am to 7pm on June 30th. Board President, Jim Brady says "The Board of Directors recognizes the importance of this election, especially the opportunity for each and every resident in Vermillion to have and voice their opinion. We understand the two issues on the ballot could be a little confusing because of the "yes" or "no" options and which each of them mean. So we want to make sure and do everything we can to have everyone educated on the issues and what a "yes" or "no" vote will translate to mean." This is a simplified explanation of those choices.

1. Malt beverage 5 percent markup fee on the wholesale cost to help pay for a portion of city bond debt (Prentis Park Improvements Project). The bond issue was

overwhelmingly voted for by Vermillion voters in Nov. 2014.

a. YES vote = Repeal the ordinance and do not generate funding support for the bond/Prentis Park Project.

b. NO vote = Keep the ordinance as adopted by City Council and collect the 5% markup on malt beverages to help support the bond/Prentis Park Project

2. Day-care regulations in Vermillion. (Registration, safety requirements, building & fire codes, not listed on the sex offender registry.)

a. YES vote = Adopt the ordinance passed by City Council.

b. NO vote = Do not adopt the ordinance.

You can also go to Vermillion's web page www.vermillion.us to find a link that will provide factual information about both issues; OR, anyone interested in the text of these issues can go to the City Finance Office for a sample ballot.

Absentee voting is currently open and can be done any time during business hours at City Hall leading up to June 30th.

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