

SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS



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The retail merchants will close at 11:30 AM on Labor Day and remain closed the rest of the day. This will enable the merchants and those they employ to attend the celebration and picnic to be held at Prentiss Park.

The chicken thief who took 250 chickens from the Hans Lyso farm is being held in the Sioux City jail. He is also wanted in Minnesota for similar robberies. It is thought he was a member of a regular chicken theft ring which headquartered in Sioux City.

Five arrests for intoxication were made here on Saturday evening. Three of the men were released the following day on \$25.00 bonds and will appear before Justice W. R. Cleland. The other two, both minors, were released to the custody of their parents.

South Dakota has had three more auto accidents the first seven months this year than during a similar period in 1935. There are 62 from January through July this year compared with 59 last year.

Daily camp meetings will be held the rest of the month. The revival meetings will be held in a large tent north of Ericson's service station. The meetings are carried on in a

manner of the old fashioned camp meeting and begin at 8:00 o'clock every evening.

The chicken thief is out on bonds. The Sioux City hoodlum thwarted local officers Thursday and temporarily escaped the clutches of the law when released from the Sioux City jail on bonds.

Mr. Michels has announced that Mr. & Mrs. Walter O'Connor will take over the management of the Varsity for the coming fall and winter.

The chicken thief has been found by Sioux City officers in a hideout near his home and has been turned over to Deputy Sheriff George Russell. Local officers predict he will plead not guilty and probably will be brought up for trial in October.

Two hundred sixteen freshmen registered at the University last Monday. The school expects 800 students this year.

TWO LADIES OUTWIT MASKED ROBBERS:

Sarah and Anna Larson had a nerve racking experience at their home in Norway Township. The sisters displayed courage that did credit to their parents, who settled on the farm more than 65 years ago. They outwitted two masked robbers Thursday evening and emerged victors of an experience they will never forget. The two sisters live on the old Christ Larson home place in the southern part of the township, where they were both born and where their entire lives have been spent. The house is a large one. Anna was sitting in the kitchen reading and Sarah was in the dining room lying on a couch listening to the radio at about 8:00 o'clock that evening when the kitchen door opened and two

masked men strode into the room brandishing automatic revolvers. They had crossed the back porch silently as there was a large rug on it leading to the door.

One of the men, both of whom appeared to be rather young and were reasonably well dressed, ordered Anna to go into the dining room, where she sat down on a sofa, and Sarah was forced down on the floor. They admonished them to keep quiet with a threat to kill them if they made any noise. It naturally irked the ladies and after a second's thought, Sarah replied: "If you are coward enough to kill me, go ahead." The remark surprised the robbers and a second later their calmness was shattered some more when at the top of her voice Anna shouted: "Bill, come down stairs." The men were very much perturbed by this time, and one of them wanted to know where the stairway was, at the same time letting go of Sarah. Sarah replied by pointing to another room, to which the robber went to guard the stairway while the second started to make a hurried search of a china closet and in a few other places for money.

Of course there wasn't any "Bill" upstairs, but the robbers had no way of being sure that the ladies were alone in the house and the cry for help nettled them. The moment the robbers inadvertently turned their backs, both ladies made a dash for the back door and succeeded in getting outside before the men could shoot, where the darkness protected them. They walked to the George Buchanan home, a half mile away, where they secured a rifle and returned with Mr. Buchanan. No trace could be found of the unwelcome visitors, so a messenger was sent

to the Ole Bottolfsen home, nearby, and from there word was sent to the sheriff's office here. The storm of several days ago had blown down all the telephone lines, so it was impossible to get central over the phone.

The men had been too excited to make more than a cursory search and then rushed out to their car and made a get-away. Sheriff Wm. R. Russell, Jr., and the ladies' brother Emil Larson, a resident of this city, went out immediately but as in the meantime other cars had come and gone, all tracks of the robbers' car were obliterated and could not be determined which direction they had gone.

The men both wore black cloth masks which covered their entire face with the exception of the eyes. From their actions, it was evident that they were either reasonably familiar with the surroundings or else had been informed as to what the "lay" was. Both were quite well dressed, appeared to be young, and the one who first accosted Anna seemed to be rather frail, she said. The father of the ladies, long since dead, was very well-to-do and is said to have kept large sums of money about the house. Whoever planned the robbery evidently thought that the ladies were in the habit of doing that too, when as a matter of fact they never have. Their brother, Emil, will remain with them nights hereafter, however, as a matter of precaution. As both of the ladies are expert rifle shots, being always capable of bringing a hawk on the wing down with a rifle, and as they will keep their rifles in more accessible places in the future, robbers may find it a rather tough proposition, they conclude.

Dold benefit at Eagles March 19

A benefit for Paul Dold, who is hospitalized after suffering a massive stroke in January, will be held at the Eagles Club in Vermillion on Friday, March 19.

A chicken and fish dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m.; a silent auction will be held from 5 to 9:30 p.m.; a live pie auction is scheduled for 6, 7 and 8 p.m., and the evening will conclude with entertainment by the Clay Creek Deaf Cowboy Band from 8 p.m. to midnight.

There will be a raffle for a 8x12 garden shed. The cost for dinner, dance and auction is \$10 per person. Admission for the dinner only is \$6 per person, and the cost to attend the dance or the auction only is \$5 per person.

Free will donations are welcomed. All proceeds for this event will support Paul's recovery and medical expenses.

Centerville Arts Council to present Guys and Dolls

The Centerville Community Arts Council is pleased to present the musical Guys and Dolls Thursday, March 25 and Friday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Centerville School Gold Gym. Tickets will be available at the door, \$8 adults and \$5 students.

Based on a story and characters by Damon Runyon, music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows, Guys and Dolls has been described as the perfect musical comedy. The storyline includes the unlikely romance between an innocent urban missionary and a slick gambler, along

with the romance between a crap-gang organizer and nightclub dancer who have been engaged for 14 years. Other colorful characters include a gang of gamblers (Nicely-Nicely, Benny Southstreet, Harry the Horse, Rusty Charlie, Liver Lips Louie, Angie the Ox and Big Jule). The musical score includes Luck be a Lady, Sue Me, I'll Know When My Love Comes Along, A Bushel and a Peck, and Guys and Dolls.

Guys and Dolls is presented with special arrangements from Music Theatre International, New York. For more information contact Deb Diercks, 605-563-2780.

Heartland Humane Society hosts Tails & Trails event in Vermillion

Heartland Humane Society invites the community to celebrate spring with the first annual Mutt March. The event will be held at Cotton Park in Vermillion on Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

The Mutt March is a fun event that will get you and your 4-legged friend out of the house after the long, cold winter. Walk with or without your dog. Heartland Humane Society's adoptable dogs will also be on hand to meet and walk with. Donations to the shelter will be accepted as well, with all proceeds going toward the care of our shelter pets.

"The Mutt March is a fun event where you can get out of the house and jump start

your fitness plan for the summer," said Tasha Anderson, executive director at Heartland Humane Society. "It's a great way to get some exercise, feel good about yourself and have fun with your pet - or ours!"

The Mutt March fundraiser will be held at Cotton Park in Vermillion on March 27. A flyer is available online at www.heartlandhumane.org or contact Tasha

Anderson at 605-664-4244 or email hhs@midconetwork.com for complete details.

Heartland Humane Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves Yankton and Clay Counties in South Dakota and Cedar County in Nebraska and surrounding communities, protecting and enhancing the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people. Visit Heartland Humane Society online at www.heartlandhumane.org.

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2009-2010 CURRENT
Make-Up Day Schedule
is as follows:
April 5th: School will be in session all day on Easter Monday.
April 26th: School will be in session all day - this will no longer be a Teacher In-Service day.
May 28th: Currently is scheduled as the last day of school with a 2 p.m. early dismissal.
Subject to change depending on the weather.

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The family of Arlene DeVary invites you to help us celebrate her birthday. We are not going to mention her age, but if you are counting - the score is 4!
Send cards to:
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Vermillion, SD 57069
Happy Birthday, Mom!

WELCOME

We're proud to welcome you into the world during February 2010!

The following 50 babies were born in Yankton at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital:

Hope	Anna	Dominique	Audriana	Darius	Bentley
Danielle	Isak	Giovanni	Marla	Jace	Jo
Olivia	Kylah	Shane	Dawson	Beckett	Isaac
Larissa	Delaney	Camdyn	Jolene	Keeler	Axel
Kayne	Isabelle	Hunter	Madysen	Luke	
Jenna	Candace	Ramil	Derek	Mollie	
Kameron	Autumn	Eva	Brooklyn	Marybella	
Madden	Wyatt	Emmaline	Christopher	Amarra	
Rena	Lavery	Tammy	Jesus	Bethany	

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