

Vermillion High School to host blood drive

Community Blood Bank's bloodmobile will be holding a blood drive on Wednesday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Vermillion High School. Residents will have an opportunity to donate blood, save lives and help maintain an adequate blood supply for the community.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 years old with a signed parent consent form found at www.cbblifeblood.org), weight 110 pounds or more and be in good general health. Please bring an ID with you. The donation process only takes 20-25 minutes on the bloodmobile. It is recommended that a person eat and drink plenty of fluid prior to donating blood. A person can safely donate whole blood every 56 days.

Community Blood Bank is the sole provider of blood and blood products for Sanford Vermillion Hospital, Avera McKennan, Sanford UMC Medical Center, VA Medical Center, Avera Heart Hospital of South Dakota, and 25 other local hospitals. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Clay Rural Water System schedules annual meeting

The Clay Rural Water System will hold its 31st annual meeting on Saturday March 27, in Vermillion.

The meeting will be held at the St. Agnes School Auditorium, located at 416 Walker Street, two blocks south of the Sanford Vermillion Hospital. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. with the business meeting scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m.

Members will hear reports from the board of directors and staff on 2010 operating activities. Results of the board of directors district elections will be announced. A representative from the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems will also speak on

rural water activities in the state. A special presentation will be given on the history of the water system - commemorating its 35th anniversary.

A pork loin lunch will be served following the meeting at 12 noon.

The Clay Rural Water System is a non-profit, member-owned corporation that supplies water service to 2,100 farms, residents, and businesses in parts of five counties in southeast South Dakota. Organized in 1975, the water system has been operational since 1979. Water service is also provided to the towns of Wakonda and Gayville.

Ray Hofman elected county Legion commander

Legionnaires from Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay, Douglas, Hutchinson and Yankton Counties gathered Saturday, March 13, at Corsica for the annual District 7 Spring Convention of the South Dakota American Legion.

Participants elected county commanders and vice commanders in the District for one-year terms during the business meeting.

The session also featured Post reports regarding the past year's unusual activities, Post Americanism reports, a membership turn-in, recognition of the District 7 Legionnaire of the Year and an address by State American Legion Commander Rod Martens of Black Hawk (member of the Piedmont

American Legion Post).

District 7 Commander Jim Hornstra of Springfield conducted the Legion business session and Corsica Post Commander Roger Bordewyk was in charge of local arrangements.

Arlon D. "Bud" McNeely was selected as the District 7 Legionnaire of the Year and will now compete in Spearfish in June for State Legionnaire of the Year. The county commanders elected are as follows: Don List of Yankton - Yankton County; Robert Rennolet of Menno - Hutchinson County; Leonard Cimpr of Tabor - Bon Homme County; Jay Youngbluth of Wagner - Charles Mix County; Ray Hofman of Vermillion - Clay County and Roy King of Armour - Douglas County.

Vermillion/Clay County EMS Department receives a Power-Pro Chair

Jerry Johnson, Dakota Hospital Foundation Board president, presents a Stryker power-pro chair to Aaron Leesch, director, Vermillion-Clay County EMS, Joe Kyte, a 24-year Vermillion EMS volunteer and Mandy Reed, paramedic.

"The stair chair, as we call it, is used to assist the crew in moving a patient from a downstairs or upstairs level to the main level of the building so the patient can then be loaded onto the cot. This particular chair has the ability to control the ascent/descent which will help in maintaining patient stability while moving them from one level to the other," said Leesch.

Recognizing the importance of safety not only for the patient but our dedicated EMS staff in Vermillion, Dakota Hospital Foundation voted to fund the purchase of the power chair.

"Dakota Hospital Foundation is pleased to provide such an important piece of equipment for our local EMS crew. This speaks to our mission of community health and wellness," said Johnson.



Pictured are Jerry Johnson, DHF, Joe Kyte, Mandy Reed, and Aaron Leesch, Vermillion/Clay County EMS.

Teacher-Ranger-Teachers positions are still available for summer 2010

Have you ever dreamed of being a park ranger? Do you want to have your own ranger hat? If so, there are opportunities in Yankton.

The National Park Service at Missouri National Recreational River is still accepting applications for summer 2010 Teacher-Ranger-Teachers positions. The new deadline for applications is April 2.

Teacher-Ranger-Teachers (TRTs) are just that and can have the best of both worlds. They continue their regular classroom teaching jobs during the school year and work as National Park Service Rangers for part of the summer.

"I am very excited to have received grant funding for these summer teacher

positions from the National Park Service's new Youth Partnership Program. The funding will enable the park to hire up to six teachers from South Dakota and Nebraska at the elementary, middle, and high school levels for up to eight weeks this summer. The primary projects that the Teacher-Ranger-Teachers will be assisting with are strategic planning for our new curriculum-based education program and developing a conceptual framework for future curriculum materials that address both state standards and park goals. Unfortunately, I have not yet received any elementary teacher applications," states Anne Doherty-Stephan, the new Chief of Interpretation and Education for the Missouri National

Recreational River.

Teacher-Ranger-Teachers will receive professional development hours plus \$300 per week. The park seeks and very much values the input of local teachers in the planning and design of the new education program that will meet their professional development needs as well as the academic needs of their students. The application and more information can be found on the park's Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/mnrrr/forteachers/professionaldevelopment.htm>.

For questions or more information, please visit the Web site above or call Anne Doherty-Stephan, chief of interpretation and education at 605-665-0209 x29.

Stanford 10/Dakota STEP to be given in Vermillion schools

During the weeks of March 29 through April 16 the Vermillion School District will be assessing grades 3 through 8 and 11.

These assessments inform parents, students, the Vermillion School District and State of South Dakota how groups and individuals are progressing educationally. All students in grades 3 through 8 and 11 must be assessed as mandated by the "No Child Left Behind" federal law. Students, parents, teachers, administrators and South Dakota DECA (Department of Education and Cultural Affairs) will receive results for analysis.

The test results are expected by the end of May and will be mailed to you. You are encouraged to contact the grade appropriate counselor if you have questions.

Barb Schwartz, counselor, Jolley School, 677-7015

Betsy Hughes, counselor, Middle School, 677-7025

Lea Gustad, counselor, High School, 677-7033
Patty Larsen, counselor, High School, 677-7033
Len Griffith, testing coordinator, High School, 677-7033

For more information on the dates the different grades will be tested and how to prepare your child to take a test, go to the Vermillion School District web page. Click on Guidance, then Dakota STEP Test information.

Parents, in preparation for these testing days please encourage your student to:

1. Get a good night's sleep.
2. Eat breakfast.
3. Have two sharpened #2 lead pencils with erasers.
4. Bring calculator for math assessment (grades 3 through 8 and 11).
5. Bring book to read or homework to do if student completes a test section early.

Darrel and Barbara Larson celebrated their 50th Anniversary on Feb. 27th

A family dinner is planned at a later date. Greetings may be sent to 1026 Tom St. Vermillion, SD 57069

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Muecke graduates from basic training

Army Pvt. Skeeter R.E. Muecke has graduated from the Basic Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, OK.

The course is designed to train servicemembers to maintain, prepare and load ammunition for firing; operate and perform operator maintenance on prime movers, self-propelled Howitzers, and ammunition vehicles; store, maintain, and distribute ammunition to using units as a member of battery or battalion ammunition section; perform crew maintenance and participate in organizational maintenance of weapons and related equipment; and establish and maintain radio and wire communications. Muecke is the son of Robin R. Muecke-Lamster and stepson of Ronald Lamster of Vermillion. The private is a 2005 graduate of Vermillion High School.

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