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It is the first state tourney trip for Miller since 1993 but the school's sixth overall.

Vermillion, too, is making its sixth trip to state in school history, and it is the sixth time 12 seasons the Tanagers have qualified. VHS was second in 2000, returned in 2001, placed third in 2005, went back again in 2006 and won it all at Spearfish in 2007.

Kelly Amundson explained what going to state means to her and her team. "The whole team has put in a lot of hard work over the years and over the summers," she said. "Making it to state makes all the extra practice worth it." She said the Tanagers' biggest strength is their teamwork and that "every one of us is a threat!"

Szymonski echoed those sentiments, adding, "We play so well together, selfless and cohesively. We trust each other and believe in the team and our potential."

She said the girls "push one another to be better" in practices. "Every day we are getting better, stronger and smarter as individual players and as a team. We love the game, but we love our teammates just as much. We are going to make the most of our last minutes on the court together."

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seriously be a potential employer, and hopefully give them enough of a background that the employer will invest in them to do some on-the-job training," Howe said.

When the students conclude their coursework they can then go out to potential employers, such as Masaba, and take a welding test.

"We haven't gotten the feedback on how they did with some of that employer testing, so once we get that ... we'll be able to find out what the status of those students was," Howe said. "If we have to revamp the class, we will do that."

A course such as this one plays an important role in Vermillion's changing economic landscape,

Robinson, one of five Tanager seniors along with Szymonski, Amundson, Bailey Carlson and Lexi Regnerus, concurred that teamwork and communication are the team's finest points. "We would give up our lower-percentage shot to give our teammate a high-percentage shot," she said. "We communicate so well. On the court you hear all five players talking. Even on the bench you hear the rest of the team talking and encouraging. It is so awesome to have a team that is confident in you!"

Regnerus noted that, going into this year, "we knew that it was our last chance to do something special and end the season in Spearfish, so we kind of buckled down and got the job done, I guess." She said she and her mates know each of them has her own role on the team and "we each play that role to the best of our ability for the good of the team."

The concept of teamwork that the Tanagers have grasped was also stressed by Mackenzie Huber. "On any given night anyone could have the top score, and each of us is happy to have the assist or screen." She said there is no pettiness, "and we have little drama for a group of girls who spend so much time together!"

Echoing her community's sentiments, Josie Huber said this is an opportunity "we will cherish for a long time. I love this team and everyone on it!"

Howe said.

"Vermillion has not had a tradition of the skilled trades," he said. "As we are recruiting these businesses and helping the existing ones grow, we're at a disadvantage with our workforce. We just don't have the skilled trades-people necessary to meet their needs."

Howe added that it's heartening to see different groups working together to help meet those needs.

"It means that this community is taking an active role in getting the workforce that they need so they can continue to grow in Vermillion," he said. "It's a real positive when we have these different entities working together to do this."

The city should hear within 30 to 45 days of applying whether it will receive the grant, Howe said.

City agrees to drainage study

By Travis Gulbrandson
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The Vermillion City Council voted to contract S.E.H., Inc., of Sioux Falls to complete a drainage study budgeted at \$70,000.

The action was taken at the council's regular meeting Monday night.

City Engineer Jose Dominguez said that despite the budgeted-for amount, the actual study will cost less.

"This study will be hopefully coming in for \$51,000, which is what the contract amount is for," Dominguez said. "The end result of the drainage study will be to provide the city with a capital improvement plan for drainage improvements in certain areas of the city."

The proposal had been discussed at the council's last regular meeting, which took place Feb. 21.

At that time, Dominguez said the study would divide the city into storage basins, and each basin would be surveyed for some time

into the future.

One of the major areas of focus will be land that is slated for future development, including the ground north of Main Street and west of Crawford Road.

They study also will look at the city's existing drainage policy to make sure it's "not being too strict or too lax," Dominguez said at the time.

According to a memo provided this week to the city council members, after two drainage areas are inventoried and modeled, a capital improvement plan will be provided to complete the modeling of remaining basins.

A further capital improvement plan will be provided to construct drainage improvements within the two drainage basins modeled.

The city also will be supplied with an implementation strategy which will be used to locate funding for the improvements and "also define triggers that will require the construction of a drainage improvement," the memo said.

The discussion was tabled Feb. 21 until

The fourth course was a "two-chef, one-plate duel" that consisted of seared diver scallops and a beef tournedo.

The fifth and main course was "whiskey piggy" – a whole grain mustard grilled center cut pork loin, with bourbon-glazed pink lady apples, truffle-crust mac 'n' cheese and pork belly greens.

"That was really popular," Waters said.

The final course was a dessert of "three southern belles" – a mini red velvet whoopee pie, a bourbon tartlet and a bananas foster shooter.

"It was different than we normally do on our menu, and it was something that Executive Chef Robert was excited about doing," Iverson said. "It wasn't fried chicken and cole slaw, it was a really elegant Southern meal. It was wonderful."

A total of about 140 people partook in the meal, which was served to them in two groups at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

"We flipped the restaurant in seven minutes," Waters said. "We got everybody out, and we got it re-set and ready to go in seven minutes. It was amazing. It went fantastic."

"It was better than we could have planned," Iverson added. "We tried to plan things and time things out, and actually we were



Dessert plates await completion at the Hell's Kitchen Wine Dinner, held last month at Café Brûlé.

(Courtesy photo)

able to. We were hoping to have more time to flip, but we didn't."

Waters agreed, saying, "People were enjoying themselves. They would probably like to have sat there another hour, but there was another hungry crowd."

Apart from the \$75-per-ticket price that diners paid, a number of vendors also helped out with donations toward DVSSOS, Waters said.

The total amount that was raised that evening is still being figured out, he added.

Iverson and Waters said they would be interested in doing

another charity event in the future – after they've recovered from this one, that is.

"It was exciting working for the charity. We would love to do that again," Iverson said. "Finding the right chef to work with Jim and put a meal like that, we would have to be selective. I thought it was a lot of fun."

DVSSOS provides free and confidential referral and crisis intervention services to victims and survivors of domestic violent, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.

SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Cleo Erickson

Excerpts from the Plain Talk

1972

Several people have suggested that autos are being driven too fast a pace through the city. It would probably be as well to go slower before someone is hurt as afterward.

Chester H. Johnson of Beresford succeeds John Scott in the Coyote Barber Shop. He is a steady workman and will hold his own with other Vermillion barbers.

Someone has expressed an intention of starting a green house in Vermilion and another man asked about the prospects of establishing a seed separating factory at this point.

In June of 1972, Oscar Howe, Professor of Art and Artist in Residence at USD, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters degree by Dakota Wesleyan University at Mitchell. For many years Dr. Howe has designed the corn mosaics at the Mitchell Corn Palace.

Minority groups in Clay County total 164. Of that number 118 are 16 years of age and older.

In 1875 the paper reported that the town has improved by the removal of a massive manure pile from Chestnut Street, near Michigan Avenue. Also reported was a fall taken by Mrs. H. J. Austin when she fell out of her buggy. She only received a light injury.

The 2nd Vermillion Municipal Band Concert will be held at Prentiss Park on July 12, 1972. The public is invited to spend a summer evening in the park.

The Paint Brush Corporation is a new business in town. The company has moved to Vermillion after 26 years of operation in Melrose Park, Ill. There are still a few last minute odds and ends that need to be taken care of before they are open for business.

Parents are being asked to buy locks for their children's bikes. The police department says there are numerous calls every day because of stolen bikes. A simple lock for the bike could prevent a lot of trouble for the police and a lot of frustration for your children.

Over 700 pounds of ribs were prepared by pros: Larry Mart and Tom Chaney for the Jaycees River Day barbeque on Sunday, July 30, 1972.

Like a falling star, the USD observatory fell last week. For 33 years, the observatory dome provided all night shelter for student star gazers. The telescope had a "weight clock" making it possible to correlate its movement with the rotation of the earth.

A local resident reported to the Police that she saw someone taking three trash receptacles from the light poles in the vicinity of Main

and Prospect streets. She was able to give a good description of those involved and the license number of the car. The party was apprehended and the receptacles returned.

The Cub Scouts started a pop bottle drive last week with each pack being assigned a specific area of the city to canvas. The funds netted from this drive are to be used for expenses of pack activities. Pack 165 collected 1372 bottles. Pack 321 collected 1346 and Pack 12 had turned in 740 bottles to date with more dens left to report.

The Co-Ed Theatre that burned down earlier this year will be sporting a new name when it opens

in the near future. Jack March, owner, said it will be known as the "Coyote Theatre". The theatre should be open in about two weeks but the management is awaiting the arrival of the new seats.

According to Carl Rauk, it is 100 years ago on December 2, 1972 since the first train arrived in Vermillion. The construction of the Dakota Southern began in Sioux City in August of 1872 and reached Vermillion in December of the same year. The line was finished to Yankton in January of 1873.

In 1880 the Milwaukee Railroad purchased the Dakota Southern and extended the line from Yankton

to Scotland in 1882 and from Scotland to Mitchell in 1886. The first depot in Vermillion was built in 1872 and the first agent was

George Kolb. The second depot was built in 1924 and is now vacated. Hundreds of people turned out for the dedication of the

second depot in 1924,

END 1972

Notice

Prairie Center Township Residents: Equalization meeting will be held March 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Appeal by property owners in Prairie Center Township must be sent to: Matt Olson, 31264 Greenfield Rd., Vermillion, SD 57069

Appeals to the local board must be in my hands by 5:00 p.m. March 16, 2012.



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