COMMUNITY NEWS

Sobriety checkpoints planned

The South Dakota Highway Patrol has sobriety checkpoints scheduled in March in the following counties: Bennett, Brown, Clay, Codington, Davison, Day, Fall River, Hughes, Minnehaha, Moody, Pennington, Roberts, Spink and Walworth.

Noem's office accepting applications

Rep. Kristi Noem is accepting applications for summer internships in her Washington, D.C. office, as well as in her offices in Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Watertown.

Student interns in Noem's office will assist staff with various constituent service and communications projects, as well as assist with legislative research.

Both South Dakota and Washington, D.C. internships provide students with first-hand knowledge of the legislative process and the countless other functions of a congressional

College students who are interested in interning in any of Representative Noem's offices should submit a resume, cover letter and references to Christiana.Frazee@mail.house.gov by

For more information, contact Christiana Frazee at (202)

USD readies for Science Olympiad

Seventeen South Dakota middle schools and high schools will compete in the 29th annual South Dakota Science Olympiad State Tournament on Saturday, March 23 at the University of

The schools scheduled to participate are Brookings High School, Dakota Valley Middle School and High School (North Sioux City), Madison Middle School and High School, Mickelson Middle School (Brookings), Missouri Valley Christian Academy (Yankton), Mitchell High School, Sacred Heart Middle School (Yankton), Spearfish Middle School and High School, Todd County High School (Mission), Tri-Valley Middle School and High School (Colton), Vermillion Middle School, and Yankton Middle School and High School.

In addition to the ongoing individual challenges and team events, there will be open house activities during the day, including a presentation by Sanford Research.

The state tournament will involve more than 225 middle school and high school students competing in several science

The top teams from each division will be invited to the 2013 National Science Olympiad Tournament in May. All events for the Science Olympiad are determined at the national level.

For the state tournament, faculty, staff and students from USD organize and judge the events.

A schedule of events is available at

http://sites.usd.edu/sdscienceolympiad/home.

For a brief description of the events, visit http://www.soinc.org.

Second Westerville Festival planned

Mark your calendars for the second annual Westreville Festival to be held Saturday, June 15, at the Pleasant Valley Church located at 45918 308th St., Vermillion.

The event will kick off at 8 a.m. with a 5K or 10K run or walk and a walk to historical cemeteries in the Westreville

Kids' events will begin at 9 a.m. and include a one-mile

bike ride or run followed by some dads vs. kids competitions. The Pleasant Valley ladies will again be providing coffee, pies and other sweets beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the church

It promises to be a fun-filled morning; watch this paper for future updates and information.

STAGE PRESENCE



Vermillion High School's Rhythm in Red performs at the conclusion of the Rhythm in Red Show Choir Invitational, held Saturday at Vermillion High School. Among the finalists in the performance competition, Mitchell placed first, followed by Sioux Falls Washington, Sioux City East, O'Gorman and Emmetsburg, IA.

(Photo by David Lias)

VCT announces summer musical

The Vermillion Community Theatre Board of Directors announces the selection of "Robin Hood, Spirit of the Greene" as the 2013 summer musical.

The musical was written locally and first performed in 2003. The original production was a community favorite and VCT has been repeatedly requested to remount the show.

The original script and music were written by the team of Anthony Burbach, Dan Miller, Steve Miller and George Schlenker. Steve Miller has reworked the script and written one new song for this summer's production.

Performances will be July 19-22 at the Vermillion High School Performing Arts Center.

Auditions will be in mid-May with rehearsals starting June 8. Jen Dickenson, director of last year's "Annie," will direct "Robin Hood."

The Vermillion Community Theatre Board of Directors has set the week of June 16-21 as the annual children's workshop for 50 actors completing kindergarten through fifth grade.

This event is presented in cooperation with Dakota Players who will cast, rehearse and perform a new play called "X is for Zebra."

The registration of \$30 can be made at the community summer activity event on May 8 or online.

Additional information on both events can be found at vermillioncommunitytheatre.org.

United Way of Vermillion wraps up 2013 campaign

United Way of Vermillion is almost ready to wrap up their 2013 campaign, but not without making a final push to raise the remaining \$9,000 to reach the campaign goal.

"We've had an incredible year, not just raising additional dollars, but getting lots of new people involved who are just finding out about the work that United Way does in our community," said Board President Dan Kenton. "Reaching \$115,000 would be the icing on the cake."

Meeting the campaign goal would allow United Way to fully fund awards made to nineteen local programs, from the Imagination Library book program and Beyond School Adventures to Meals on Wheels and Domestic Violence Safe Options Services.

John Lushbough directs the Weekend Backpack Program and the Back-to-School Backpack Program, two

recipients of United Way funding. "The United Way making their goal is a big deal for us and other folks who depend on that funding. Most small nonprofits around here don't have paid staff to do fundraising, so the United Way takes some of that pressure off of us and allows us to focus on our mission."

Donations for to the 2013 campaign will be accepted until March 31. Executive Director Kelsey Collier-Wise stressed the importance of gifts of any size. "Any donation amount makes a difference. This isn't a campaign made up of high rollers – it's a lot of people, giving what they can and making life a little better for their friends and neighbors.'

Tax deductible donations to the United Way of Vermillion can be made at http://unitedwayofvermillion.o rg/donate/ or sent to P.O. Box 216, Vermillion, SD 57069.

Don't forget to make your 2012 IRA contribution.



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The City of Harrisburg, "an equal opportunity employer," is currently accepting applications for a Planning & Zoning Official. Salary up to \$45,000; depends on experience and qualifications. Position description and information is available at www.harrisburgsd.gov.

Send application or resume, cover letter and work-related references to City of Harrisburg, PO Box 26, Harrisburg, SD, 57032 or to andrew.pietrus@harrisburgsd.gov. Deadline: March 15, 2013.



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