



Vermillion excels at state debate tournament

HURON – Vermillion dominated in several events to win the Sweepstakes Championship at the South Dakota State Debate And Individual Events Festival in Huron this past weekend.

The Tanagers, coached by Gracie Gill, took top honors in the several events:

- Seth Miller won the U.S. Extemporaneous category, with teammate Joe Miller finishing second.
- Robert Erikson won the International Extemporaneous division. Teammate Sowmya Ragothaman finished sixth. Also, Berk Ehrmantraut of Beresford was third;
- In Oratory, Vermillion's Sagarika

Ghosh finished fifth. Also, Beresford's Shelby Jensen was third;

- Ragothaman and Erikson were co-champions in Lincoln Douglas Debate;
 - Co-champions in Policy Debate were the Vermillion teams of Teagan McNary and Priyanka Ghosh, and Philip Erikson and Seth Miller;
 - In Public Forum, the Vermillion team of Seth Miller and Cody Kronaizl made the quarterfinals.
- In Class AA, Yankton's Alliyah Greaver made the semi-finals in Lincoln Douglas. In Public Forum, the Yankton team of Skorey and Clark were quarterfinalists.

SD Parks and Wildlife receives Charitable Trust Grant

PIERRE – Gov. Dennis Daugaard has announced that the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation (SDPWF) has been awarded a \$1 million grant by The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust.

SDPWF is a non-profit, independent support organization for the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks.

The grant will support a new world-class visitor center and theater to enhance the visitor experience in Custer State Park (CSP).

"I appreciate the Helmsley Charitable Trust's generous financial support of the Custer State Park Visitor Center project," said Daugaard. "Their generosity will provide visitors with a unique experience – something they can only gain at Custer State Park."

Daugaard and the SDPWF publicly recognized the Helmsley Charitable Trust and its representatives – Walter Panzrer, trustee, and Shelley Stingley, program

director – during the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Commission meeting this morning.

"This strategic grant will assure that the park's 2 million annual visitors will have an increased understanding of the wildlife, history and attractions at one of the largest state parks in the nation," said Spencer Hawley, president of the SDPWF Board of Directors. "It will be used for construction of the new theater, which will be the centerpiece of the visitor center."

The South Dakota Legislature and the Game Fish and Parks Department allocated a total of \$2 million to the CSP Visitor Center project in 2013 while the SDPWF committed itself to seek additional private funds for the total project budget of \$5 million.

Hawley emphasized that the grant puts the SDPWF in a position to leverage an additional \$2 million in private and public donations for the project.

March 18 is 'German Night' at Raziel's

German Night at Raziel's is a celebration of German culture and cuisine.

The World Language Club at Vermillion High School is hosting its first ever "German Night" held at Raziel's on Tuesday, March 18, from 6 to 9 p.m., with a short program at 7:30 p.m.

Authentic German meals will be served, with a portion of proceeds to support Vermillion High School's German students

who will be traveling to our Sister City, Ratingen, Germany, this summer as a part of the German American Partnership Program short-term exchange.

Diners will also be serenaded by a local brass ensemble, "Die Kleine Blasband", playing Oktoberfest style polkas, and a newly-formed rockband composed of high school students from VHS.

Cultural diversity focus of Festival of Nations April 6

By Travis Gulbrandson
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Area residents will have an opportunity to get the flavor of different cultures next month.

From 6-9 p.m. on April 6, the annual Festival of Nations will take place in the Muenster University Center (MUC) Ballroom.

The event will offer food from different nations, along with performances that highlight different cultures, in an effort to highlight the diversity of the USD campus.

"It's your opportunity to really get the authentic taste of food from different countries prepared by native cooks, and to see people in their traditional clothing sometimes, too," said Carolyn Prentice, Ph.D. associate professor of communication studies. "It's really a joyful occasion. It's a celebration, and a time of enjoying (cultures) being different, and yet the humanity of sharing food and songs and things like that together."

The cuisine of approximately 20 different nations will be available that night, Prentice said.

"We have a lot of international students, and they cook real, genuine Chinese cuisine, Indian food, African food," she said. "This year we're going to have a bunch of Latino food. Sometimes people, like Americans, reach back to their Norwegian heritage and things like that."

"I always cook some American food, because there's often people in the crowd who aren't quite so adventurous. There's just a broad range of different entrees, desserts and things like that," she said.

The event has been going for at least 15 years, with many members of the community and university staff returning each year, Prentice said.

"If we count all the cooks and the performers, too, there's at least 300 people there usually," she said. "That pretty much fills the MUC ballroom, and we can't really grow much more."

The Festival of Nations is organized by the International

Student Club, with assistance from other student groups such as the Asian-American Student Association, the Chinese Student Friendship Association and the African Student Association.

"We have to recruit cooks from all these different organizations and groups ... and make sure they understand the details of cooking for this event," Prentice said. "And of course recruiting performers and getting their music, decorating, advertising. The day of the event itself, when you have 300 people coming for dinner you have to organize it so everybody gets a chance at food and it's not total chaos."

"It takes a lot of us to really make it happen," she said.

Tickets for the event are \$12 for adults and \$7 for students. Children 5 and under eat for free. Proceeds will be donated to the International Student Scholarship Fund.

For more information, e-mail ISC@usd.edu.

Tanagers trounce Huskies in Region 2A Tourney

By Scott Bormann

The Vermillion boys' basketball team got out to a fast start in the opening round of the playoffs against Elk Point-Jefferson on March 6. They led 18-5 after the first quarter and extended their lead to 31-13 at halftime.

The Huskies made some much-needed adjustments during intermission to outscore the Tanagers 13-5 in the third quarter, but still trailed by ten points. The home team controlled the game down the stretch, extending their lead to 16 by the end of the game.

The Tanagers were led in their balanced attack by two seniors and a junior scoring in double-figures. Jayce Huska with 15 points, four rebounds, three steals and seven assists. Carter Andre and Nick Jensen each scored a dozen points. Andre also grabbed a defensive rebound and a steal. Jensen added six rebounds and four steals.

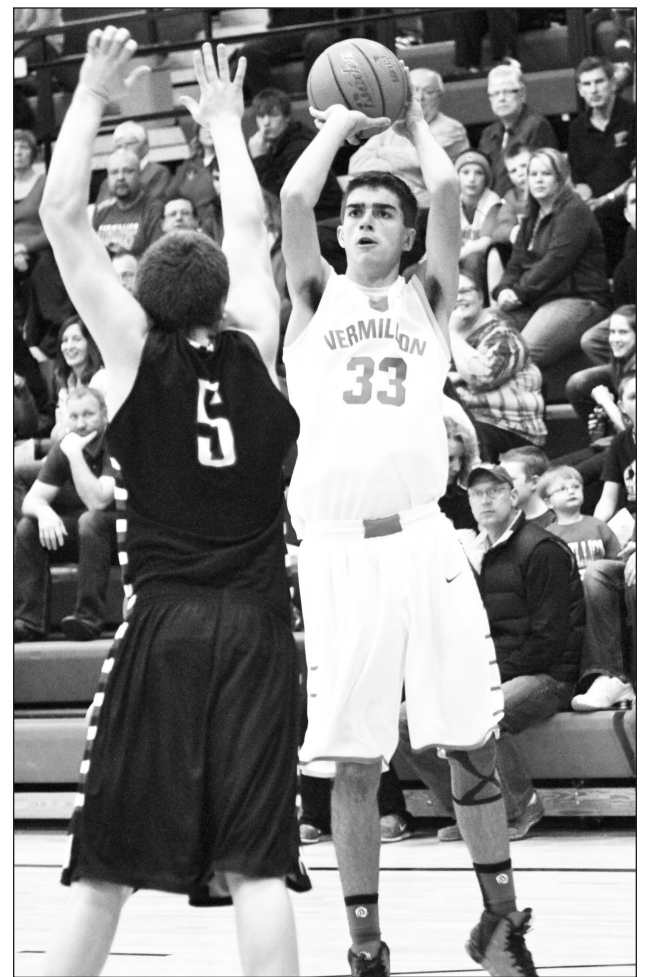
Jordan Brandon led the Huskies with 16

points, while Adam Shanks added 14 points. The Huskies ended their season with an 8-13 record.

Tyrell Harper helped Vermillion with nine points, eight rebounds, three steals and three assists. Cooper Williams scored eight points, grabbing a pair of boards and four assists. Jeremiah Johnson added one point, one offensive rebound and one steal. Paul Schwasinger tallied two assists.

The Tanagers (16-5) next see action in Canton when they take on Beresford (12-9) on Mar. 8 at 7:45 pm in the semi-finals of the Region 4A tourney. The winner of that game will take on the winner of the Canton (16-4) versus Tea Area (13-8) at 5:30 pm in Canton on Mar. 8.

To get to the State A Tournament in Sioux Falls, the Vermillion hoopsters will most likely have to get past Canton, who beat them by 14 points on Feb. 28 in Canton.



Vermillion's Carter Andre goes up for a jump shot during last Thursday's action against Elk Point-Jefferson. Andre, who scored 12 points, was part of a balanced scoring attack.

(Photo by David Lias)

Anderson named chair USD Dept. of Family Medicine

The University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine announced that Susan Anderson, M.D., director of the Frontier and Rural Medicine (FARM) Program, has been named the next chairperson of the Sanford School of Medicine's Department of Family Medicine, replacing Dr. Bruce Vogt who will retire in June. Anderson has been a faculty member in the Family Medicine Department of the USD Sanford School of Medicine since 2000.

Mary Nettleman, M.D., M.S., M.A.C.P., vice president of health affairs and dean of the Sanford School of Medicine, said that Anderson, a 1997 graduate of the School of Medicine, will oversee the department and work effectively and collegially with colleagues in the community and

throughout the state to advance the mission of the Family Medicine Department in both rural and urban areas.

"We're pleased to have Dr. Anderson lead the Department of Family Medicine as her experience with the FARM Program and her knowledge of family medicine are a perfect fit for the Sanford School of Medicine," Nettleman stated. "Dr. Anderson is a team player with highly developed skills in collaboration, communication and mentorship. She has the ability to inspire and mentor students as well as lead a talented faculty and staff."

Anderson, a native of Canistota, graduated from South Dakota State University in 1992 and graduated from the University of South Dakota

School of Medicine in 1997. She was chief resident at the Sioux Falls Family Medicine Residency Program and is board certified in Family Medicine while practicing at Sanford USD Physicians Clinic in Sioux Falls and Canistota. She currently serves as medical director of the Canistota Good Samaritan Center.

In addition to serving as director of the FARM

Program, Anderson is currently associate professor and vice-chair of Clinical Foundations and Rural Education, director of the Clinical Foundations component of Pillar 1, and a member of Gov. Dennis Daugaard's Primary Care Task Force and the USD Sanford School of Medicine Alumni Council. She and her husband Matt reside in Canistota and have four children.

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