



Vermillion's Tyrell Harper drives for the basket and scores during Tuesday's Region 4A championship game against Tea Area. Harper led the Tanager offense with 20 points.

(Photo by David Lias)

Farm machinery, equipment lost in shed fire

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A machine shed fire outside Vermillion resulted in the loss of several large pieces of equipment last Thursday.

Local units were called to 31121 470th Ave. at approximately 8:13 a.m. when smoke was spotted coming out of the shed by a passerby, Fire Chief Shannon Draper said.

The metal building measured 100 by 80 feet, and was full of farm machinery and vehicles, resulting

in the loss of a combine, a JD tractor, travel trailer, tires and a horse trailers.

Numerous other pieces of equipment sustained damage, as well, but Draper said it wasn't as extensive as it might have been.

"The crews did a really good job," he said. "It's not a good thing to have a fire, but every time the crews are going out, they are impressing me with their skills."

"They made a really good stop on this. They really kept it on one side of the machine shed," he said.

Responding units included both Vermillion fire stations, the Vermillion EMS and the Clay County Sheriff.

Units began going back into service around 11 a.m., although Draper stayed on the scene until 4 p.m. performing the investigation with someone from the state fire marshal's office.

Although a cause of the fire has not yet been determined, Draper said he estimates it was burning for approximately two hours before it was discovered.

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they went in I was their biggest fan when they did," coach Fechner said, recalling the first period shoot out. "We haven't shot three's very well for quite a while, and we were about 63-percent from the three at the half; and its tuff to beat a team that's shooting that well."

Vermillion was down by five points at the half after the Titans scored 10 unanswered points in the second period. Harper scored 15 points for the Tanagers and Nick Jensen scored 10 points.

The Titans shut down Vermillion's lead scorer, Harper, holding him to five points in the second half to score 20 points for the night. Also for the Tanagers, Jensen scored 13 points for the night.

"(Smallfield) has carried us point wise quite a bit of the year, he and Saber and Gunnar Ensz," coach

Fechner said. "Jordan hit some big shots early, but we rely a lot on Terin, Ryan and Gunnar."

In the win for the Titans, Smallfield led the team with 16 points, and Ryan Sabers and Fechner scored 13 points respectively.

Next, the Titans will start the Class A state tournament action as they look to improve upon their 2013 state runner-up finish.

"What we told the guys getting there last year was get to the night session," coach Fechner said. "We wanted to get to the night game. We caught a break with Clark-Willow Lake, going up against Platte-Geddes, we were fortunate enough to get there. A little bit harder road, you know this year because the seeds are going to be pretty good. But everyone's got to play so you just go and do what you do."

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South Dakota recognized for antibiotic prescribing efforts

PIERRE – South Dakota's effort to address the growing problem of antibiotic resistance is drawing national attention. The state's antibiotic stewardship program is featured in the March Vital Signs publication on the subject from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Every year two million Americans are infected with bacteria that are resistant to current antibiotics and more than 20,000 die from those infections," said Angela

Jackley, health care-associated infections coordinator for the Department of Health. "It's critical that we do everything we can to make sure antibiotics are used only when they're really needed so they remain effective."

Jackley said the department and its partners are working statewide to improve antibiotic prescribing. The effort includes training for health providers on drug resistance and appropriate use of antibiotics. Those

involved in the effort include Avera Health, Regional Health, Sanford Health, hospitals, long term care facilities, clinics, the South Dakota Infection Control Council, the South Dakota Pharmacy Association, the South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations, the USD Sanford School of Medicine and the Indian Health Service.

CDC's Vital Signs publication can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/>.

South Dakota's story can be found under the related pages link. Vital Signs is issued monthly to offer recent data and calls to action for important public health issues.

Along with being featured in the publication, South Dakota was also asked to participate in the Vital Signs town hall teleconference for national health officials to share lessons learned from its antibiotic stewardship program.

Business opportunity at L&C Recreation Area

PIERRE – Entrepreneurs interested in operating a marina on Lewis and Clark Lake near Yankton can now begin submitting their proposals according to the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks officials.

"Lewis and Clark Recreation Area is a popular outdoor recreation destination for South Dakotans as well as residents of neighboring states," said Doug Hofer, state park director.

The prospectus for the operation of Lewis and Clark Marina is available, and details the terms and conditions under which interested

operators may submit a proposal for consideration. It also includes a detailed business opportunity, the investment requirements necessary to submit a proposal and a draft concession agreement for a term of ten years.

Required services include a marina, full restaurant service, boat repair and service department, retail goods and boat fuel.

Proposals must be received by 3 p.m. on June 30.

"Lewis and Clark has proven itself as an extremely popular and busy park. Annually, visitation at Lewis and Clark exceeds one million visitors and is

second statewide only to Custer State Park," added Hofer.

A copy of the prospectus is available by contacting the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Division of Parks and Recreation at 523 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501 or at (605) 773-3391.

Printable versions of the prospectus are also available for free download from the Game, Fish and Parks website at <http://gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/lewis-and-clark>.

Lewis and Clark Recreation Area is located approximately 5 miles west of Yankton off of Highway 50.

EQIP, Vermillion River project form partnership

NRCS's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Vermillion River Basin 319 Implementation Project have formed a partnership where persons in the Vermillion River Watershed can receive both technical and financial assistance from both programs after acceptance into EQIP.

Some of the practices included are Riparian Area Management, Rotational Grazing Systems including Rural Water hook-ups,

Pipelines, Tanks, and Cross Fencing; Grass Seedings including Filter Strips and Grassed Waterways; and Animal Waste Systems. Several of these practices are tied in with CRP so as soon as the new farm bill allows us we will be available to assist producers with CRP.

Interested landowners should contact their local NRCS/Conservation District office or Elmer Ward the Vermillion River Basin project coordinator at (605) 280-8518.

VERMILLION FIRE EMS CALLS FOR SERVICE

03/03/2014 6:18 a.m. – EMS: Medical
03/03/2014 4:03 p.m. – EMS: Medical transfer
03/03/2014 4:05 p.m. – EMS: Medical
03/03/2014 9:56 p.m. – EMS: Medical
03/05/2013 5:20 p.m. – Fire/EMS: 202 E. Clark. Fire alarm reported, burnt food on stove
03/05/2014 8:30 p.m. – Fire: Assist police department
03/04/2014 1:59 p.m. – EMS: Medical

03/06/2014 9:12 a.m. – Fire/EMS: 31121 470th. Machine shed fire
03/06/2014 9:16 a.m. – EMS: Medical transfer
03/06/2014 3:30 p.m. – Fire: 31121 470th Ave. Rekindle fire
03/07/2014 12:12 a.m. – EMS: Medical
03/08/2014 3:57 p.m. – EMS: Medical transfer
03/09/2014 4:28 p.m. – EMS: Medical
03/09/2014 11:38 p.m. – Fire: 114 W. Cedar St. Multiple fire alarms going off

NOTICE

THE ANNUAL SPRING LOAD LIMITS will go into effect March 17, 2014 on Clay County roads. Limits will be enforced as posted. We ask for your cooperation at this critical time of the year. Studies show that roads lose over 60% of their strength during the spring thaw. Research by the South Dakota D.O.T. claims road damage by one legally loaded truck causes as much damage as 9,600 cars. One truck with 20% overload causes as much damage as 19,200 cars. You can be assured, we will not have the load restrictions in effect any longer than necessary to protect the large investment you have in your County Highway System.

There will be no over-width or over weight permits issued during this period.

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identified challenges," Welch said. "That gives us a road map and a list of goals and things to go after."

"I'm hoping and planning on continuing to add to the success of recent economic development projects, helping the Eagle Creek project continue and helping those jobs continue to grow and bring more opportunity to the area," he said.

"Also, I plan to be helping to get Bliss Pointe with more than 70 homes up – to have those lots sold, get homes built out there, and help us to improve the housing market and the affordable housing that we have in and around the community."

Welch was previously employed in Sioux Falls where he currently serves as the vice president of operations for Sioux Falls Sports, LLC. Previous to that, he worked in the areas of fund development for Dakota State University and the University of Sioux Falls.

Welch helped create and later served as the president of the Sioux Falls Chamber Young Professionals Network.

Welch succeeds Steve Howe, who has served as the VCDC executive director for the past six years. Welch and Howe will work together over the coming months to ensure a smooth transition.

"I hope to bring (to the job) some of my youth and my energy, and my experience with young professionals," he said, "and to be able to build an even stronger relationship with the university and with the community, and try to figure out how we can engage current students to look at starting up businesses here, look at starting to work here, at look at sticking around so that we can continue to have that age demographic grow."

Welch noted that the 24- to 29-age range has had a zero net growth in the community from 2000 through 2010.

"The next couple demographics are even negative, and then there's a

zero net up until about the age of 54," he said. "Those are very important numbers, because, as everyone knows, those are prime spending years, prime earning years, and we want to be able to find ways to create jobs for that age range, and also create a community in which people want to live and start families here."

"I think what's so exciting about this is Vermillion already has all of that, and we just need to tell that story so that people want to stick around or move to Vermillion," Welch said. "What's great is that Vermillion still has that small-town feel and touch, and I think by knowing who your city leaders are, by feeling connected with them, by playing an active role in the community – whether that be serving on boards, whether it be volunteering, whether it's simply just getting your kids involved in school or other activities – that person-to-person contact, I think will be a great opportunity to share that story."

He feels fortunate that his work background includes a "unique and eclectic" sports background.

"I actually started off as the mascot for the minor league team up in Sioux Falls back when they were the Canaries, and then I got a scholarship to be the Nebraska mascot, and then traveled around the country as a couple other additional mascots, and started up my company where I did consulting with that," Welch said. "Most recently, I was with the (Sioux Falls) Canaries and the Stampedede as their vice president of operations and general manager, and I think that really taught me to think creatively, and to be able to understand the business aspect of something that we often just look at as an entertainment factor."

Welch and his wife, Krista, are the parents of two daughters, Mya, who will turn 5 in April, and Isabella, who will turn 2 later this month.

"They are such a joy right now; they are so much fun," he said.

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