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It's time to enter the big time as Chloe Nielsen opens up Clotique here in Vermillion. The Vermillion High School senior began her business online and now she is ready to sell to those who walk through the doors at 820 Cottage Avenue.

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Get Ready, Clotique is Here

BOUTIQUE GEARS UP FOR GRAND OPENING, HOPING TO PROVIDE LOCALS WITH NEW OPTION

By Katie Clausen
For the Plain Talk

Monday can't come soon enough for Chloe Nielsen of Clotique, teenage purveyor of the clothing boutique set to provide a new shopping avenue for locals.

"I'm excited to see who will be coming in," Chloe said. "It's going to be really interesting to see how the first few weeks go."

Chloe has been balancing school, her social life, and opening the store front in hopes that her fashion sense can help others find quality products close to home, and at a fair price. What

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Governor Dennis Daugaard, seen here last fall visiting with Vermillion High School students, returns to Clay County on Tuesday when he will be the guest speaker at the Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company's (VCDC) annual banquet.

FILE PHOTO

Daugaard Set to Be Guest Speaker at VCDC Event

By Alan Dale
The Plain Talk

On Tuesday, the Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company's (VCDC) annual banquet will have an appreciated guest speaker as Governor Dennis Daugaard will make the visit to Vermillion.

The banquet will be held at the Vermillion Technology Center (VTC), located at 1012 Princeton, and honored guests will include Senator Tim Johnson and Barb Johnson.

This is the first time Governor Daugaard has come to be our speaker for our annual banquet," VCDC Executive Director Nate Welch said. "I'm not sure if the VCDC has had another sitting governor as the speaker, but I don't

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VHS BOYS' SOCCER TO BE SANCTIONED SPORT

By Sarah Wetzel
For the Plain Talk

The Vermillion School Board unanimously passed a motion to sanction both the girls and boys high school soccer teams for the 2015 season much to the relief of parents and students who attended the board meeting Monday to show support for the motion.

The girls team was sanctioned about a year ago according to soccer representatives and they had a good season last year.

The board was presented with a budget to include not only the girls but the boy's team as well.

"The parents and the

soccer association will pay for the 2015 season for the boys and the girls," a representative of the soccer program stated. "We are not asking for any contribution from the school board for this year. We have the funds available. We anticipate that we will not be asking for funds next year as well. If we go above budget, it will be made up by the parents and the soccer association."

According to the school board, not only did the girls' soccer fund their program last year, they raised \$6,000 over what they ended up spending.

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In-Home Daycare Registration Decision Looms

By Alan Dale
The Plain Talk

Daycare in Vermillion could undergo major changes if a city council proposal for an ordinance that those who offer services should be registered with the city becomes a reality.

That reality could happen Monday at the next City of Vermillion council meeting set for 7 p.m. at City Hall.

In a special, informational, meeting with childcare operators on Feb. 23, the council voiced

feelings that it would be a move that would simply enhance safety.

"The city council raised the question during budget meetings last August," Vermillion City Manager John Prescott told *The Plain Talk* later. "I don't recall the exact item or question that started the discussion but it moved to an awareness that the city did not know where the daycare facilities were located in the community and that there were no guidelines they had to follow with respect to safety if they are not

registered with the state. You reference in the "The city has only been talking about a local registration."

According to Prescott, city staff members looked over local daycare codes throughout the state and brought the proposal to the city council. He did not recall if any particular incident involving a private daycare and safety issues was what initiated these discussions.

Registration with the city would require providers to have a fire extinguisher, smoke

detector, fence (but that can be waived if parents sign off), CPR certification for provider, being asked to check sex offender registry to check background of workers/helpers and an applicant must be at least 18 years of age, according to Prescott.

"That has been discussed with council on a couple of occasions as well as the providers that we are aware of," Prescott said. "The proposed ordinance has been modified from

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Vermillion High School's debate team, consisting of (left-to-right) Adam Jensen, Kaleb Blue, Joe Miller, Sowmya Ragothaman, and Erika Moen, brought home some serious hardware from the recent state meet.

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No Debating These Champs

LED BY MOEN, VHS DEBATE TEAM HOPES TO STAY TOP NOTCH

By Alan Dale
The Plain Talk

If you get into an argument with Vermillion High School junior Erika Moen be warned:

The young lady is a state champion in debate and it would behoove one not to disagree with her on that fact.

Moen, won the Class A state title in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and along with teammates Joe Miller and Sowmya Ragothaman, who won the Foreign Extemporaneous policy state title in Harrisburg last weekend, she

has played a huge role in keeping the standard high for the high school debate team in 2014-2015.

Her hard work not only paid off in capturing a state crown, but Moen has also been named as an alternate from South Dakota for the National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) finals that take place in Dallas on June 14-19.

Moen earned that place in Lincoln-Douglas by finishing third in a national qualifying event three weeks ago in Sioux Falls, one spot out of an official place in Dallas.

This year's topic was a debate on the merits of a minimum wage.

"It's a little disheartening to get to the final round and not actually make

it after putting so much work into it," Moen said of her national qualifying finish. "I did lose that round. But I am ready to come back next year and go to nationals."

Lincoln-Douglas debate protocols are based on the 1858 Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas debates that focused on slavery and the morals, values, and logic behind it. They are designed to center on a proposition of value. A proposition of value concerns itself with what ought to be instead of what is. A value is an ideal held by individuals, societies, governments, etc. Debaters are

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Have Dogs, Will Walk

VERMILLION'S EMMICK IS BEST FRIEND FOR MAN'S TOP COMPANION

By Sonia Hernandez
For the Plain Talk

The life of a dog walker can be chaotic at times, but Jason Emmick of Vermillion is more than willing to take up the rewarding job.

Emmick has been walking dogs in Vermillion for two years, and walks roughly 11 dogs on a regular basis. He is also junior at the University of South Dakota majoring in Sustainability, and works part-time at R-Pizza located on Main Street.

"All of the animals are a lot of fun and I really like spending time with them," Emmick says.

Erin Beyers started walking dogs in Vermillion three years ago, but after assuming other responsibilities has referred many of her clients to Emmick.

"He has such a way with the dogs," Beyers says. "Even the ones who usually don't like men are comfortable around him."

Katie Kassin, Vermillion resident and owner of three dogs, has taken advantage of Emmick's services for two years.

"He is absolutely amazing," says Kassin. "He came over



Jason Emmick walks his dog Jake (far left) with Chelsea Wesner's dogs Gus (middle) and Ella (right).

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