

art OF VERMILLION

by **Sonia Hernandez**
For the Plain Talk

Have Dogs, Will Walk

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 in the middle of winter when I had a baby shower and took the dogs to his place for a couple of hours. We are super appreciative of him." Among Kassin's three dogs is Piper, a Dachshund who experienced injuries resulting in her inability to expel urine. "Our dog Piper suffered a spinal injury and could not be operated on," says Kassin. "Her walking is a little shaky since then but she does fine - other than her bladder issues." Piper's bladder must be expressed three to four times a day. When caring for Kassin's dogs, Emmick has been more than willing to take up the task. Piper is also usually not fond of males, but has taken a liking to Emmick. "He does a really good job with Piper and dealing with her issues," says Kassin. "I was mostly worried about hurting her because she



Jason Emmick walks his dog Jake (far left) with Chelsea Wesner's dogs Gus (middle) and Ella (right).
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is such a small dog, but once I learned how it really wasn't a problem," Emmick says. Emmick's Dad used to raise dogs, so Emmick has spent quite some time around dogs. "My Dad raised different kinds of dogs for hunting and what not, so I have some experience with them," says Emmick. Though a humble job it might be, there is undoubtedly a need for the services Emmick provides to the community of Vermillion. It is a job that mainly animal owners can appreciate. "If we didn't have him around, we wouldn't be able to do certain things on a regular basis," Kassin remarks. "You move to a community and think about making sure you have a physician or a dentist, but you don't really think about needing someone like Jason." Chelsea Wesner, Vermillion resident and dog owner has employed Emmick's services for a year and a half. "He's been wonderful, and the dogs just love him," says Wesner. Wesner owns three dogs, two of which are quite large. Emmick walks these dogs about two times a week for usually one hour alongside his own dog. "He walks them during rain, snow and sunshine," says Wesner. "We have a baby which makes it difficult to take them out, especially during the winter months, so it's good that Jason helps us out even when it is cold outside." Emmick walks dogs all year long, but also tends to other animals his clients may have in addition to their canines. "It keeps me busy, and it's fun to take care of different animals. Every animal has their own personality," Emmick says. Having busy schedules, children and careers, animal owners sometimes find themselves in difficult situations when it comes to finding someone to care for their pets. That is when they call Emmick, whose experience and natural ability to connect with animals makes him invaluable to his clients.

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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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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 originally began as an online store from the inspiration of Nielsen's taste in fashion has now morphed into a full on storefront, with big intentions. "I kind of spend all of my time here," Nielsen said. "I like making people happy, so when I see people come in here I want them to leave satisfied and have something in their hand that makes them feel happy and makes them feel good about themselves." After giving the old liquor store space a bit of a makeover, the atmosphere is welcoming. There are racks of clothing appealing to a wide range of personal styles and types, just begging to be sifted through. "I've always been interested in fashion and trends," Nielsen said. "Once I have started this it has changed my perspective a little bit. Now I realize it's about people feeling good about themselves." Bright colors and patterns adorn the garments hanging on racks in the store front. There are many different textures, styles and sizes available. "I think it's a good resource for women in Vermillion," Nielsen said. "It's just easier for people to shop in town and I think it's going to be good for the community." Opening the boutique has been exciting for Nielsen, but challenging for the Vermillion High School senior as well. "It's kind of eye opening, all of the responsibilities," Nielsen said. "It's not easy." Chloe has been able to accomplish opening the store with the help of her mother, Tamie. "Over here we will have accessories," Tamie Nielsen said. "And next to that a big mirror so you can see how you look." Dressing rooms with character make the boutique feel welcoming and enhance the shopping experience, putting it on a fun, fresher level. Chloe wants to make sure that all budgets and personal tastes are represented in the clothing she creates her inventory from. "We have clothes ranging all the way from 20 dollars to something like these shoes that are 220 dollars," Nielsen said. "We try to fit a

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