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"Our office and our conversations in our everyday business allow us to make sure and provide information on the building right away as well.

"Even having the annual (VCDC) banquet at the VTC on Tuesday was a way of our marketing. Now, we have hundreds of people who have seen the inside of the building and see how great it is. They are also our advocates and some possibilities (for tenants) as well."

Welch remains open to the types of businesses who could occupy the technology center.

"There are certainly some different types of sectors that are more attractive to this kind of building," he said. "But again, with the versatility of the building, it is very customizable for us to be able to now look out for the best opportunities, rather than just one or two sectors."

The VCDC holds certain expectations when it comes to marketing the technology center, Welch said.

"The main key we are looking for will be good companies, with good paying jobs, whether part time, full time or a little of both," he said. "Those are the businesses we like to attract, and we continue to work hard at doing so."

Academic Issues
Besides use of the VTC, the lawsuit between the VCDC and Eagle Creek raises another issue.

The lawsuit won't affect an academic partnership between Eagle Creek and the University of South Dakota, according to the Volante campus newspaper.

The student-run paper reported on the situation in a November edition.

Jim Moran, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, said an Information Technology Consultant Academy is still expected to open this summer for students, the Volante reported.

The academy combines four undergraduate courses, an internship, the possibility of employment and the opportunity to pursue a Master's in Business Administration (MBA), the campus newspaper noted. The various aspects are all designed to meet Eagle Creek's workforce needs.

"Our relationship with Eagle Creek still exists," Moran told the Volante.

"We're so looking forward to them working with us to potentially hire more of our students."

In addition to its partnership with Eagle Creek, USD always seeks to provide more opportunities for its students, Moran said.

"We're looking to partner with other industries besides Eagle Creek, and we're open to the interest of other IT companies who see this as a potential for hiring our students," he told the Volante. "This was never designed as something exclusive."

Future Opportunities

When it comes to business recruitment, USD students also comprise a large labor pool for interested companies, Welch told the Press & Dakotan.

"They are a huge part of that marketing!" he said. "The USD students — whether full time students looking for good part time jobs or graduating students looking to stay in Vermillion after college — we work very hard at growing the employment opportunities for them, because it all helps in the end."

The VCDC also looks at surrounding communities in the region for its labor force, Welch said.

"The Vermillion area, which includes Yankton, (is) a huge asset to us for workforce availability," he said.

The City of Vermillion isn't involved with the VTC project. However, city officials are looking at the role that the technology center could play in future community development.

City Manager John Prescott sees the advantages of having the building ready for any parties seeking an immediate site.

"I would say that having a facility like the VTC available is helpful when companies are considering the community," he said.

"It is a beautiful building that is well suited for a lot of office applications. Having an available facility can be an advantage when a company is looking to expand or relocate and time is limited."

Mayor Jack Powell sees the VTC as one of many projects now underway to improve Vermillion's business climate and quality of life.

"I think that Bliss Pointe (housing development) will have a significant impact as we try to attract people to live here," he said. "The new pool and upgrades to Prentis Park should also provide amenities for future residents."



Rhythm in Red won first place in Class 1A at the Mitchell Show Choir Classic last Saturday. The event was held at the Corn Palace. The group of singers and dancers is directed by Trisha Fisher with John Alpers as combo director.

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CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

11:46 a.m. - Deputies transported an inmate from the Woodbury County Jail to the Clay County Jail on an outstanding Clay County warrant.

1:31 p.m. - A Wakonda business reported a theft from their store. The theft was discovered to be accidental and amends were made to pay for the product.

8:27 p.m. - A deputy spoke with a man on the phone about several unusual events. The subject called 911 a few minutes after getting off of the phone with the deputy to report similar events. A short time later, the man came into the police department and spoke with officers. It was discovered that subject was intoxicated. Due to the fact that he is on probation, and is not allowed to consume alcohol, the subject was arrested for violating probation.

MONDAY, MARCH 16
9:59 a.m. - A deputy investigated a report from a Wakonda resident that she felt her vehicle had been tampered with. No indications of the vehicle being tampered with were found.

11:07 a.m. - A patient was transported from the hospital in Vermillion to the Human Services Center in Yankton for an involuntary mental health committal.

3:46 p.m. - A deputy responded to a report of a semi-truck passing a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing. The suspect vehicle was not located.

4:35 p.m. - A deputy investigated a report of several coyote carcasses that had been dumped into a ditch. The case was forwarded to SD Game, Fish, and Parks.

5:07 p.m. - A patient was transported from the Vermillion hospital to the Human Services Center in Yankton for an involuntary mental health committal.

6:46 p.m. - A deputy transported a woman who had local criminal charges from the Yankton County Jail to the Clay County Jail.

7:49 p.m. - Deputies transported a man from Irene to the Vermillion hospital and then to the Human Services Center in Yankton for an involuntary mental health committal.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17
6:36 p.m. - A deputy investigated a theft report after a dispute among friends over a borrowed tool. The matter is under investigation.

7:26 p.m. - A deputy checked on a vehicle and trailer parked on the side of a gravel road west of Vermillion. The driver had been hunting in a nearby field and was notified that the vehicle would present a traffic hazard in the dark. The driver agreed to move the vehicle and trailer off of the roadway before nightfall.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
8:30 a.m. - A vehicle was stopped and the driver was cited for speeding on 455th Avenue north of Wakonda.

11:18 a.m. - A man reported seeing a severely injured horse in a field. Deputies located the horse and attempted to contact the animal's owner. The owner was out of the country on vacation, but was eventually contacted. A veterinarian was also called to assess the animal's health and found it necessary to euthanize the horse.

12:55 p.m. - An inmate was transported to the medical clinic for a scheduled appointment, and then returned to the Clay County Jail.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
2:27 a.m. - A deputy assisted a highway patrol trooper with a DUI arrest on Highway 19.

11:24 a.m. - A deputy responded to a request to help a person who

had fallen and needed help getting up.

12:16 p.m. - Units responded to the Missouri River after a report was made of a canoe with no one in it floating past Clay County Park. Efforts were made to find out if someone had fallen into the water or if the canoe had become untied. The canoe was recovered by Nebraska authorities and returned to its owner there. No indications were found that anyone needed assistance.

6:13 p.m. - A deputy looked for a vehicle that was reported to be speeding on S Dakota St. The deputy patrolled the area but did not locate a speeding vehicle or a vehicle matching the description given by the reporting party.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
11:59 a.m. - A deputy provided traffic control on Highway 50 for a stranded motorist until a tow truck arrived to remove the disable vehicle from the roadway.

1:42 p.m. - A patient was transported to the Human Services Center in Yankton on an involuntary mental health hold.

10:38 p.m. - A rural resident called in a complaint of hunters spotlighting north of Vermillion. A deputy patrolled the area but did not locate anyone spotlighting in the area.

11:46 p.m. - The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office passed along information of a possible intoxicated driver headed to Vermillion from Centerville. The reporting party gave a vague vehicle description and did not provide any details about the driver of the license plate. A deputy patrolled the area but did not locate a vehicle matching the description.



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CHURCH SCHEDULES

Dalesburg Baptist Church, 30503 466th Ave., Beresford, Sunday School 9:45am, Worship 11am, Mid-week Services WED 7pm 605-253-2622 www.dalesburgbaptist.org

Elk Point Baptist Church, 101 N. Green St., Elk Point, SD. Worship SUN 11am, Bible Study WED 7pm. 605-222-1981.

First Baptist Church, Elmer "Sandy" Aakre, Pastor. 605-624-6391 home, 605-624-4658 church. Sunday School 9:15am, Worship 10:30am, Choir Practice 11:50am.

Grace Baptist Church SBC, Pastor Steve Ford, 1102 E. Main. Phone 624-4949. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wed. Night 7 p.m.

Faith Fellowship of the Open Bible on Bypass 50 & Hwy. 19. Sunday Celebration 10:30am Pastor Tony Armbrust, 605-624-2921.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 995 N. Sioux Point Road, Dakota Dunes, SD. Masses: SAT 4:30pm; SUN 9:30am and 5:30pm

St. Agnes Church, 416 Walker St., Fr. John Fischer Office: 624-4478. Rectory: 624-1995. Mass schedule: 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30a.m. Sunday

Cornerstone Church, A Place To Grow, located at corner of Crawford & Cherry St. Celebration Service: Sunday 9am and 10:30am (during school year); 10am (summers). Cornerstonesed.org or 624-8809.

Elk Point United Parish, 603 S Pearl Street, Elk Point, Pastor David Bambas. Sunday worship at 9:30 AM (nursery available) 605-356-2008, epups@iw.net or epunited-parish.org

Hillsdale Community Church, 1800 Constance Dr., Vermillion, Worship Sept.-May 10:30am AWANA Small groups; 9-10:15. Worship May-August 10am, 605-624-4862.

Komstad Covenant Church Rural Beresford and Centerville, SD: 18 miles north on University Road. Phone 563-2402. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m.

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St Thomas More Newman Center, 320 E Cherry St, Vermillion. Sunday Mass 11am and 9pm www.usdnewman.org for weekday Mass and Adoration times. 605-624-2697

Unitarian Universalist "The Uncommon Denomination." Services: first and third Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the United Church of Christ, 226 E. Main.

Church of Christ, 102 Prospect, Vermillion: Sunday Worship, 10am; Bible Study 9am; Bible Study Noon; Wednesday Night Classes, 7pm

The United Church of Christ Congregational, Highway 12 Newcastle, NE. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Saturday. Pastor Gary Kimm. Come join us!

United Church of Christ Congregational, 226 E. Main St., Pastor Steve Miller. 10:30a.m. Worship Service. No Longer Strangers www.uccvermillion.org

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Corner of Main and Linden. Sunday: nursery available. 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 11:00 a.m. coffee hour. Call 624-3379 for more information

Bergen Lutheran Church "The Little White Church on Timber Road." Worship 10:30am, Sunday School 9:15am

Brule Creek Lutheran Church, Elk Point, SD: Worship 11am, Sunday School 9:45am-10:45am

Christ Our Savior, WELS, Worship SUN. 6pm, Bible Study TUE. 9pm, Neuharth Center, 605-624-5398 or 1-800-1234.

Concordia Lutheran Church, (L.C.M.S.), 7 South University St., Vermillion. Divine Service - Sunday, 10:30am; Sunday School, 9am. Pastor Samuel Needham. 605-624-3459 or at lcmsvermillion.org

Dalesburg Lutheran Church, 12 miles north of Vermillion on University Rd., Worship 9:15am, Sunday School 10:45am, www.dalesburglutheran.org.

Faith Lutheran Church, 401 Main St., Maskell, NE, Sunday School, 9am; Worship, 10am w/Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays. 605-658-0240 (home) or (402)692-3323 (church).

Faith United Lutheran Church, 44874 303rd St., Volin, SD, 605-267-2277. Worship: 9:30am SUN w/ communion 1st & 4th Sundays. WOW Wednesday/Confirmation, 6:30pm

Gayville Lutheran Church, 307 Washington St., Gayville, SD, SUN 9am Worship, Sunday School 10:15am.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Elk Point, SD: Worship Service 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church. Rural Vermillion: Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Holy Communion First Sunday of every month. All welcome.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 31903 475th Ave., Elk Point, S.D. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 9 a.m. The Rev. David Bentz, pastor, 605-356-2805; www.stpaulutheranelkpoint.com

The Luther Center at USD Located at Cherry & Plum Streets, Vermillion. Wednesday evening worship at 8:30pm Fellowship events throughout the year. www.luther-center.org

Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E Clark Street, Vermillion. Worship Saturday evening: 5:30PM and Sunday morning: 10:00AM. Pastor Nate Lizarazo. www.trinityvermillion.org

First United Methodist, 16 N. Dakota St., Vermillion, Adult Sunday School 9am, Worship 10:25am. WED Youth 5:30-7pm, HS Group 7pm. Fore more info, 605-624-2179.

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