Home Country

Come To Our Valley, Enjoy The 'Seasonal Waterfront'

Delbert McLain dropped in at the Mule Barn truck stop yesterday for a quick cup. He was wearing his usual suit and tie, despite the heat. Usually Delbert does his coffee drinking and socializing out at the country club where the business guys go. We've been there, and the chairs don't fit as well.

For the past 10 years now, Delbert has run the local Chamber of Commerce. We all have to admit he was a good choice. His job is to promote our town and the surrounding area, which he does by prowling through the town — his ample belly flying under a full spinnaker — looking for out-of-state plates on the cars during tourist season, and then convincing the visitors they should 1. live here forever, 2. hire locals to build them a huge house, and 3. to start a business that will hire as many of us as they can stand.

According to Delbert, several things are certain about our little valley here: it is the only place in the world that will grow, our water is so good we don't need dentists except during our tourist season, the deer in the surrounding hills are easy to hunt and are the size of horses, the fish in Lewis Creek are so big children are afraid to swim there and our average life expectancy is right around 104.

"Boys," Delbert said with his constant grin, "it's looking like a good summer. I can't tell all the details now, but it looks like we may be getting three factories and you know how many houses they'll have to build out on the flats to hold all the employees."

"Delbert," said Doc, "you know they shouldn't build out on the flats. That thing floods out about every six years."

Delbert saddened there for just a minute as he stirred his coffee, then the sales gleam relit the surface of his face.

"That's it!" he yelled. "We can call it 'seasonal waterfront!'"

Slim Randles

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Surplus Property Sale

USD will be accepting Sealed Bids for surplus cabinets, refrigerators, stoves and other miscellaneous items. All items are located at the Cypress/Redwood Housing Complex at 434/500 North Pine St. Items may be viewed on Wednesday, June 15 from 9:00–4:00. Sealed bids must be received by Noon, June 17, 2011. Successful bidders will have until June 24, 2011 to pick up the items. For additional information please call 605-677-5669.

USD reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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FIRST BAPTIST Church Elmer "Sandy" Aakre, Pastor 624-6391 home, 624-4658 church. Time: 9:15 Sunday School, 10:30 Worship. Sunday Choir Practice, 11:50 a.m.

Gamblers' Anonymous will be meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Vermillion Public Library in the meeting room.

GOSPEL CHAPEL Church, 708 Jessie St./Highway 12, Newcastle, NE. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; AWANA Wednesday at 7 p.m., 402-355-2305. Pastor Chuck Myers, 402-355-1335.

GRACE BAPTIST Church, SBC, Pastor Steve Ford, 1102 E. Main. Phone 624-4949. Adult's and Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

HILLSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH (C&MA) 1800 Constance Dr. West on Cherry just before you go down the hill. Worship Sept.-May 10:30a.m., May-August 10a.m., AWANA Sunday School small groups. 605-624-4862, www.hillside-cc.com

HORSE SALE: Belle Plaine Western Exchange, Belle Plaine, IA. All Breed Cataloged, Uncataloged Immediately Following Saturday, June 11th Tack 10:00 a.m., Horses Immediately Following. Sale 2nd Saturday of Every Month. Info/To Consign: (319)444-2320, Fax: (319)538-0300, www.westernexchange.com. Upcoming Uncataloged Sales: July 9th, August 13th, September 10th (MCN)

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

Is food a problem for you? Does weight affect the way you live? Overeaters Anonymous meeting in Vermillion, Thursdays at 6:30p.m., Sanford Vermillion Hospital, 20 South Plum. (Administration door south of hospital entrance in small conference room.)

KOMSTAD COVENANT Church**,** Rural Beresford and Centerville, SD: Matt Styles, Pastor. 18 miles north on University Road. Phone 563-2402. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m.

Plain Talk seeks Donations for Book Sale

The Vermillion Plain Talk is seeking donations for a book sale to be held during the Vermillion's City Wide Rummage Sale. The book sale will be June 23rd and 24th. All kinds of gently used books, VHS/ DVD movies will be accepted **(No Encyclopedias or Text Books please!)** Books can be brought to the Plain Talk Office, 201 w Cherry, Vermillion. Donations will be accepted M-F from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. until June 17th, 2011. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Newspapers in Education program, which provides free newspapers to classrooms in Vermillion and the surrounding areas.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED meeting, 1:00 every second Monday of the month. For information 605-624-4063 or 605-653-1000.

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