

Sobriety checkpoints planned for area

PIERRE – The South Dakota Highway Patrol has sobriety checkpoints scheduled in May in the following counties: Beadle, Brookings, Charles Mix, Clay,

Codington, Day, Edmunds, Gregory, Hand, Lake, Mellette, Minnehaha, Moody, Roberts, Stanley and Yankton.

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Schweinle of the Vermillion Area Farmers Market, Kevin O'Kelley, director of USD Environmental Safety and Health, Clay County Commissioner Phyllis Packard, Jim Wilson of Clay County Historical Preservation, James Heisinger, chairman of the Sierra Club's Living River Group, Sandi King and Loreen Soluk of the Vermillion Garden Club, Dr. Christine Ahmed, representing the Vermillion Community Garden, and Morgan Appley and Emily Robertson of the USD Sustainability Club.

"We'd like to bring to the table the idea of coalition building and the thought of possibly having a non-profit 501c3 organization," said Meghann Jarchow, an assistant professor of sustainability at USD. "Some of us on the Earth (Every) Day planning committee have been thinking that it would be useful for us to have a more formal coalition to get established so that there's an active umbrella among these various organizations that you've been hearing about."

The overall goal of such an organization is to make Vermillion a more desirable place to live by creating a broad coalition made up of multiple organizations.

"We're not looking to replace any of these organizations – all of these organizations are useful and have their place – but what we're looking at is to have an overall structure to help us pool our resources to do events and campaigns," Jarchow said. "The idea is to have a coalition to make Vermillion more vibrant

and to help people's lives and livelihoods," she said, "and in that idea, we thought of establishing a non-profit organization."

Such an organization would, Jarchow said, help provide the broad support network in the community, and would also act to help coordinate various efforts among organizations and individuals.

"It would also help us obtain funding," she said.

The monetary cost to put on last week's Earth (Every) Day activities was \$10,000, she said.

"A lot of these things are delightful, but sometimes they cost money, and there was also hundreds of hours of volunteers, and a lot of donated supplies," Jarchow said. "In order to help continue some initiatives, it would be nice to have an organization that would have funding associated within it. With something like a 501c3, we would be able to apply for grants and it would be an entity that would then receive donations from people and those donations would be tax-deductible."

Some people in the community, she said, have expressed interest in donating funds to help with Earth (Every) Day activities.

"If we would have this entity, this non-profit organization, it seems like we'd be able to receive about \$500 a month in this next year to help us get this coalition started as we're applying for grants," Jarchow said. "I think there also might be some matching funds that would be available."

Further action on this idea, she said, will occur at a future meeting after more input from those interested in participating is received.

"We need the feedback to make informed decisions about the next steps," Jarchow said.

Use of no-till on the rise, but not statewide

HURON – More farmers across South Dakota are using conservation in their cropland management systems than a decade ago announces officials with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Last year, South Dakota NRCS and partners conducted a county-level inventory on cropland management systems (no-till, mulch tillage, reduced tillage or conventional tillage) and crop types planted.

NRCS State Conservationist Jeff Zimprich, Huron, who released the report, says, "The results of the 2013 Cropping Systems Inventory shows a 29 percent expansion in no-till farming systems in South Dakota acres since 2004, which was the last

time this type of data was collected in South Dakota."

The 2013 inventory found use of no-till cropping systems to be predominant on 45 percent of South Dakota cropland (6.2 million acres). A cropping system that leaves more than 30 percent residue cover on the soil surface after planting (including no-till) was used on more than 60 percent of the state's cropland. The percentage of acres under conventional tillage was unchanged, however, the location of those acres shifted. The greatest increase in the use of a no-till system occurred in central South Dakota.

Cropping systems impact the health and productivity of soil.

Zimprich says, "This is why NRCS is focusing on helping farmers and

ranchers improve the health of their resources. Soil health matters. Healthy soil is the key to the sustainability of our soil and water resources; it's the key to the productivity, profitability and resiliency of our farms and ranches; and it's the key to reducing or eliminating any off-site water or air quality impacts of agricultural production."

Advanced cropping systems include conservation practices such as no-till, diversified cropping rotations and cover crops. The number of counties with more than 75 percent of their cropland acres under a no-till system increased from 4 counties in 2004, to 14 counties in 2013. While the overall acres under no-till increased, in eastern South Dakota, 16 counties decreased their no-till

cropland acres.

Zimprich says, "Using cropping systems that don't disturb the soil, that keep the soil covered, that keep roots growing year-round and that use diverse cover crop mixes and crop rotations are the tools that enable our farmers to improve soil health. Producers across South Dakota like Bill Nelson who farms in Lake County, Jorgensen Farms in Tripp County and Al Miron in Minnehaha County are demonstrating long-term success and profitability with cropping systems that focus on healthy soil."

To learn more, contact the NRCS staff found in your local USDA Service Center.

A summary of the Cropping Systems Inventory is online at www.sd.nrcs.usda.gov, under "newsroom."

Tanagers bite Beresford Watchdogs 15-7

By Scott Bormann

The Vermillion Tanagers hosted the Watchdogs on April 24 for a high-scoring baseball game.

Battling hurricane-force winds, the scoring started early with Beresford scoring one run in the top of the first inning. Vermillion responded by scoring a pair of runs in the bottom of the inning.

The second, third and top of the fourth inning were scoreless, then the Tanagers opened the floodgates. They scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning, five runs in the fifth inning, and four more in the sixth. Beresford was only able to muster one run in the fifth inning and five runs in the sixth.

Ethan James recorded the victory for the Tanagers by pitching five innings with two earned runs (ER), recording five strikeouts and allowing only two runs. Jacob

Odens picked up the save by pitching two innings with an ER of 5, recording one strikeout and allowing five runs. Each Tanager pitcher allowed only two walks. The Watchdogs used four pitchers to try to calm the storm in the later innings, but had no answer.

Coach Jason Gault was very pleased with their defense, being charged with only two errors, and how well they batted with men on base.

The Tanagers were able to win the game without a single home run, and relied on their small-ball fundamentals. The home team relied on nine singles, one double and one triple to record 13 RBIs for the game.

Jayce Huska led the Tanager offense with three hits, two walks, one run, and five runs batted in (RBI). Travis Weber had three hits, three run and three RBIs. Ethan James had a pair of hits, two runs and one RBI. Jack Brown, Ty

Iverson, Ethan James, Carter Krartz, and Regan Bye each knocked in a run.

"The next two weeks will be a real test for our pitching staff," said Gault. "We have seven games in 15 days, all with playoff implications, which will prove that we are working hard and playing with a purpose."

Over the next two weeks, the baseball team travels to Elk Point on April 25, to Parkston on the April 26, and Mt. Vernon on the April 27. The team will also travel to Dakota Valley on May 1.

The Tanagers were scheduled to host Bon Homme on April 30, but that game was rescheduled because of weather. The varsity will travel to Wagner on Sunday, May 4, and play Bon Homme at 2 p.m. and then Wagner at 4 p.m. There will be no JV games played in Wagner before traveling to Dakota Valley on May 1 and Wagner on May 4.

FOR THE RECORD

Cases Disposed 4/18-24/2014

Laura Jean Learning, 116 E. Park St. Apt. 10, Irene; Speeding on a state highway, \$39.00 plus costs; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Rachael Ann Byrd, 46781 Valerie Place, Tea; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Daniel James Shudak, 214 Horseshoe Hollow Dr., Yankton; Speeding on other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

Regan Marie Specht, 2011 Roberts St., Yankton; Speed on four-lane in rural areas, \$39.00 plus costs

Brad Robert Fuoss, 29947 236th Street, Draper; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Paul John Kelley, 430 East Main Street, Powderly, KY; Fail to provide fuel use tax credentials, \$104.00 plus costs

Aaron William Loudenslager, 323 N. Pine, Vermillion; Failure to stop, \$54.00 plus costs

Samuel Martin, 1328 Westgate Dr., Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Dylan J. Folkens, 800 N. Plum #113, Vermillion; Speeding on other

roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Ricky Lively Gutierrez, 314 E. 15 St., Yankton; Speed on four-lane in rural areas, \$59.00 plus costs

Mitchell Joseph Sand, 1816 Vonnie St., Vermillion; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Carl David Reinhardt, 745 Monterey Trail, Dakota Dunes; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Stacie L. Taggart-Ness, 112 Kansas, Wakonda; County speeding, \$65.00 plus costs

Aimee Brederland, 400 Carr #112, Vermillion; Municipal speeding, \$19.00 plus costs

Allison Rutherford, 7804 W. 45th St., Sioux Falls; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Emilie C. Pechacek, 4961 Logan Lane, Omaha, NE; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Ryan Heath Sorensen, 1707 Country Club Dr., Elk Point; Speeding on a state highway, \$39.00 plus costs

Wyatt Dean Beeson, 40597 Avon Rd., Avon; Speeding on a state highway, \$39.00 plus costs;

Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Zachary Ty Johnson, 308 Maple St., Avon; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Jason Wohlleber, 415 W. 15th St. #25, Yankton; Speeding on other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Emily E. Conn, 500 E. 6th St., Yankton; Speeding on a state highway, \$39.00 plus costs

Haley Suzanne Juhnke, 4620 E. 54 Street, Sioux Falls; Failure to make proper stop at stop intersection, \$54.00 plus costs

Justin Lee Dickson, 905 Tom Street, Vermillion; Municipal speeding, court costs

Jennifer Marie Buckman, 210 W. Highpoint St. #38, Tea; County speeding, \$39.00 plus costs

Santana Esquivel, 924 Pearl St., Aurora, IL; Speeding on other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

Michelle L. Koch, 481 Highway 35, Dakota City, NE; Speeding on other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Tanner Nicholas Anderson, 407 Broadway, Vermillion; Speed on four-lane in rural areas, \$19.00 plus costs; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$54.00 plus costs

Kent Donovan Folkers, 151 Kingsley Lane, Yankton; Speeding on

other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

William Reardon, 809 W. 3rd, Yankton; Speeding on other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Timothy Dooley, 500 W. Dartmouth, Vermillion; Speed on four-lane in rural areas, \$79.00 plus costs

Adam Hasse, 918 Katherine Street, Vermillion; Municipal speeding, \$39.00 plus costs

Laurall L. Miller, 921 Jackson, Apt. #6, Sioux City, IA; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, \$30.00 plus costs; No drivers license, \$30.00 plus costs

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