

Under Construction



BY ELYSE BRIGHTMAN/ FOR THE PLAIN TALK

The construction of The University of South Dakota's new basketball and volleyball arena is right on schedule, according to USD's building engineer Lorin Wilcox. Currently, the steel structures are being erected and most of the exterior walls are up, with the exception of the far west side. For the soccer and track complex, the bleacher systems have been installed and the earth work is complete for the track surface to be installed during the summer.

Bye Wins National Excellence Award

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For the first time in its 20 years, the Dave Shultz High School Excellence Award was given to a Vermillion High School wrestler.

Brett Bye was named South Dakota's winner for this national award, which recognizes a wrestler in each state for excellence in wrestling, scholastic achievement, citizenship and community service.

"Wrestling is pretty much all I've done my whole life," Bye said.

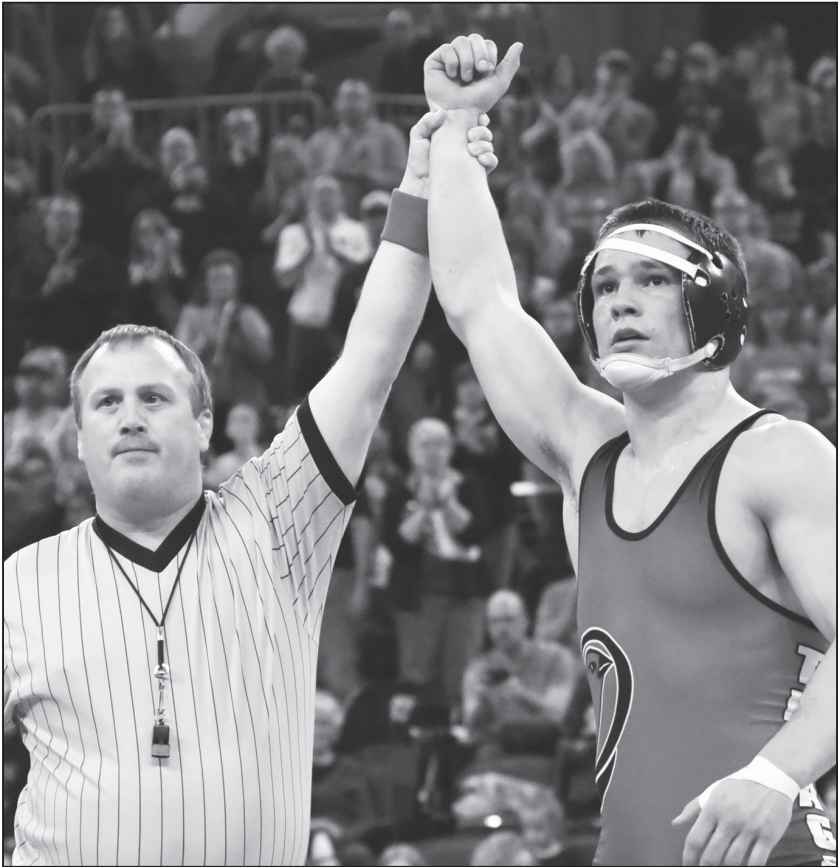
A senior at Vermillion High School, Bye began wrestling at the age of four and has since become Vermillion's only six-time state place winner earning those titles from seventh grade through 12th grade.

Bye garnered a career record of 236-26 and won the state title his junior year as well as this last year as a senior in the 170 pound weight class.

"After his freshman year, he solely dedicated himself to wrestling," said Hazen Bye, Brett's high school coach. "He's a great athlete all around. He could have played any sport he wanted and he chose wrestling."

Along with a successful athletic career, Bye maintained a high school GPA of 3.5 while balancing his commitment to wrestling.

"I try to get all my school work done first, but sometimes when I have to go to wrestling, that has to come first, too," he said. "It's just knowing



PLAIN TALK FILE PHOTO

Vermillion High School's Brett Bye was recently awarded the Dave Shultz High School Excellence Award for the state of South Dakota.

when to do what and at what time."

Bye has earned a full scholarship to wrestle at South Dakota State University next year where he'll be studying agricultural engineering.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Shultz award. Shultz was a seven-time world and Olympic champion wrestler who died in 1996.

School

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are milked," she said. "Then we go to the ice cream factory and have ice cream and that's kind of the end of our farm tour. We also go to the Yankton Dam and fish hatchery to learn about conservation and they also learn about water and flooding and going to the dam and fish hatchery. At the butterfly house they learn about butterflies.

"We try to incorporate an art project with whatever we're doing that week," Dimock continued. "We also work on penmanship because we write thank-you notes once we've gone

to a place. We also study whatever we're going to be seeing. If it's the zoo we talk about different zoo animals. If it's the butterfly house we talk about butterflies. Ice skating we talk about ice and the science of it."

The kids aren't the only one who gain a learning experience through BSA.

"We try to utilize the talents of the students from the University of South Dakota and provide them with an opportunity to work with kids," Dimock said. "A lot of the staff we hire are Elementary Education majors so when they get their own classroom they'll already have some experience doing that."

As the BSA staff gears up for this summer, there is a lot to look forward to.

"It's an opportunity for kids to go to a lot of different places that maybe parents don't normally have time to take them to," Dimock said. "I would say that's been an opportunity for kids to get out of Vermillion and have an adventure. This year we're going to include some new travel including possibly attending the Omaha Zoo. We're also going to have a special resident artist come in once a week and do special art projects and we're also going to have a dance teacher from the Vermillion Area Dance Organization come five days a week."

For more information on the program contact Laura Dimock at laura.dimock@k12.sd.us or call 605-677-8398.

Comics

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The skydiving flip book had a story all of it's own, not merely someone jumping out of a plane.

"This guy jumps out of a plan but there's another plane coming in," Jonah demonstrated. "Another guy jumps out of that plane and they're both coming down. This guy starts to walk off the page. That guy starts his jump and then he flips like a flip book. Then he starts growing and then starts shrinking and this guy's coming back into the picture. Then eventually, that other guy shrinks into a dot."

Darren, 8, had fun at the collage table where kids cut out pictures and fit them with word bubbles.

"You get a magazine, find a picture that you like and then cut it out and then glue it onto a piece of paper and

see what you want them to do," he said. "You can have them talk or see what they're thinking and then you can write it down."

Darren was in the process of cutting out a picture of some cyclists meeting on a mountain side.

"I'm going to write 'Are these guys going to say something or what?'" he said.

Darren has read plenty of comics to give him inspiration.

"I have a bunch of Calvin and Hobbs but there's more of Garfield," he said. "I like the one where he gives Jon

ketchup on his eggs. Last year I asked my study buddy if he liked ketchup on scrambled eggs and his teacher was listening and she said she didn't like ketchup on her scrambled eggs at all."

Darren's sister, Leah, 7, also was cutting out a picture, this one of a woman in medical garb.

"She's thinking she wants to be a vet because she's a doctor so, she wants to be a vet too," Leah said.

Leah said she doesn't want to be a vet herself, but wants to work at a Mexican restaurant like Mexico Viejo where they went for lunch.

CHAMBER CHAT

CHAMBER BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Save the Date: Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Co. Annual Golf Social for you, your coworkers, friends & family-4 Person Best Ball Scramble Golf Tournament at The Bluffs Golf Course, Mon., June 22. Registration & team photos begin at 11:45 am. Shot Gun start at 1:00 pm. For more information, call the Chamber @ 624-5571 or email annb@vermillion-chamber.com
- The 2015 Vermillion Area Visitor Guides have arrived! Please contact the VDCD office at 624-5571 or stop by and pick them up at 116 Market St. Also available are the 2015 statewide SD Vacation Guides and the SE SD Travel Guide. FREE!
- Business after Hours: Are you looking for an opportunity to showcase your business and network with your peers? Sign up to host a Business After Hours event! These events generally run from 5:00-7:00 pm on a weeknight and the hosting business provides hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. If interested, please contact Ann at: annb@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

THIS WEEKS HAPPENINGS

- Main Street Center 4th Annual Walk of Memories at 320 W. Main St., Fri., May 22-Mon., May 25 (Memorial Day week-end). To participate in the Annual Walk by sponsoring a flag honoring a veteran, contact the Main Street Center @ 605-624-8072 by 1:00 pm, Wed., May 20. All proceeds benefit the Main Street Center.
- Summer 2015 Exhibit at National Music Museum: "Banding Together: The American Soldiers' Musical Arsenal." Exhibit of instruments used by the military from the Revolutionary War through the War in Iraq. Rare original photographs, posters, and other rare war-time memorabilia will also be on display from May 23-Sept. 7.
- USD & National Music Museum (NMM) selected as one of fifty-two sites in the U.S. to host the 2016 traveling exhibit marking the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death. The First Folio is the first collected edition of Shakespeare's plays published in 1623. Plays such as Macbeth, The Tempest, Julius Caesar and others would have been lost without this publication. The rare book will be on exhibit at the NMM March 7 to April 3, 2016.
- Youth/members sought: The Clay-Union foundation is seeking 1 boy and 1 girl in Vermillion, age 7-12, to match with volunteers who are ready to go. More youth age 5-17 and adult volunteers are welcome throughout the two counties. The program does year round matches, and is funded by donations. To apply, go to www.clay-unionfoundation.org, or call John Gille at 605-421-5050.
- Vermillion Area Community Foundation (VACF) updated grant application information: Beginning this year, there are only two grant periods: The second Thursday in April and the second Thursday in October. Grant guidelines can be found at: <http://vermillion.sdcommunityfoundation.org> or applications can be picked up at the VDCD, 116 Market Street.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

- National Music Museum (NMM) Open House, Fri. & Sat., May 8-9, 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Visitors will have a rare chance to hear the NMM's oldest playable harpsichord (ca. 1530) played intermittently during the open house by international harpsichordist Catalina Vicens. Free admission during Open House. Event Website : www.nmmusd.org
- Boys Tennis: Sioux City East, Fri., May 8 @ 4:00 pm (H)
- Baseball: Tabor, Fri., May 8 @ 5:00 pm (H)
- Katelyn Warnock, Senior Flute/Piccolo Recital, Fri., May 8, 7:30 pm, Colton Recital Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 9

- Overeaters Anonymous: Sat., May 9 @ 9:00 am. Location: Newman Center-USD Campus, 320 E. Cherry, across from the MUC at the corner of Rose & Cherry St. (West Door-straight through double glass doors on left & first door on left. North Door-down hall to left & first door on left). Description: Overeaters Anonymous is a 12 step program for people with eating disorders & struggles.
- Commencement at USD, Sat., May 9, 9:30 am. DakotaDome
- 23rd Annual Postal Food Drive, Sat., May 9. All items collected go to restocking the local Food Pantry located at Trinity Lutheran Church. Please leave your donation of canned goods in a bag by your mailbox and it will be collected by your mail carrier (both city and rural) during their regular delivery of mail on Sat., May 9. Thank you for helping us feed your community.

NEXT WEEKS HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY, MAY 10

- East River & Missouri Valley Bluegrass Music Association to feature "Monthly Open Jam", Sun., May 10 (2nd Sun. of each month) from 1:00-6:00 pm at Washington Street Arts Center, 202 Washington St. All levels welcome-open to pickers & listeners. Event is free & open to the public. For more information, call 1-877-621-4118 (toll free)
- Baseball: Beresford, Sun., May 10 @ 2:00 pm (T)

MONDAY, MAY 11

- Girls Golf: Regions @ Bakkers Crossing, Sioux Falls, Mon., May 11 @ 9:00 am
- Boys Tennis: Sioux Falls Roosevelt, Mon., May 11 @ 4:00 pm (T)
- Welcome Table serves a free meal on Mondays at the First United Methodist Church, 16 N. Dakota St. Public is invited to enjoy food & fellowship prepared & served by volunteer groups, Mon., May 11, 5:30-7:00 pm. Groups interested in volunteering to serve at the Welcome Table can contact John Lushbough at 605-670-0958 or email: jlushbough@gmail.com. For more information, visit: www.welcometable.org.
- Al-anon meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mon., May 11 @ 7:30 pm. For more information, call 624-9764

TUESDAY, MAY 12

- Vermillion Rotary Club meeting, Tues., May 12 @ 12:00 pm in the Al Neuharth Media Center conference room. For more information, visit: www.vermillionrotaryclub.org.
- Spring Fling Dinner, Tues., May 12, 5:30-7:00 pm at First United Methodist Church, 16 N. Dakota St. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. The menu includes chicken Parmesan, vegetables, salad, fresh-baked bread, and dessert. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to support the programs and ministries of the church in the community and beyond. Come and bring your guests to enjoy the dinner.
- Vermillion Public Library Sewing Cooperative Get-together with Susan Heggstad, Tues., May 12, 7-8:30 pm at Vermillion Public Library. The Sewing Coop's first get together will be loosely themed 'Basics' - Basic materials, tools, and projects. Those with experience, bring any materials, equipment or tools to share; those without experience, bring ideas, questions and any materials you are interested in working with. We will keep it loose to respond to the needs of the group. The group will decide on the themes/projects for subsequent meetings.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

- Heartland Humane Society Wine & Canvas, Thurs., May 14 @ 6:30 pm at the YAA Building on Douglas.

Vermillion Rotary Club To Hear Why Farmers Need Science And Technology To Grow Healthier Food

How are farmers using science and technology to grow healthier food?

What's the impact on our food, animal care and the environment?

Those questions will be answered on Tuesday, May 12, during the Vermillion Rotary Club meeting. Stacey Sorlien of the South Dakota Pork Producers Council will address the group at 12:00 p.m. at the Neuharth Media Conference Room at the University of South Dakota located at 555N. Dakota St. in Vermillion.

Titled "Farming and Food" the speech by Sorlien will highlight how ongoing advancements in agricultural science are helping farmers raise better food while using fewer



natural resources than ever before. "Farmers who raise pigs have been able to make great progress in animal health, food safety and protecting the environment," said Sorlien. "And farmers know they must always keep learning and working to get better at what they do." Farmers now use 41 percent less water and 78 percent less

land to raise pigs than they did 50 years ago.

"Modern barns, a focus on nutrition and animal care mean pigs live healthier lives than ever before," said Sorlien. "And, healthy pigs mean healthy food. For example, pork tenderloin today is as lean as a skinless chicken breast and is certified by the American Heart Association as a heart-healthy food. I'd like to thank the Vermillion Rotary Club for giving me an opportunity to share what farmers are doing to make sure safe and healthy food gets to the dinner table today and in the future."

Sorlien says South Dakota pork production contributes \$520 million to the state's economy.



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