

Health care reform sessions at VPL

Two sessions designed to present information about the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) will be held Monday, Nov. 4, at the Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library, 18 Church St., Vermillion. The sessions will be held at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Joy Smolnisky, director of the SD Budget & Policy Project and Lizzy Bolander of the Rural Office of

Community Services will be presenting a non-partisan explanation of health care reform in South Dakota.

They will discuss details of buying insurance and look at the option to expand Medicaid and how it would affect health care providers and consumers in the state.

Call the library with any questions (605) 677-7060.

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quarter to come.

The Panthers gained life in the fourth quarter with two read options and a triple option for three first downs to get into Tanager territory.

The next play Fernando heaved the ball up 30 yards and was intercepted by Tanager corner Sinaway Marshall, who took the ball down to the 47 yard line of Dakota Valley.

After a defensive stand, on the first play of the drive, Dakota Valley had a wild snap back 20 yards, and was recovered at the Dakota Valley nine yard line.

On the next play, Oulette fumbled the snap, giving the ball back to the Panthers.

Later in the drive, senior tackle Nick Jensen stuffed Fernando for a safety, adding to their 8-0 lead with 6:30 left.

After receiving the kick, the Tanagers were forced to turn the ball over on downs.

The Panthers took over the ball on their own 27, converted a first down on a pass from Fernando to VanGinkel with 4:34 left in the contest.

Fernando completed another pass to Trevor McCabe, to get the ball down to the Vermillion 41 yard line.

A forced fumble by Alex Osborne with a little under a minute left, sealed the deal for the Tanagers.

Osborne finished the game with seven sacks. "We really challenged our defense this week in preparation," Homan said. "We wanted to bring the meter back and shoot the stunts hard this game."

With the victory, Vermillion advances to the quarterfinals of the 11A playoffs and will travel to number one ranked Madison on Monday.

"We just need to take it one game at a time," Homan said. "If they knew who would be playing in the Dome to start the playoffs, they would have put those teams in the championship already."

Coach Homan feels the Tanagers will take this week of practice like any other week they have this season, despite playing arguably the best team in the state.

"We're just going to take the prep the same as we always do," he said. "We will look at our film and try to find out what we can improve. Hopefully, we can go up there and get a victory."

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VPD CALLS

10/20/13 02:01 – Caller reported someone was trying to get in the front door of his residence and he believes the dog scared the subject away. Officers patrolled the area.

10/20/13 03:07 – Caller said something was giving an intermittent audible alarm in her home, but she could not locate what was causing the alarm. Officers responded and found a CO detector with low batteries was causing the alarm. Once CO detector was plugged in it stopped alarming.

10/20/13 16:10 – Officers responded to a 911 call. The caller was in need of assistance after accidentally getting locked out of the business they were working at.

10/20/13 21:15 – While refueling a vehicle, an officer was approached by a subject who had been drinking and engaged in conversation. The subject was on the 24/7 program and hence forbidden from consuming alcohol. Per the subject's parole officer, she was arrested.

10/20/13 21:43 – Caller requested assistance with a possum in her garage. Officers removed the possum from the garage.

10/20/13 22:25 – Caller reported receiving threatening text messages. The message sender was contacted and warned not to send threatening text messages.

10/20/13 23:31 – Caller advised of a loud party going on in a nearby neighborhood. Officers patrolled the area but were unable to locate the party.

10/22/13 07:00 – Officers heard an alarm sounding and believed it might be a fire detector alarm. Officers eventually located the detector, which was on the roof of a home. There was no fire and the detector had apparently been thrown up on the roof of the home.

10/22/13 14:50 – Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officers investigated and determined the vehicle belonged to a business doing work on a nearby house.

10/22/13 17:08 – Caller reported a neighbor's dog barking for a long period of time. Officers contacted the neighbor who stopped the dogs from barking.

10/23/13 10:44 – Caller reported illegal dumping of garbage in their dumpster. Investigation revealed the garbage had come from a friend who was helping with construction. The caller did not wish to pursue the issue.

10/24/13 10:22 – Officers responded to a 911 hang-up call. The family dog had dialed the called and there was no emergency.

10/26/13 01:05 – Officers responded to a report of an intruder entering a residence. The owner of the residence had struggled with the man and removed him from the residence as officers were arriving. The man fled to a nearby residence where a loud party was ongoing. Officers investigated but were not able to identify the man in the group of partygoers. The party was loud and the noise was clear disruptive. The renter of the party residence was cited for the noise violation.

10/26/13 03:41 – Caller requested officer check on a former boyfriend to see if he had a party at his residence. Officers explained that the boyfriend was allowed to have a party or not and that the police would not be checking on him.

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Coyoteopoly drive aids Vermillion Food Pantry

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A lot of students at the University of South Dakota were wearing orange on Friday, but it wasn't because Halloween is approaching.

The reason was that orange is the official color of hunger awareness, and Friday was Hunger Awareness Day.

It also was a way to help promote the annual Coyoteopoly Food Drive, pick-up for which took place Saturday, and found students collecting food items and monetary donations for the Vermillion Food Pantry.

"This is the biggest event that we do, and it's the biggest event that the food pantry has, so they really depend on this," said Catie Steier, vice president of education for Coyoteopoly.

As of press time, organizers collected 3,500 food items and raised \$1,680, and Steier said in an e-mail Tuesday that donations were still coming in.

"The food pantry here has increased its number of patrons every year, and with the recent government cutbacks ... and all those kinds of things, it's getting worse, not better," said associate professor Mark Yockey, faculty advisor for the food pantry project. "With this latest government cutback and the shutdown, all those commodities that normally get shipped (to the food pantry) didn't get shipped, so they're running pretty bare-boned right now."

Steier said the pantry is already close to or has exceeded the number of meals it served all of last year.

The food drive is Coyoteopoly's longest ongoing event, and now in addition to collecting food and money, it has an additional educational component.

"We decided a few years ago to expand the project to include hunger awareness, rather than just the food drive," Yockey said. "We don't think the people of Clay County – or anywhere in the US that matter – understand how many of us go hungry on a day-to-day basis."

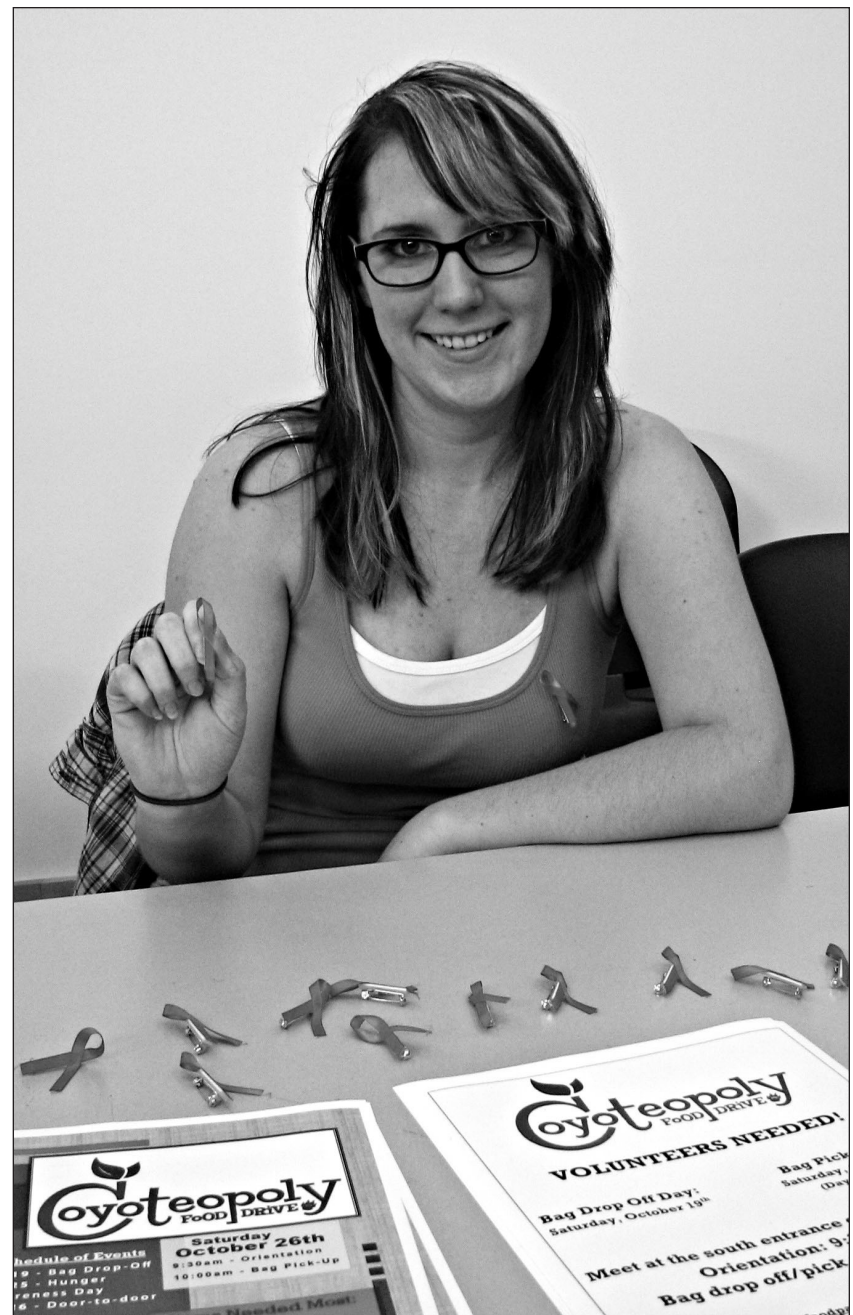
Approximately 25-30 percent of Clay County residents live below the poverty line, he said.

To help drive this point home, Steier organized an event that brought Coyoteopoly students into Jolley Elementary School, where they distributed information.

"We talked to every single student in the school about nutrition and hunger awareness," she said. "Just being part of that was amazing."

USD students also had a chance to learn up-close what it was like to experience hunger Friday, when they had the option of skipping a meal.

"We asked people to fast for one meal, and then donate the cost of that



Catie Steier, vice president of education for Coyoteopoly, spent Friday afternoon distributing orange ribbons in the Muenster University Center. Orange is the official color of hunger awareness, and Friday was Hunger Awareness Day, followed by the annual Coyoteopoly Food Drive on Saturday.

(Photo by Travis Gulbrandson)

meal to the food pantry," Yockey said. "So they get a little taste of what it's like to be hungry ... and then if they save \$5 or \$10, if they donate that to the food pantry, we create a win-win situation."

Steier said fasting students also could donate the food they didn't eat that meal to the food pantry, which is what she said she would be doing.

"From the looks of it, it's going to be a lot of salad-type stuff, because I don't eat meat," she said. "So tomorrow when I come to the B-school, I will be bringing my donations with me, as well. I'm also have all my friends to it ..."

"That's one thing we're getting a lot of response with from kids," she said. "A lot of them want to help with it."

Yockey said a lot of students use events like this as a time to get

more involved with the community.

"A lot of people don't understand that this generation coming up is actually more social and civic-minded than any generation previously," he said. "They volunteer more hours in their age group than any generation has ever done, so this is just right up their alley to be involved in something like this."

On Friday, Yockey said he expected about 70-80 student volunteers to help with the Saturday pick-up.

"Some of those come from other classes in the business school, but a lot of them come from all across campus," he said. "We try to get fraternities and sororities involved, the dorms are involved – it's a campus-wide effort."

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Vermillion Downtown Action Team, which has been successful in its efforts to make the downtown area the center of more retail and cultural events.

"We just want to show the next generation of women, to kind of mentor them, to let them know that they can do this, too," she said. "We need to keep this momentum going – women are stepping out and doing their own

thing ... many of us have had to make sacrifices, but it's totally worth it, and it's so exciting."

"Vermillion is unique in a lot of ways, but our downtown is really bucking a lot of trends," said Steve Howe, executive director of the Vermillion Chamber of Commerce and Development Company. "You see so many downtowns that are failing in smaller communities."

Operating a business is a challenge, he said, with so many shopping options available in the tri-state area around

Vermillion.

"With those options, it would seem that downtown Vermillion would be ripe to die, and we've really bucked that trend," Howe said. "We're seeing a really, really vibrant downtown, and part of that is due to the commitment from female business owners."

Like Naeve, Howe noted that business is a male-dominated career path.

"The typical profile, when talking about people who start-up new businesses, usually centers around men," he

said. "In Vermillion, I think it's very unique that we have so many business owners who are female. They are bright and aggressive and trying to find ways to get people to be aware of their businesses."

"They have also worked very hard at getting to know their marketplace," Howe said. "These women are adapting their businesses, and being aggressive while understanding what the marketplace wants and needs."

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