

Chili Blues Cook-Off adds heat to D-Days

More than a dozen area chefs are cooking up a tasty celebration of food and music at the Vermillion Area Arts Council's 19th annual Chili Blues Cook-Off on Saturday, Oct. 10. Spicy, mild, vegetarian, and Texas-style, the Chili Blues cooks will have a chili to suit all visitors to the event, which starts at 6 p.m. at the home of the Vermillion Area Arts Council, the Washington Street Arts Center, 202 Washington Street, Vermillion.

The annual cook-off coincides with the University of South Dakota's Dakota Days homecoming celebration. Chili Blues guests will taste samples from each contestant and cast their votes for their favorite to win the "People's Choice" award.

Three judges from the community will also weigh in to



T. Wilson King will be among the musical guests performing Oct. 10 at the Chili Blues Cook-off.

award the "Judges' Choice" to their favorite chili concoction. In addition to chili selections, the cook-off will feature a variety of cornbreads and desserts. Pop, beer, and wine will be available for an additional purchase.

Musical guests T. Wilson King and The Derringers will entertain the hungry guests throughout the evening.

Tickets to Chili Blues, which include admittance to the event and all food, are \$10 for each Vermillion Area Arts Council adult member; \$15 for non-member adults; \$5 for youth ages 11-18, and free for children ages 10 and under.

Bring your ticket stub from the USD homecoming game and get \$3 off the ticket price. The Vermillion Area Arts Council appreciates the sponsorship of the following businesses for this event: Coffee Shop Gallery, Robinson's Pro Cleaning, Carey's Bar, PrintSource, Craig Thompson Law Office, Wal-Mart, Chaney CorInsurance, Heart and Soul Fitness, and R-Pizza.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Work this week:

- North half closed west end to service road, Cottage Avenue to Dakota Street.
- Gravel, concrete paving west end to Highway 19.
- Half Highway 19 closed, intersection open to traffic.
- Removals, sewer and water Cottage Avenue to Dakota Street.

Planned for next week:

- Concrete paving, west end to service road.
- Seeding, erosion control entire project.
- Street lighting, traffic signals entire project.

Miscellaneous:

- Public project meetings are now bi-weekly. The next public and contractor meetings are Wednesday, Oct. 14 and 28 and will be held at 10 a.m. at the Vermillion Hy-Vee café.
- DO NOT add, remove or relocate barrels, barricades, signs, temporary business signs, etc. on the construction sight. If concerns arise, please contact D&G Concrete Construction or the DOT for evaluation.
- Upgrades on construction progress and changes will be available on our Web site dgconcrete.com.

Eagles Health and Safety Carnival is Saturday, Oct. 3

The Eagles Club will host its annual "Eagles Child Health & Safety Carnival" (Child Advocacy Day) on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Eagles Club at 114 West Main Street in Vermillion.

This event is free and open to the public, specifically focused on children 12 years and under and their parents. The event will feature various educational booths including topics such as physical health and wellness, healthy snacks and nutrition, DARE, child seats, child protection, child identification kids, dental hygiene, vision health, hearing and speech programs, Birth-to-3 development information, hypothermia awareness, diabetes education and prevention, Imagination

Library reading program, and others.

In addition to the learning activities there will be games, crafts and activities, "Mickey the Clown" and balloons, puppet making, food, tours of emergency vehicles, a miniature horse petting exhibit, raffle prizes, and treat bags for child participants. Free will donations will be accepted.

Proceeds from the event will go to Clay County Emergency Services. To further benefit Clay County Emergency Services, the Eagles will also be hosting a Child Advocacy Day "B, B, & B Barbeque" from 5 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 3. Get a burger, brat, beans, & chips for \$3.50 or all you can eat for \$6.50. The public is invited!

Vermillion High School students earn AP Scholar Awards

Two students at Vermillion High School have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program (AP) provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the nearly 1.7 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams.

At Vermillion High School one student qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. This student is Jiwen Li.

Two students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an

average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are Alicia Enterman and Jiwen Li.

Through more than 30 different college-level courses and exams, AP provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and stand out in the college admissions process. Each exam is developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers, ensuring that AP exams are aligned with the same high standards expected by college faculty at some of the nation's leading liberal arts and research institutions. More than 3,600 colleges and universities annually receive AP grades. Over 90 percent of four-year colleges in the United States provide credit and/or placement for quality-

ing exam grades. Research consistently shows that AP students who score a 3 or higher on AP exams (based on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest) typically experience greater academic success in college and higher graduation rates than students who do not participate in AP.

The College Board is a not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the association is composed of more than 5,600 schools, colleges, universities, and other educational organizations. Each year, the College Board serves seven million students and their parents, 23,000 high schools, and 3,800 colleges through major programs and services in college readiness, college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment, and teaching and

Student on UI dean's list

Christopher David Moen of Vermillion is among 3,800 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the dean's list for the 2009 spring semester.

All students named to the dean's list carried at least 12 graded hours during the semester. A minimum 3.5 grade point average (based on a 4.0 scale) for current work is required for inclusion on the dean's list in the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Nursing, Business and Engineering.

Hy-Vee honors employees for service

Employees from the Vermillion Hy-Vee store are among 2,325 Hy-Vee employees who will be honored for achieving service milestones in 2009.

Hy-Vee's Service Awards program, now in its 45th year, recognizes employees for continuous service to the company. At a series of eight banquets held in October throughout Hy-Vee's seven-state operating territory, the company pays tribute to employees reaching service milestones ranging from five to 45 years.

Of those honored this year, almost 665 are celebrating anniversaries of 20 years or more with the company; 17 of them are being honored for 40 or 45 years of service. In addition, nine employees who were recently inducted into the Hy-Vee Hall of Fame as recipients of the 2009 Legendary Customer Service Award, will be honored at the dinners.

Employees celebrating service anniversaries receive customized gifts that increase in value as the years of service increase. In addition, their pho-

tos are published in a special souvenir book distributed throughout the company.

Recipients also receive personal congratulations from Hy-Vee Chairman and CEO Ric Jurgens, who poses for a commemorative photo with each Service Award recipient.

"Our success as a company is directly attributable to the efforts of our tenured employees, who come to work each day with one goal in mind - to provide exceptional quality, value and service to customers," said Jurgens. "It is an honor to attend these dinners and celebrate their milestones with them."

The seven Service Award recipients from Vermillion will be honored at a banquet held Oct. 5 in Sioux Falls. Those reaching service milestones this year were:

- Five years: Yee-Chih Wang.
- 10 years: Wynette Campbell, Steve Heirigs, and Dora Kjose.
- 20 years: Laura Christensen and Lea Edwards.
- 25 years: Kurt Kuiper.

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