



4-H Club donation

The Brule Go Getter's 4-H Club made a \$75 donation to the Friends Feast program in Elk Point. The club made the donation at their October 5th meeting. The program began last year, and provides a free monthly meal to area residents, sponsored by organizations and businesses. Nicole Schutter, vice president of Friends Feast, received the check from Danielle Gille, 4-H Club treasurer, and Lydia Gille, 4-H Club president. Club leaders are Jeanne Hanson, Rumi Weigel, and John Gille. Feel free to call any of the leaders for more information on how to join the club. Contact Nicole if interested in being a meal sponsor.

SD pheasant hunting season opens Saturday

By Joe Keeton

The weekend everyone has been waiting for is finally here. The 2009 pheasant season officially opens on Saturday. At 12 noon, Central Daylight Time, the first shots of the official pheasant season will start. With thousands of hunters taking to the field this weekend, following regulations and practicing safe hunting will become even more important than on typical weekends.

First, let us start with subject of safety. Pheasant hunting in South Dakota is the most dangerous type of hunting in the state. That is not to say it is the most deadly, but pheasant hunting does produce the majority of hunting accidents in South Dakota annually. Two factors play a major role in the high number of accidents produced by pheasant hunting. First, are the sheer numbers of people that are involved in pheasant hunting. Second, is the way most groups hunt pheasant. The majority of accidents that occur while pheasant hunting, occur when a hunter is swinging a bird. Often a hunter that is swinging on a bird loses sight of where his fellow hunters are, swings too far, and takes an unsafe shot.

The good news is most pheasant hunting accidents can be prevented with a few safety precautions. First, make yourself visible and use eye protection. This can be done by wearing fluorescent orange clothing, more is better, and purchasing a pair of shooting glasses. Second, take your time in the field and make sure you know where you and your fellow hunters are at all times. Also be sure to take blockers into account before taking shots if you are going to use them at the end of a field. Third, if you are going to road hunt, do it lawfully. Road hunting regulations are in place not only to make it fair, but to also make it safe. Last but not least, leave your celebrations for the end of the hunting

trip. Open containers, driving under the influence, and possessing a firearm while intoxicated are all against the law and will not be tolerated.

As for regulations, I would highly recommend picking up and reviewing the 2009 South Dakota Hunting and Trapping Handbook. These books are full of information, free, and are available at all licensing agents. As stated above, the pheasant season starts this Saturday, Oct. 17. Shooting hours run from 12 noon (Central Standard Time) to sunset. The daily limit is three cock pheasants and the possession limit, which accrues at the rate of three birds a day, is 15 cock pheasants. Please remember to leave either a fully feathered head or wing, or foot attached to your birds while transporting them.

For those who like to road hunt I would suggest three things to simplify the road hunting regulations (which can be found on page 42 of the handbook). Before attempting to harvest a bird, pull your vehicle to the right hand side of the road, shut your vehicle motor off, and

close all vehicle doors after exiting. Doing this regardless of distance from your vehicle will eliminate many issues and will make your hunt safer. Also please remember not to hunt within 660 feet of any occupied dwelling, livestock, school or church. Only pheasants that are in the road right-of-way may be hunted and birds that are shot and fall onto private ground may be retrieved only by an unarmed hunter.

Finally, be courteous, be smart, and be safe while you are out hunting this weekend. Remember that not everyone hunts and that the actions you make will reflect on all hunters as a whole. As always if you have questions or problems please contact me. My office number is 677-6950. If you witness a hunting violation please call the Turn In Poachers hotline at 1-888-OVERBAG (683-7224). Good luck and enjoy the weekend.

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Thank You

We would like to thank Dr. Tom Olson and staff, Hansen Funeral Home and Willson Florist for everything you have done.
-The Balleweg Family

Vermillion School District Fall 2009

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 21st • 1-6 p.m.

There will be no school on Wednesday, October 21st.

Teacher In-Service will be held from 8-noon and conferences to begin at 1 p.m. after In-Service

Thursday, October 29th • 2:30-8 p.m.

There will be an early dismissal for the students on

Thursday, October 29th as follows:

Austin & Jolley Elementary- 1:50 p.m.

Middle and High School- 2 p.m.



The State of South Dakota invites you to attend a FREE hour-long information session on long-term care. Get your questions answered and take control of your future today!

Tuesday, October 20 at 2 p.m.
Vermillion Public Library

For more information, visit <http://ltpartnership.sd.gov>.

Interested individuals may appear in person at the session or view the presentation online. Notice is further given that the public education sessions will be held in handicap accessible buildings.



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Chamber Business:

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting/Open House for The Hungry Coyote.com at Carey's on Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. with the ribbon cutting at 5:30 p.m. Come and check out what The HungryCoyote.com has to offer. Free drinks and small gift bags will also be provided. We hope to see you there!

This Weeks Happenings!

The Vermillion Area Community Foundation is accepting proposals for projects to improve our community. Forms for submitting proposals by groups or organizations are available at the Chamber of Commerce office. While funds available are limited, we can fully fund small one time requests or partially fund larger projects. Your annual donations to our Foundation will provide us with increasing funds each year for worthwhile projects.

October is Fair Trade month. Sharing the Dream in Guatemala is an organization that promotes fair trade with cooperatives and small businesses in Guatemala. We are committed to providing fair wages and employment opportunities to low-income artisans, which will result in creating sustainable markets for their products. Our craft products are handmade by Mayan artisans using many traditional techniques. Purchasing community development projects in Guatemala. Please come visit us at 10 W. Main Street or check us out online at www.sharingthedream.org.

USD Department of Art Alumni Exhibition. The USD Alumni present their work to the public in the Main Gallery of the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts through Oct. 16. The Main Gallery is open to the public at no charge between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays and from 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends (closed holidays).

"Five Women Wearing the Same Dress" will be performed by the University Theatre at the Wayne S. Knutson Theatre, 414 E Clark St., on Oct. 14 - 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. This is a hilarious and touching celebration of women's spirit. Strong language and mature themes. Admission: \$10 Adults, \$6 Youth (K-12), \$4 USD Student. For reservations call 605-677-5400.

Nook'n Cranny is celebrating 35 years in business! Stop by for scones and Wild Main Blueberry Jam and coffee between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 17. You might even get a present!

W.H. Over Museum is going to keep the tables set up and continue to sell items at their annual rummage sale. Donations are still being accepted. The new dates and times for the rummage sale are Friday, Oct. 16 from 12 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 17 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Brown Bag Lunch Program at the National Music Museum featuring "The Autonomous Autoharpist" on Friday, Oct. 16 from 12:05 to 12:55 p.m. Free and open to the public.

VHS Cross Country, Friday, Oct. 16 at 3 p.m., 3A Region at Beresford.

VHS Football, Friday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. at Madison.

Fun & Games at the Vermillion Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 1 to 4 p.m. Play board games and put jigsaw puzzles together! Adults and youth ages 12 and up are welcome.

St. Agnes Parish Fall Festival is Sunday, Oct. 18 at St. Agnes Catholic School, Lewis & Walker Streets. Roast turkey dinner served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Raffle begins at 1:30 p.m. Silent auction, grand raffle, youth group car raffle for 1983 Chevy half-ton white pickup, country store, bingo and many fun kids games! \$7 adults and \$4 for kids 10 and under. The \$1 raffle tickets can be purchased from any youth group member or at Bob's Service or Sturdevant's Auto Supply. Need not be present to win. For more information visit www.stagnesvermillion.parishesonline.com.

Next Weeks Happenings!

Seventh and Eighth Football, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 4 p.m. at Yankton.

Preservation Wednesdays. The Clay County Historic Preservation Commission and the Clay County Historical Society are presenting the second annual series of historic presentations. A presentation by Jim Wilson entitled "Historic Preservation as a Green Strategy" will be at 7 p.m. at the Vermillion Public Library on Wednesday, Oct. 21. The presentations are free and the public is welcome.

Historics & Flicks at the Vermillion Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 6 to 9 p.m. Join us for the movie showing of "Girl With a Pearl Earring" and discussion. The discussion will be facilitated by Dr. Julie Schlarman, USD art history professor.

Annual Pumpkin Carving Party sponsored by the Friends of the W.H. Over Museum will be Sunday, Oct. 25 at 2:30 p.m. at the museum. Pumpkin carving, trick or treating, Scarecrow contest, soup and pie supper and live entertainment. Free will offering for the meal. Costume wearing is encouraged.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

Brown Bag Lunch Program at the National Music Museum featuring "South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers: Musical Heritage of the Great Plains" on Friday, Oct. 30 from 12:05 to 12:55 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Holiday Open House is Thursday, Nov. 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the former VDCD office at 906 East Cherry St. Get unique holiday gifts! Ten vendors including Uppercase Living, Arm Candy Purses, Pampered Chef, Jewelry, Mary Kay and more! Door prizes, refreshments and FUN! Admission is FREE or bring a non-perishable food item. Everyone welcome.

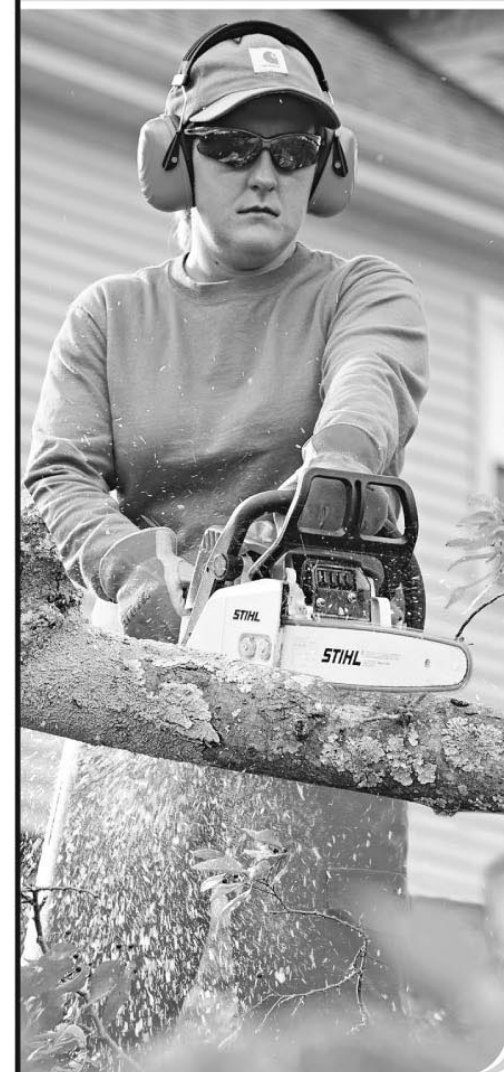
Sesquicentennial Heritage Harvest Ball is Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Muenster University Center Ballroom. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Live entertainment by the "Dave Olson Quintet" for your dancing and listening pleasure. \$15 per person (seating is limited). Reserved tickets available as of Oct. 13 at Nook'n Cranny. It took 150 years to present this party!

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