



Apple Polishing Concert

The 2009 Music Boosters' Apple Polishing Concert featuring the Pride of Vermillion Marching Band and the VHS Show Choirs was held Monday, Oct. 19, 2009, in the Vermillion High School Performing Arts Center. (Photos by David Lias)

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Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Investigators determined that alcohol wasn't a factor in the accident.

"She (Harter) just simply got in the wrong lane, and drove in the wrong lane," Gertsma said.

The state's attorney confirmed that Harter is diabetic. "But as far as I can tell, that has nothing to do with any of the criminal charges," she said.

Gertsma said the necessary paperwork involving the charges will likely be

filed with the clerks of a court office on Friday. Should Harter decide to plead guilty to the charges, she will pay a fine to the clerk, the state's attorney said.

"If she wants to plead not guilty, then she can do that and it will get set for a trial," Gertsma said. "But they are Class 2 misdemeanors, so most likely, if she decides to plead not guilty, then the case would be before a judge and not a jury."

The outcome of the case

will not be decided in a courtroom. Harter will enter her plea in Clerk of Courts Robin Iverson's office, which regularly handles traffic offenses. The date of Harter's hearing hasn't been determined.

"Robin is considered a magistrate court judge," Gertsma said, "although she does her work from the clerk of courts office. She can take pleas on the Class 2s (misdemeanors) so she will make her plea to one of the clerks of court."

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ease. Since then, that total has risen to 2,141 diagnoses of H1N1, with two deaths.

Kelsey almost became a member of the latter group. She went into the hospital Sept. 27 after she hadn't been feeling well for about 48 hours.

The next morning, her parents, Lori Schroeder of Brandon and Wayne Mullenix of Sioux Falls, heard a report that terrified them.

"Monday morning, the doctors said that there may be a chance that she could not pull through this," Schroeder says. "That's when they put her on life support and put her in a coma to let the machines do the work for her and give her body a rest."

It was touch-and-go the first two or three days, Schroeder says. She feared that her daughter, the middle of three siblings, would be lost to her.

Kelsey's illness was all the more shocking in its suddenness and because of H1N1's tendency to strike young, healthy adults.

It began, Kelsey says, with a fever, a "kind of sore throat," and feeling rundown. "Kind of yucky, just like you'd expect from the flu," she says.

The 2009 Brandon Valley High School graduate had been attending classes at the University of South Dakota for only three weeks when she became ill.

Now, Kelsey won't be back on campus until second semester when she again will begin pursuit of a degree in dental hygiene.

She had gone home for the

weekend, intending to do laundry. She made a trip back to Vermillion to tell her boss that she couldn't work, then returned to Sioux Falls when her parents knew that this was more than an ordinary flu.

In fact, Kelsey's body was facing an onslaught. In addition to H1N1, she also was diagnosed with influenza type A and type B; MRSA, a particularly nasty staph infection; and bacterial pneumonia.

Dr. Jen McKay, a hospitalist at Avera McKennan Hospital, is familiar with Kelsey's case, though she never treated her. Reports from her colleagues indicate that H1N1 is prevalent in South Dakota, she says.

"This is just blossoming like a wild weed in the community," she says. "I think the jury is still out on how people are going to react to it."

While Kelsey's case is extreme, McKay says, it sends out an important message to others.

"Pay attention to your body," McKay says. "Stay in contact with your physician, and if you feel something is not right, it is OK to make a

phone call and say, 'Hey, I don't feel right about this.'"

McKay promotes "hand hygiene" - washing your hands with soap and warm water - as a good deterrent to H1N1.

She also says it is similar to the epidemic of 1918, when people often contracted bacterial pneumonia in addition to the flu, and to a virus prevalent in the 1950s.

"That's why we're saying that patients over the age of 65 are going to be the last to be immunized," she says. "These very young people who haven't had a chance to sort of develop their immune systems are having the most severe reactions to it."

As someone who fell into that category, Kelsey is looking at her world in a new light.

"It was awesome to be able to go home and see my family and my puppies and sleep in my own bed," she says.

Kelsey also will begin a new habit every fall: getting a flu shot.

"I got one before I left the hospital," she says.

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This Weeks Happenings!

• 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 these crafts not only provides work for these artisans, but the profits go to support community development projects in Guatemala. Please come visit us at 10 W. Main Street or check us out online at www.sharingthedream.org.

• VHS Volleyball, Friday, Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. at Dakota Valley.

• USD Women's Volleyball host Chicago State University in the DakotaDome at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23.

• USD Symphony Orchestra Fall Concert is Friday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Colton Recital Hall at the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.

• VHS Cross Country, Saturday, Oct. 24, State Meet at Huron.

• USD Women's Volleyball host New Jersey Institute of Technology in the DakotaDome at 12 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25.

• 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.

• USD Fall Choral Showcase is Sunday, Oct. 25 at 3 p.m. at Vermillion's Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 East Clark St. USD presents the USD Chamber Singers, Concert Choir, and Men's and Women's Chorus in a fall concert. Open to the public at no charge.

• USD One-Act Plays performed and directed by USD Theatre students are Nov. 12 - 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Arena Theatre in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Admission fee \$10 adults, \$6 youth (K-12), \$4 USD student. For more information please visit www.usd.edu/cfa/Theatre/ticketinfo.cfm.

CHAMBER CHAT

• 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.

• USD Women's Swimming/Diving host Iowa State University in the DakotaDome on Friday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- Mark Your Calendars!

• USD Opera Presents "The Princess and the Pea" from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 4 in the Colton Recital Hall at the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. This 50-minute, fast-paced opera is written with children K-6 in mind, but appealing to children of all ages. Open to the public at no charge.

• USD Women's Volleyball host Drake University at the DakotaDome on Monday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m.

• USD Jazz Ensembles present their fall concert to the public at no charge on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Colton Recital Hall at the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts.

• Veteran's Day Program at W.H. Over Museum on Wednesday, Nov. 11 to honor those who have served in the armed forces. Time TBA.

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

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• Brown Bag Lunch Program at the National Music Museum featuring "Accende Lumen Sensibus" ensemble on Friday, Nov. 13 from 12:05 to 12:55 p.m. Free and open to the public.

• 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 Karin Woltjer entitled "Historic Landscapes" will be at 7 p.m. at the Public Library on Wednesday, Nov. 18. The presentations are free and the public is welcome.

• Historics & Flicks, "A Gravestone Made of Wheat" at the Vermillion Public Library is Thursday, Nov. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. Join us for the movie and discussion of the short story facilitated by Paige Keck, educator. Free and open to the public.

• Brown Bag Lunch Program at the National Music Museum featuring "Boxwood and Brass" on Friday, Nov. 20 from 12:05 to 12:55 p.m. Free and open to the public.

• Fun & Games at the Vermillion Public Library is Saturday, Nov. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. Play board games and put jigsaw puzzles together! Adults and youth ages 12 and up are welcome. Free and open to the public.

• 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 are available at Nook 'n Cranny. It took 150 years to present this party!

Does your business or organization have an event you would like included in the Chamber Chat? If you do please call us at 624-5571 or email us at vedc@vermillionchamber.com.

Thank You

The family of Glenn Hanson would like to express a sincere thank you to all the friends, family and neighbors for the kindness shown through the gifts of food, cards and memorials, flowers and plants. Thanks to Pastor Mary for visits and prayer and Dorothy Langley for helping to make the funeral arrangements easier. Thanks to Dr. Yelverton for the years of care given. Sanford of Vermillion and the nursing staff, especially Noelle Knapp for going well above and beyond. Thanks to the hospice staff and Carol Lavin for the expert and personal care given. Thanks to Amanda Mettler, social worker for making your visiting days brighter for Dad. Thank you St. Paul Lutheran Church ELCW for serving the lunch at the funeral.

Dad expressed many times how lucky he was to know the many people who helped him in his years of need. God bless, Katherine Swanson, Marlon & Pam Hanson and family, Jeanette & Bruce Schoewe and family, Glenda & Dean Thompson and family, Karen & Austin Walther and family

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