

## Exchange vows



Megan and Josh Becker

Megan Deaver and Josh Becker were married May 23, 2009, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington, NE, with Father John Pietramale and Father Kevin O'Dell officiating.

Parents of the couple are Deb Larson, Vermillion, and Rick Deaver, Minneapolis; Nancy Becker, Hartington, and Lyle and Cathy Becker, Yankton.

Matron of honor was Brandi Wyatt, Vermillion. Maid of honor was Nichole Munce, Minneapolis. Bridesmaids were Holly Becker, Hartington, Whitney Koeling, Tea, and Malory Evans, Watertown. Junior bridesmaids were Kaitlin Abbott and Madison Abbott, both of Vermillion. Flower girls were Saige Wyatt, Vermillion, and Annika Kuehn, Hartington.

Best Man was Zach Becker, Hartington. Groomsmen were Jarryd Schieffer, Hartington, Jon Hoelsing, Hartington, Todd Opdahl, Boise, ID, and Jesse Freeburg, Sioux Falls. Ring bearer was Riley Kuehn, Hartington.

Ushers were Shane, Turner and Travis Becker, Hartington. The guest attendants

were Jade and Jennifer Yanak, both of Barstow, CA. Gift bearers were Julie, Stan, Mathew, Ethal, and Nolan Becker all of Hartington.

Wedding music was provided by Owen DeJong, Vermillion. Vocalist was Brooks Tasa, Humphrey.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Vermillion. Host and Hostesses were Jason Wyatt, Vermillion, and Mary Kay Zimmerman, Vermillion, and Barry and Radell Tasa, Humphrey. Marilyn Kaiser, Vermillion, and Darlis LaBahn, Vermillion were cake servers.

The bride is a graduate of Vermillion High School and a 2008 Dakota State University graduate. She is currently a third grade teacher in Hartford and is working on her master's in elementary education. The groom is a graduate of Cedar Catholic High School, Hartington, NE and a 2008 graduate of SDSU. He is currently employed as a nurse in the intensive care unit at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls. The couple resides in Sioux Falls.



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### Work this week:

- North half closed west end to service road, Cottage Avenue to Dakota Street.
- Half Highway 19 closed, intersection open to traffic.
- Sewer at Elm Street intersection
- North half paving Cottage Avenue to Dakota Street.
- Dakota Street intersection paving
- Topsoil on project.

### Planned for next week:

- Concrete paving, Highway 19 to east and intersection of Highway 19.
- Seeding, erosion control entire project.

- Street lighting, traffic signals entire project.
- Gravel and asphalt shoulders.

### Miscellaneous:

- 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.
- Mark your calendars, Cherry Street groundbreaking, Nov. 20, details to come.

# Heartland Humane Society receives heartwarming donations

Heartland Humane Society received a heartwarming donation from the confirmation class at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton. The girls worked hard to make warm fleece blankets and dipped doggie bones for the animals at the shelter.

Heartland Humane Society relies on donations from the community to care for the shelter animals. Groups like the St John's Confirmation Class can help with great projects like this. "The girls put in a lot of effort and were really creative with their donations," said Tasha Anderson, Executive Director at Heartland Humane Society. "The blankets will personalize each kennel and keep the animals warm, and the dipped bones be great for fundraisers like our holiday photos and Tails & Trails events. We are so happy to have their support!"

If your group is interested in doing a similar project for the shelter, contact Tasha Anderson at 605-664-4244 or email hhs@midconetwork.com. You can also stop by the shelter at 601-1/2 Burleigh Street in Yankton and visit some of the animals.

Heartland Humane Society serves Yankton and Clay Counties in South



Pictured are members of St. John's Lutheran Church confirmation group donating fleece blankets and dipped bones to the animals at Heartland Humane Society.

Dakota and Cedar County in Nebraska and surrounding communities, protecting and enhancing the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy

relationships between pets and people. Visit Heartland Humane Society online at [www.heartlandhumanesociety.net](http://www.heartlandhumanesociety.net).

## Historics and Flicks at library

Will Weaver's A Gravestone Made of Wheat is the next featured selection in the Historics and Flicks series. This is a short story in a collection of stories entitled, Sweet Land. The film will be shown on Thursday, Nov. 19, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Community Room at the Vermillion Public Library.

Following the movie, a brief discussion will be facilitated by Paige Keck, Educator. Hot drinks and popcorn will be provided.

Copies of this Weaver book containing a story celebrating land, love, and the American immigrant experience are available at the circulation desk.

For more information about this event, call the library at 677-7060 or e-mail [vpl@sdln.net](mailto:vpl@sdln.net).

## November programs for children and young adults

The South Dakota Children's Choice book lists are out. On Thursday, Nov. 5, there will be an after-school program for early elementary students from 3:45-5 p.m. We will read some of the new Prairie Bud nominees, do some craft projects and enjoy treats. All the books will be available for check out after the program. Upper elementary students will be introduced to the Prairie Pasque book list on Nov. 12. This program begins at 3:45 p.m. There will games and activities related to the books and we'll have snacks. These books can also be checked out after the program.

Young adults in grades 6-12 are invited to a special book discussion. The Teen Choice Award nominees are on display at the library. Check one out, read it, and come tell us about it! Or read anything you want and come tell us about it! We will meet at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17. We will also choose the next book club selection and plan future events at that time. If you have any questions about these or other youth events at the Vermillion Public Library, please contact Joyce.

For more information, call the library at 677-7060 or email [vpl@sdln.net](mailto:vpl@sdln.net).

## Heartland Humane Society brings Tails and Trails to Vermillion

Get your feet and paws ready, it's that time of year again. The Heartland Humane Society's annual Tails & Trails event is back. Pet owners and their four-legged friends can enjoy a morning walk while participating in the day's events.

The Heartland Humane Society is hosting its third annual Tails & Trails event on Saturday, Nov. 7, at Cotton Park in Vermillion. The event will begin at 10 a.m. with registration beginning at 9 a.m.

Don't have a pet? Don't worry. The day will begin with a "meet and greet" with the adoptable dogs from the Heartland Humane Society. These dogs will be available to walk at the event for those who do not have a pet of their own. These animals are also up for adoption the day of the event.

Other activities at the event will include dog contests and some available insight into obedience training. There will also be refreshments provided

for the walkers as well as dog treats and a cute bandana for the furry friends. The dog treat bags are graciously decorated by Mrs. Muhowald's fifth grade class. HHS t-shirts and information about the organization will also be available at the event.

Donations are welcome at the event and will be honored toward the HHS Spay and Neuter Program. As a non-profit organization, the HHS appreciates support from surrounding communities. The HHS generates its income from donations, fundraising efforts, t-shirt sales, adoption and membership fees. All fees through the HHS go towards spaying and neutering, medical care, food and shelter for the animals that need care.

The Heartland Humane Society was established in 2000 by a group of dedicated volunteers looking to benefit the lives of homeless and abused animals. This non-profit organization began as the

Yankton Area Humane Society and as grown into the Heartland Humane Society as to include Clay and Yankton counties in South Dakota, Cedar County in Nebraska, and surrounding communities. It is governed by a dedicated board of directors and relies on its volunteers for its continuing success.

Current fundraising efforts are being directed toward a 2006 plan for a shelter building. Currently, the HHS is able to rescue animals due to its foster care program in which families take in pets. By building a permanent shelter, the HHS hopes to ensure that every pet in need has a home.

Through the continued support from members, donors, volunteers, and consistent supporters, the HHS strives to reach its goals to improve the lives of animals in need and to eventually build a shelter. For those of you who wish to show your support, consider attending the Tails and Trails event.

For more information on HHS and what you can do to help, please visit: <http://www.heartlandhumanesociety.net> or call (605) 664-4244.

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## Removal of Snow & Ice

The City of Vermillion, Code Enforcement Department wishes to remind you that sidewalks are to be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours following any snow or freezing rain. We are concerned for the health and safety of residents who use public sidewalks. Therefore we are issuing a \$10 service fee to the owner of any property if snow and ice have not been removed within the allotted time frame. If snow and ice is not removed after the follow-up inspection, the cost of the snow removal and a \$25 service fee will be charged to the property owner.

If you plan on being out of town for a period of time, please make arrangements to have your sidewalks cleared. We ask that citizens be courteous to others and remove snow and ice promptly. We apologize for any inconvenience or hardship this may cause.

If you have any questions, contact the Code Enforcement Office at 677-7089



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