



Pictured are Paul Granaas and Katie Zimmerman.

## VHS spooky play set

Vermillion High School thespians are getting into the spirit of Halloween with bats wings, chilling screams, bloody fangs, and a castle crypt as they prepare for their upcoming production of Count Dracula Oct. 7, 8 and 9. The play, set at the turn of the 20th century, combines all the thrills of the classic Dracula story with the campiness of an old horror

movie.

A special late night, 10 p.m. showing on Friday, Oct. 7 kicks off the performance weekend. Saturday's show begins at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's at 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens, and admission is free to those with a Vermillion School District activity card. Tickets are available at the door.

# Sanford Vermillion recycles tons

Sanford Vermillion introduced a facility-wide commercial recycling program to its staff in the summer of 2010. Now, over a year later, the medical center has diverted over 35,000 pounds of waste from the Clay County landfill.

In cooperation with the city of Vermillion Recycling Department, Sanford Vermillion introduced the new program to medical center staff with several goals in mind; first, and foremost, to become a more eco-friendly corporate citizen. Sanford Vermillion hoped to make a direct impact on the area environment through a significant reduction in waste tonnage deposited at the local landfill. Another goal was to reduce the use of Styrofoam and other similar items used within the facility that typically have a longer "shelf life" in the landfill.

Some first steps of planning for the eco-friendly program included analysis of several typical waste deposits at the city landfill. While medical center staff knew that recycling efforts of any degree would make a difference in landfill expenses, they were very surprised to learn that up to 50 percent of the analyzed loads were deemed potential recyclable materials. Cardboard was identified as the largest quantity of recyclable material from Sanford Vermillion waste.

The city of Vermillion made recommendations related to equipment needs, educational materials and internal supplies to initiate a facility wide recycling program at Sanford Medical Center Vermillion. Between equipment needs and the cafeteria conversion from Styrofoam to dinnerware, it became clear that the potential upfront costs for the new program could run as high as \$30,000.

Thanks to financial support from Dakota Hospital Foundation, two of the larger cost items; an Alley-Cat Recycling trailer and a cardboard/tin baler were purchased. With needed equipment in place, Sanford Vermillion was able to announce the kick off of the new Eco-Friendly Program.

"Dakota Hospital Foundation recognized the impact this program would have, not only for the medical center, but for the community and the environment. The board was very pleased to assist in providing the equipment needed to execute a successful eco-friendly venture for Sanford Vermillion," said Jerry Johnson, past president, Dakota Hospital Foundation Board of Directors.

Education sessions for all employees were held and recycling was phased in throughout the facility over six-weeks in the summer of 2010. Employees have

embraced the program over the past year and continue to seek ways to decrease waste.

"We have been very pleased with the success of the Eco-Friendly program at Sanford Vermillion. Recycling does require extra effort and we appreciate the enthusiastic participation on the part of our employees," said Valerie Osterberg, CFO at Sanford Vermillion.

"Sanford Vermillion's recycling program is a great example of how a commercial business can improve our environment. By sending their recyclables to the recycling center, Sanford Vermillion has less material going into the landfill. This saves space for the landfill and saves money for Sanford Vermillion," said Bob Iverson, solid waste director Vermillion.

The city of Vermillion provides a monthly report of recycle collection amounts. The peak month since the start of the eco-friendly program was November 2010. In that 30 day period 1,720 pounds of plastic/tin/paper and aluminum and over 2,200 pounds of cardboard were recycled. Total waste diverted from the Vermillion landfill since June 2010 is well over 17 tons.

To learn more about Sanford Vermillion, visit [www.sanfordvermillion.org](http://www.sanfordvermillion.org).

## SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Cleo Erickson

Excerpts from the Plain Talk

### 1960

Weekend specials to begin 1960 at Jacobsen's Bakery include 1 dozen Whole Wheat pan rolls, 21 cents; Sandwich Bread, 24 cents; 1 dozen White Sugar Cookies, 35 cents; Long Johns, 5 cents each.

Due to the bad storm last week, power was off in Burbank for 56 hours.

The January 14, 1960 Plain Talk tells the story of the Vermillion River. It was once a popular recreation spot. Where it runs now, it is a narrow stagnant stream, but many years ago it was wide and deep. There were plenty of game fish and one didn't need a license to catch a nice string of fish. In 1920 there was a boat landing south of the Chandler Hill and boats could be rented for a modest sum, five cents an hour at one time. Upstream was a swimming hole where bathing suits were considered both cumbersome and unnecessary. This side of the Russell Bridge was Dewey Point, named after the famous Admiral, which was his favorite spot for picnics and fishing. Later the river began to fill up with silt. Drainage ditches brought in soil from fields and back water from the Missouri left deposits of mud. Maybe modern dredging methods can restore the attractiveness of the old river, but it's doubtful.

Oden Implement will hold an Open House on January 27, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. All types of International Harvester equipment will be on display. Several entertaining movies will be shown and all in attendance will enjoy coffee and donuts.

The February 4, 1960, Plain Talk sponsors some of Vermillion's history written by Austin Lathrop. C. E. Prentis, one of the first trustees of Vermillion served as Mayor of Vermillion over 40 years. The first ordinance related to "peace and order". The second ordinance provided for licensing and regulating intoxicating liquor. No. 3 ordinance related to disorderly houses and No. 4 was to prevent cattle, hogs, and horses from running at large. And No. 5 placed a tax on dogs. The town's Marshall received a \$300.00 a year

salary and the Clerk's salary was \$150.00 per year.

Attention Boat Owners! Help us organize a Boat Club. Come to the meeting on Monday, February 8, 1960 at 8:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the National Guard Armory and will be serving free oyster stew.

During the last week of 1935, there was a dust storm and on December 26th the thermometer dropped to 11 below zero. On January 6th, 1936 it was 24 below zero. The following week the temperature stayed about the same. February saw no let up in the frigid weather, there being 22 consecutive days below zero. Water pipes that had never frozen before began to burst. Gale like winds piled the snow into big drifts. Many roads were closed. By February 25th most roads were open but the next day another blizzard, which turned out to be the last one, closed all the roads again. As the spring and summer came the temperatures rose and 1936 was a scorcher. There were 22 days in July that registered over 100 degrees, the hottest day being July 17 with 114 degrees. 1936 was a year of many crop failures.

Sid, the son in law of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Gibson, former owners of the Plain Talk, works for a company that makes those electronic brains or computers, which are to be installed in large airports to keep track of the jet planes in the air, so there will be no chance of their colliding. The computer has such a complicated brain that it took a long time to get it to think properly. Sid will help service the machine "to keep it thinking right!"

An acre of land near Phoenix, AZ is now selling for \$25,000.00. Fred Burr who just returned from there said a promoter paid over one million dollars for 40 acres at

Scottsdale, which is a suburb of Phoenix. It is one of the fastest growing areas in the United States.

Effective immediately, the Police have been given instructions to arrest and file charges against any person found to be in violation of burning garbage, or hauling garbage or trash in an uncovered vehicle. Those hauling branches should be sure they are securely tied down with a rope.

The City Council voted to advertise for bids for a new fire truck. Lewis Radigan, Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department appeared before the council to discuss the type of equipment that will best meet the needs of local fire protection. Specifications call for a modern pumper equipped with an aerial ladder. Bids will be opened on May 16th.

In the "Way Back When" column in the Plain Talk, it states that in the year 1895, Arslay Olson took over management of the hotel in Meckling.... Gov. Bigelow platted his land south of the University into building lots....and there were complaints that house rents in Vermillion were too high....from \$120.00 to \$150.00 a year.

In 1935, the top scorers on the great Meckling High School basketball team were Glen Iverson, Don Iverson, Gene Larson and Harold Seeley.

Directors of the Vermillion Chamber approved a motion on Monday night to initiate a study of the possibility of getting a bridge across the Missouri River south of the city.

Remember "The Normandy" at 38th and Summit in Sioux City? One could get all they wanted to eat for \$1.75 for adults and \$1.00 for children under 10.

# Steckelberg inducted into Gayville-Volin Hall of Fame

Ronald D Steckelberg was inducted into the Gayville-Volin Athletic Hall of Fame on Sept. 9.

Steckelberg, who graduated from Black Hills State College in 1968, taught and coached at Gayville-Volin Schools for 25 years. He taught business math classes and taught them with passion, earning the respect of staff, students and parents. Steckelberg never let the sports activities interfere with his teaching. He was selected to "Who's Who among American Teachers" five times (Less than 1 percent of teachers are selected more than once).

Steckelberg showed the same passion for his athletes when he was involved in sports activities. During his 25-year career, he worked with girls' and boys' track and field, girls' and boys' basketball, and girls' and boys' golf. His 1973 girls' track and field team won the Tri-Valley conference, and was Region Champions. He then coached the girls from 1981 to 1997 and the boys from 1992 to 1997.

Many of his student-athletes established school records. As an assistant basketball coach Steckelberg helped lead the girls' team to district trophies in 1980, '81 and '82. He would then serve as head coach until 1990 developing many fine student-athletes. As the girls' and boys' golf coach his teams won Tri-Valley conference titles in 2002 and the



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girls repeated in 2003.

Ron and his wife Pat have four children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is retired

and works part-time for Vermillion Public Transit. In his retirement he and Pat love to travel, golf, fish and garden.

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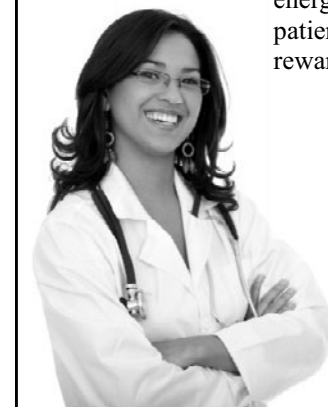
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