

**CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF PRESS BRIEFING**

10/14/12 11:44 — A caller reported a note left at a church in Wakonda. It was not known what was meant by the note or who left it. It did not appear to be criminal in nature or threatening.

10/14/12 13:46 — A vehicle was stopped and the driver cited for speeding on 455th Avenue.

10/14/12 19:01 — A caller reported an erratic driver east of Vermillion. A deputy was able to locate the vehicle and investigate. It was found the driver was sleepy but was not otherwise impaired.

10/15/12 09:08 — A deputy located and arrested a subject with a Clay County arrest warrant for felony drug charges.

10/15/12 10:46 — A driver was stopped and notified of the requirement to have a front license plate.

10/15/12 12:57 — A resident called to report bags of garbage dumped in the ditch. A deputy met with him at the scene but by this time the garbage had been cleaned up.

10/15/12 17:19 — A deputy located an occupied vehicle, which had run out of gas. There were no plates on the vehicle. He found it had been recently purchased. The driver was informed how to get a temporary permit.

10/16/12 00:02 — A caller reported blinking lights on top of Spirit Mound. A deputy investigated and also saw the lights. He was able to locate a group of people who were hunting for ghosts in the area. No ghosts were found.

10/16/12 14:06 — A deputy responded to a grass fire north of Meckling. Fire units were able to put the fire out. The property owner said the fire started while he was mowing.

10/16/12 14:50 — An inmate was transported to a medical clinic for an appointment and then returned to the jail.

10/16/12 16:32 — Deputies transported a patient from the hospital to the Human Services Center in Yankton for an involuntary mental illness hold. They also transported a male prisoner to the Yankton County Jail to meet a state prisoner transport vehicle.

10/16/12 22:47 — A vehicle was observed operating in a suspicious manner near Wakonda. A deputy investigated and eventually identified the occupants. No arrests were made.

10/18/12 15:53 — A report was received of construction barrels being misaligned due to high winds in the Highway 50 construction project. Officers responded to re-set the barrels and the construction company was notified.

10/18/12 22:37 — A deputy assisted a person who was stranded in Vermillion with finding a ride to Yankton.

10/19/12 11:15 — An inmate incarcerated in Union County was transported to Clay County for a court appearance for Clay County charges.

10/19/12 12:33 — A deputy took a report of a non injury accident on Highway 19.

10/19/12 15:47 — A 911 call was received from a phone in Irene. There was no conversation but the line remained open. A deputy responded to investigate and found that a child had been playing with the phone. There was no need for further action.

10/19/12 18:39 — An inmate was transported back to the Union County Jail after a court appearance in Clay County.

10/20/12 09:37 — A report was received of a skid loader on fire south of Vermillion. Officers responded and the fire was contained with fire extinguishers to prevent a grass fire until fire units arrived and put the fire out.

10/20/12 16:09 — A report was received of a grass fire north of Meckling. There was no indication the fire was intentionally set. Fire units responded but the landowner had extinguished most of the fire with a garden hose.

10/20/12 21:30 — A driver was stopped and warned for excessive speed on 306th St.

10/20/12 22:40 — A vehicle was observed failing to stop at a stop sign near Volin. The driver was cautioned to make a complete stop at that intersection.

Total: 22

**WATER**

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“Once the projects are finished, this funding sunsets, so it’s not a new program, it’s simply a way to complete these projects in a more timely manner.”

Larson added that Johnson has worked to secure approximately \$15 million in unallocated funds “that hopefully will be held in the final budget bill,” out of which the Lewis & Clark project would get a share.

“That’s sort of the trickle-down appropriation approach that’s in place because of the earmark ban, which unfortunately includes authorized projects,” Larson said. “We’ve advocated long and hard that an authorized project like Lewis & Clark should not be included in the earmark ban, so we thank the senator for his efforts.”

Johnson said he did not know if funding would be affected by the outcome of this year’s election.

“We’ll wait and see what happens,” he said. “I don’t know what the position of Mitt Romney is on Lewis & Clark, but the merits I assume will win out.”

The senator said overall progress with the project is heartening.

“Ten of the 11 communities in South Dakota (are being served) already,” he said.



Sen. Tim Johnson and Troy Larson, executive director of the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System, field questions from media in the foyer of the system’s new water plant north of Vermillion Monday.

(Photo by David Lias)

“Madison is the only underserved community left. The rest are in Iowa and Minnesota.”

The Vermillion plant was operational as of July 30, 2012, and had its official ribbon-cutting Aug. 21, a ceremony Johnson was unable to attend.

“What’s happening today is a belated opportunity for the senator to see everything that has taken place with the funding that we’ve received,” Larson said.

Larson went on to thank Johnson for his efforts to see

the project through to completion.

“Sen. Johnson through the years has been a champion of this project to say the least,” he said. “He has been involved with it since day one, and advocated for it in every which way he possibly could.”

On entering the main building, Johnson declared he was “impressed already.”

“I noticed the mural on both sides of the building that depicts Lewis and Clark overlooking Spirit Mound,” he said. “That is appropriate.”

The senator also took time out during his brief Q&A with the media to remember former Sen. George McGovern, who died Sunday.

In particular Johnson said he admired McGovern’s efforts toward peace and his efforts to feed the hungry, in which he was joined by former Sen. Bob Dole.

“I have fond memories (of McGovern), and I’ve been inspired as so many others are by his service to the public,” Johnson said.

**LAVIN**

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didn’t think I would make it to state,” Madisen said.

Her cross-country training regimen includes a running Monday thru Friday. VHS Cross Country Coach Kelly Fischbach also had team members run one day during the weekends this season.

“I would do hill workouts during the weekends,” she said. “We started training before school started.”

The discipline and hard work involved in distance training may seem like drudgery to most people. Madisen has discovered she loves the sport.

“Football players have passion for football, and I have passion for running and swimming,” she said. “It just feels good to be able to run. You have an adrenaline rush before they fire the gun, and you have a mental image of what you

want your time to be, and how you are going to run it.

“Even though it was my first year, I knew how my breathing should be – if I should be able to breathe through my nose or not while I’m running, if my lungs were hurting. You could hear your footsteps,” Madisen said.

She likes being part of the Tanager cross country team. She also likes the individual responsibility inherent in the sport.

“It’s nice, because you kind of have to depend on how your team does, but for the most part, it depends upon you ... how well you do affects how well your team does, so you really want to do well for your team and for your town,” Madisen said.

The most nerve-racking time of Saturday’s state meet for Madisen came after she crossed the finish line.

“I kept thinking to myself, ‘what if I get disqualified for this, or what if I get disqualified

for that? What if I didn’t end up getting the place that I did because they disqualified me?’ I was really nervous,” she said, laughing softly. “And then, they announced my name at the awards, and I was ‘oh, I actually did get second,’ and it was a relief.”

Madisen is also a member of the Vermillion Area Swim Team. She’s managed to make it to the pool a few times this fall.

Now that this year’s cross country season has ended, she’ll plunge fully into swimming, while still focusing on running for just a bit longer this fall.

“I’ll be going hard at swimming now, and hopefully will be able to compete in the Nike meet in two weeks in Sioux Falls for cross country,” Madisen said. “I might not be running as much, so I might not be having as good of a time as I would like, but I would just like to do something (in running) afterwards – something bigger to compete against more people, so it’s not just South Dakota.”



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