



SHAUNA MARLETTE/FOR THE PLAIN TALK
Fire Crews work in the grove of trees with the fire break created by area farmers in the foreground. The cause of the fire which burned more than 80 acres has yet to be determined

Fire

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Not just the Vermillion area has been impacted by fires this week, however.

Wildfires burning on prairie land in five states have destroyed more than a dozen homes and killed livestock in the past few days.

Ample rain during the spring and summer made matters worse by encouraging prairie grass to grow into deep, thick wildfire fuel.

“All they needed was a spark,” said Kelly Allen, a National Weather Service fire program manager in Riverton, Wyoming. “Now they’re finally burning. The fuel bed is almost continuous.”

In Wyoming, winds drove a landfill fire across almost 16 square miles of prairie and burned 13 homes. Nobody was hurt but

pets and livestock perished, left behind as some 1,300 people rushed to evacuate the rural area.

Calmer winds helped firefighters begin to get a handle on the flames. They prepared to allow evacuees to return Tuesday evening.

The fire began at a composting area of the Casper Regional Landfill on Saturday and continued to menace an ever-wider expanse of prairie Tuesday. Afternoon winds that kept driving the flames beyond firefighters’ reach were forecast to continue.

Elsewhere over the past few days:

- A fire burned about 4.5 square miles of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in northern South Dakota.

- On the North Dakota side of the same reservation, gusts up to 60 mph blew a fire into the community of Cannon Ball, destroying three homes and a church. About 875 residents had to evacuate

from the blaze that scorched nearly 8 square miles.

- Grass fires elsewhere in the Dakotas destroyed at least one home and shut down highways including part of Interstate 29.

- In eastern Iowa, farm field blazes scorched more than three square miles of Scott County. Two firefighters underwent treatment for smoke inhalation.

- A fire burned 13 square miles of grassland and threatened about 50 homes and ranches near the southern Montana town of Manhattan.

- A hot wildfire season in western Idaho continued as a 5-square-mile forest fire burned three cabins 40 miles northeast of Boise.

The National Weather Service posted wildfire warnings as dry weather will continue through the weekend with rain likely no sooner than next Tuesday, Allen said. (ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS STORY.)

Wood

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those things,” said Josh. “But, really the most inspiring part to me is to watch all of the kids improve.”

This year, Kiley finished the season with 17 hits — including six extra base hits — 12 RBIs, a .447 batting average, .553 on base percentage and .684 slugging percentage.

“From a coaching perspective, Kiley had the strong season we have come to expect,” Josh said. “She works hard 12 months a year and it shows. She has high expectations for the team and it shows in her work ethic and commitment to supporting her teammates.”

Aside from putting up numbers in the stats book, Kiley stepped into an unofficial

leadership role with the team, as one of the older, more experienced members.

“She understands the value of teamwork and has a lot of influence on the persona the team takes to the ball field,” Josh said. “She consistently talks in the infield, the dugout and supports her team. As a coach it is very valuable to have players like Kiley on the team.”

The team had an overall record of 4-7 on the season, including a win over Tea Area in the first game of the state tournament, and with some minor adjustments, Kiley thinks the team will be ready come away with more wins next year.

“I thought (the season) went a lot better than we have done in the past,” she said. “Obviously we could have done little things better, but I thought that we played well.”

Congratulations Kiley on being named Manager of the Week.

CLAY COUNTY COURTS

Cases Disposed Oct. 2 – Oct. 8, 2015

Although-Edgecomb, Cole, Vermillion; No Drivers License; Fine: \$54.

Baires-Chavez, William, Sioux City, Iowa; Careless Driving; Fine: \$54.

Bennett, Donovan, Sioux City, Iowa; Driving With Suspended (Not Revoked) License; Fine: \$204.

Bottjen, Cassidy, Vermillion; Open Container; Fine: \$54.

Erickson, Donald, Sheldon, Iowa; Insufficient Funds Check 3rd Degree, \$100 Or Less; Dismissed-Motion By Prosecutor.

Finnegan, Milton, Sioux City, Iowa; Municipal Speeding; Fine: \$39.

Griffin, Michael, Elk Point; Speed On Four-Lane In Rural Areas; Fine: \$19.

Gylfe, Arlinda, Elk Point; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$39.

Howar, Brenden, Vermillion; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$59.

Iverson, Lucas, Vermillion; Having An Altered Or Invalid License In Possession; Dismissed-Motion By Prosecutor.

Joseph, Romano, Chicago, Illinois; Speeding On A State Highway; Fine: \$59.

Kemp, Joseph, Vermillion; Fail To Use Child Passenger Restraint System; Fine: \$25. Fail To Use Child Passenger Restraint System; Fine: \$25. Fail To Use Child Passenger Restraint System; Fine: \$25.

Martinson, Scott, Vermillion; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$39. Seat Belt Violation; Fine: \$25.

Marvin, Dalton, Vermillion; Driving With Suspended (Not Revoked) License; Fine: \$204.

Marvin, Dalton, Vermillion; Seat Belt Violation; Fine: \$25.

Osborn, Anthony, Yankton; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$39.

Stockfleth, Nathan, Vermillion; Speeding In School Zone; Fine: \$79.

CHAMBER CHAT

CHAMBER BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The VCDC is excited to announce that Sencio Systems will be moving into the Market Street Office Building in Downtown Vermillion this Oct. This is the office that the VCDC has called home for more than 5 years. The VCDC and Welcome Center will temporarily move out to the newly constructed Vermillion Technology Center at 1012 Princeton.

- You can now go to: www.LiveVermillion.com and click on the tab “Things to Do” in the center of the page. It takes you directly to the community calendar of events listing all of the areas posted events. If your event is not listed, this page will allow you to submit an event to be included.

- W. H. Over Museum in Vermillion is in the initial start-up phase of creating GEOCACHING CENTRAL (a one-stop location to learn all about geocaching... and how to participate in this GPS/cultural phenomena). Dr. Larry Bradley (Director of the W. H. Over; 659-6151) and local geocache enthusiast Diane Leja (675-9077) are organizing the rollout of the project for an Oct. 1 launch date. Anyone interested in helping with the project can contact them or Tim Bellis at the VCDC (624-5571). This new project will provide family friendly entertainment for everyone that wants to experience the fun of geocaching. Education about geocache, lists of regional coordinate locations, new cache sites added, historical and cultural lists, how-to-guidance and even loaner GPS units are being created now. Future geocache events are also being planned and considered for inclusion at the Museum.

FRIDAY, DEC. 4

- VCDC Parade of Lights, Fri., Dec. 4 in Downtown Vermillion

THIS WEEKS HAPPENINGS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Her Voice magazine would like to run a section in their magazine pertaining to how the Yankton & Vermillion communities can “Pay it forward” during the Holiday Season. If you have any events taking place during the holidays, please include a description of the event, when it will be taking place, where the community drops are (if that is relevant) and any needed contact names/phone numbers for more information. The magazines’ deadline for the information is Oct. 12 and the magazine will be distributed on Nov. 21 in the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan and Nov. 27 in the Vermillion Plain Talk. Any events for the communities to pay it forward after Nov. 21 would get great publicity for your event. Contact: Nicole Myers, Advertising Asst., 605-665-7811 x 120 or Nicole.myers@yankton.net.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

- Tech Hour: one-on-one sessions with Vermillion Public Library Tech Assistant to answer tech questions, Fri., Oct. 16, 10:30 am-12 p.m. Call 677-7060 to register or stop by Circulation Desk to set up an appointment.

- NMM Live! Free mini-concert: Flutist Natalie Syring and friends, Fri., Oct. 16, 12:05 p.m. at National Music Museum, corner of Clark & Yale St. For more information, visit: nmmusd.org. Description: Flutist Natalie Syring takes you on a musical journey through two centuries (and the Midwest!) During this NMM noon mini-concert, USD graduate and SD-native Natalie Nemec Syring (baroque flute) is joined by violinist-colleagues from the University of Central Oklahoma Early Music Ensemble to perform baroque and classical chamber music on period instruments.

- End of 1st Quarter at Ver-

million Public Schools, Fri., Oct. 16

- Varsity Football: Lennox, Fri., Oct. 16 @ 7 p.m. (H)

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

- Quad State Marching Band competition at Dakota Dome, Sat., Oct. 17 (all day)

- Volleyball: Dakota 12 Conference Tournament @ West Central, Sat., Oct. 17 @ 9 am

- Overeaters Anonymous: Sat., Oct. 17 @ 9 a.m. Location: Newman Center-USD Campus, 320 E. Cherry across from the MUC at the corner of Rose & Cherry St. (West Door-straight through double glass doors on left & first door on left; North Door-down hall to left & first door on left). Description: Overeaters Anonymous is a 12 step program for people with eating disorders & struggles

- Art Storytime (4 yrs. & up) at Vermillion Public Library, Sat., Oct. 17, 10:15 a.m. Registration required; call 677-7060.

- Movement Storytime-birth-3 yrs., Vermillion Public Library, Sat., Oct. 17, 11:15 a.m. Registration required; call 677-7060

- Art of Sustainability at Washington Street Arts Center, 202 Washington St., Sat., Oct. 17, 5-8 p.m. For more information, visit: https://www.facebook.com/events/1494515447513408/. Join us for a night of celebrating sustainability in Vermillion! The event is free and open to the public and features a potluck. Participants are encouraged to bring food if they are able. There will be speakers on various topics of art and sustainability along with vendors, educational booths, and music. Please bring your family and friends for a great night of celebrating sustainability and the arts!

- USD Volleyball vs Fort

Wayne, Sat., Oct. 17, 7 p.m. at DakotaDome

- USD’s Theatre Artist in Residence, Joseph Mahowald, presents benefit concert, Sat., Oct. 17, 7:30 pm, Wayne S. Knutson Theatre at Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts

- Join the Sioux City Symphony at the Orpheum Theatre for ‘A Night at the Museum; Sat., Oct. 17, 7:30 pm, featuring concertos performed on historic instruments from the National Music Museum’s most treasured collections. A variety of unique instruments will also be on display throughout the Orpheum.

- Musical variety show at Gayville Hall, 502 Washington St. in Gayville featuring ‘A Celebration of Hank Williams,’ Sat., Oct. 17, 8 p.m. Call 605-267-2859 for ticket information.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

- St. Agnes Parish Fall Festival, Sun., Oct. 18 featuring youth group car raffle (2002 Kia Rio), country store, silent auction & lots of games for kids. Roast turkey dinner served from 11 am-1:30 p.m. Raffles begin @ 1 p.m. Adults: \$8; kids 10 & under \$4. Children under 2 years free.

MONDAY, OCT. 19

- Parent-Teacher Conferences at Vermillion Public Schools, Mon., Oct. 19, 2:30-8 p.m. Early dismissal for students at Austin & Jolley Elementary @ 1:50 p.m. and Middle & High School @ 2 pm

- Junior Varsity Football: Lennox, Mon., Oct. 19 @ 4:30 p.m. (H)

- Art Storytime (4 yrs. & up) at Vermillion Public Library, Mon., Oct. 18, 5:30 p.m. Registration required; call 677-7060.

- Welcome Table serves a free meal on Mondays at the

First United Methodist Church, 16 N. Dakota St. Public is invited to enjoy fellowship & food prepared & served by volunteer groups, Mon., Oct. 18, 5:30-7 p.m. Groups interested in volunteering to serve at the Welcome Table can contact John Lushbough at 605-670-0958 or email: jlushbough@gmail.com. For more information, visit: www.welcometable.org

- Al-anon meeting at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Mon., Oct. 18 @ 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 624-9764

- Rawlins Guest Artist Gregory DeTurck - Piano Recital, Mon., Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m., Colton Recital Hall-Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts

- Apple Polishing Concert @ Vermillion High School, Mon., Oct. 19 @ 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

- Movement Storytime for birth-3 yrs. at Vermillion Public Library, Tues., Oct. 20, 10:15 a.m. Registration required; call 677-7060.

- Technically Speaking Series: Digital Photo Basics at Vermillion Public Library, Tues., Oct. 20, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Call 677-7060 for more information

- Robotics Club for K-5 grades, Tues., Oct. 20 @ 3:30 p.m. at Vermillion Public Library

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

- No classes at Vermillion Public Schools, Wed., Oct. 21. Teacher in-service from 8 am-noon and conference begins @ 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

- Financial Counseling with Lutheran Social Services at Vermillion Public Library, Thurs., Oct. 22, 1 pm-3:30 p.m. Topic: Fighting Fraud: Protect Yourself from Identity Theft. Call 677-7060 to schedule a meeting.

- Vermillion Area Farmers Market, Thurs., Oct. 22, 3-7 p.m. at Clay County Fairgrounds. Call 605-659-3399 or email VAFarmersMarket@gmail.com for more information.

- Teen Lounge at Vermillion Public Library, Thurs., Oct. 22 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Room. This weekly social hour includes book clubs, films, crafts, snacks, & much more. Grades 6-12.

- USD Theatre presents “Venus in Fur,” Thurs., Oct. 22-24, 26 @ 7:30 p.m. and Sun., Oct. 25 @ 2 p.m. in the Arena Theatre, Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts. Visit www.usd.edu/theatre for reservations & more information.

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