



## A BEAUTIFUL GIFT

### Barta Shows The Gift Of Giving

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To say 10-year old Taeli Barta has a generous heart would be an understatement.

This past weekend, when Taeli celebrated her birthday, her first thought was to give to others. Rather than ask for presents, she asked for donations to the food pantry.

"I was a little behind and was just like I have to get started in getting invitations out and she said, 'Mom, instead of me having birthday gifts do you think we can request my friends bring food for the food pantry instead?'" said Doni Barta, Taeli's mom. "It was absolutely all her idea. I am really proud. I am not surprised because they both (referencing Taeli and her son Taber) have really big hearts, but I am just really proud."

According to Doni, parents and friends alike thought the idea was great. "A lot of the parents that responded to the invitation said they thought it was one of the greatest things they had heard and gave Taeli a thumbs up," she said. "It was pretty fun. It was amazing."

As for Taeli she had a blast. "We played a soccer game and just hung out and stuff. Then we looked through the food pantry stuff instead of presents. Then we watched the movie 'Mrs. Doubtfire,'" she said.

When asked where she got the idea she said from school.

"I thought it would be nice," she said. "I don't really use my presents a lot, maybe once. At school we do stuff like that. Last year we had



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Taeli Barta, age 10, celebrated her birthday by giving her gifts to the Vermillion Food Pantry. She is pictured with her brother Taber and the items her friends gave in place of gifts for the pantry.

## Coyoteopoly Food Drive Set To Begin This Friday

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For the 11th year in a row, the University of South Dakota's Beacom School of Business Coyoteopoly Food Drive is asking for the community's help in feeding those less fortunate in Vermillion.

"For the past decade we have been doing the Coyoteopoly food drive, where essentially we drop off bags and fliers at people's homes and then we come around a week later and pick them up," said USD student organizer Jordan Gooding. "It takes away that inconvenience of having to pack it up and drive it somewhere to drop it off - we come to you. Last year we had more than 120 students involved with just the pick-up event."

The event begins this Friday when USD students will place fliers on every door in Vermillion asking for donations for the Vermillion food pantry, however this year it will have a bit of a different look.

"This year we are switching it up from including the plastic bags with the fliers attached to just door hangers because we found most people have plastic bags already in their house," Gooding said. "Also, efficiency-wise we found that we would have to take almost a whole day - three to four hours - of twenty or so students stapling the fliers to the bags. All the bags come all together and we have to separate them all out, open the bags up to staple the flier to it. It took forever, so we are just eliminat-

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## YSEALI Representatives Visiting Vermillion



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For the next several weeks two guests to the community of Vermillion will be exploring government, communication, education and cooperation in Vermillion and the surrounding area in the hopes of taking their experiences here home and applying what they have learnt to their own communities.

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wae from West Papua Indonesia will spend four weeks in Vermillion learning how different forms of government agencies, the media and the university work together to provide for the community.

YSEALI representatives are professionals between the ages of 25-35 who have a track record of making an impact in their community, institution or company with a history of leadership focusing on community service, volunteerism or as mentors. Their goal is to return to their home country and ap-

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## Goldwater, Minge Talk About Upcoming Election

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Don't count out Donald Trump.

That's the message from former congressmen Barry Goldwater Jr. of California and David Minge of Minnesota. They spoke during Monday night's Farber Forum at the University of South Dakota.

The two speakers come from polar opposite ends of the political spectrum. Goldwater is a conservative Republican and the son of the 1964 GOP presidential nominee, while Minge is a Democrat.

However, they agreed on many things about Trump's maverick campaign for the GOP presidential nomination.

The billionaire businessman strikes a chord with his "Put America First" theme, Goldwater said.

"We are in decline and disrespected around the world," Goldwater said.

"It's time to stop being nice. Nice guys finish last."

Americans are frustrated with their government's favorable treatment of the very nations that are costing U.S. citizens their jobs and businesses, Goldwater said.

"Trump's not afraid to stand up for America first. He stands up and tells the truth," he said. "We need leadership, and Trump is seen as providing it."

Trump's brash style also appeals to many people, Goldwater said.

"It's his energy level and his voice. People are attracted to him," Goldwater said. "He doesn't care who he offends. He says it's time to stop being nice, and it's attractive."

The large GOP field contains a number of good candidates, Goldwater said. However, he believes Trump would do a good job as president and is saying what people want to hear.

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The Vermillion Police Department will host its annual Halloween open house this Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Pictured a few of the department at last year's event.

## Halloween Public Safety Open House This Weekend

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Among all the festivities which annually grace this harvest season comes a chance to not only have fun the traditional way but also educate yourself on basic safety measures.

The Vermillion Police Department is hosting its annual Public Safety Open House Saturday at the Public Safety Center located at 15 Washington Street from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"In the mid-90's the city came up with the idea that all the departments should have an open house sometime during the year," said Police Chief Matt Betzen. "So back then they started having an open house at Halloween. We now have a public safety open house that's been going for close to 20 years now."

Costumes are encouraged and children are welcome to trick-or-treat at the variety of informational booths.

"We've having a variety of food, we're having hot

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