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Growing Into The Future



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Construction of the new O'Reilly Auto Parts store across from Walmart is well underway. In less than a month they have broke ground and started building the walls of the store. The project is just one of many currently underway in Vermillion.

City Seeing A Large Number Of Fall Building Projects

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As you have driven around Vermillion the past few weeks and months you may have noticed there are a lot of changes going on. From renovations and remodels to new construction, it is clear Vermillion is a city on the grow: O'Reilly Auto Parts near Walmart, a new First Dakota National Bank on Cherry Street, an addition at Polaris and the cement plant, not to mention all of the new residential construction going on, Vermillion is building for the future.



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According to executive director of the Vermillion Chamber and Development Company (V CDC) Nate Welch, it is all part of the strategic plan of the community.

"I think we often forget how much really great progress we have in this community and it is fun that you hit certain cycles where all of a sudden you get to see all that activity going on," he said. "Polaris is finishing there addition, which is 225,000 square feet which is an amazingly large building project. Next to them there are some new storage units in that area, it is an exciting time. At Bliss Point we have a number of houses that are going up and a few that are almost completed. There are duplexes on Cherry Street. It really is fun to consistently see activity going on."

What is unusual is all of this new construction is taking place in late October.

"We are doing a very good job at good consistent growth," Welch said. "With that consistent growth, sometimes you do hit that cool time when a lot of different streets and roads you go down in town you do see that new construction. That is really a great sign of a healthy community and a community that is moving forward. I don't know that I am surprised at

Taking The First Steps To Normal

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According to Safe Options Services director Sandie Sullivan, many times the hardest, and many times the most dangerous, step someone who is being abused will take is the first step to getting help.

That is why the exposure that comes with domestic violence awareness month is crucial to helping those in need know there are options available to help them.

"Domestic Violence doesn't know race, age, gender or economic boundaries," Sullivan said. "It can happen to anyone of any age, any race, any gender and any economic level. And, it is important to know that happens here in Vermillion just as much as in any community, large or small."

According to Sullivan, in 2014 Safe Option Services provided care to more than 630 individuals and more than 3,100 services in the three county service area of Turner, Clay and Union counties.

"It can and does happen to anyone," she stressed. "Usually by the time it escalates to physical violence, verbal and mental abuse has been occurring for a while. The abuse is always about power and control, the person committing the abuse wants ownership of the person they are abusing. Many times the control extends to every aspect of the victims life so by the time they choose to leave they are in a very desperate situation."



Sullivan said that the first step anyone who is being abused should take is to make a plan.

"It is very dangerous to get out," Sullivan said. "It is important to trust anyone you are telling that you are going to get out. Make sure you take your children with you. Make sure you have money. Make sure you have a bag with belongings stored in a safe

place. Make sure you have your personal documents and your financial documents all stored in a safe place."

She also stressed that it is very important to contact local agencies to help create the safety plan.

"We are going to be able to help you set up your plan, help you set up an order of

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Vermillion Police Talk Halloween Safety

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The Vermillion community enjoyed a good time at the Public Safety Center in Vermillion last weekend as the Police Department hosted its annual Public Safety open house.

Officer Dave Kyte took some time to talk Halloween Safety in honor of the holiday this weekend.

"We've been pretty lucky," Kyte said. "We haven't had any incidents that I can remember in the past seven or eight years.

Around here I'd say just make sure you're wearing reflective clothing, make sure they're careful when crossing the street, things like that. Don't go to the houses they don't recognize. If the candy looks suspicious don't eat it, just throw it away or have someone take a look at it before they eat it. Just normal tips."

As far as how old kids should be before they trick-or-treat by themselves, Kyte says though it's the choice of the parents, he'd recommend a little older.

"I'd almost say probably 12, 13 or 14," he said. "Maybe I'm being extra cautious. Vermillion is a pretty small community but still I don't know if I'd want my nine year old out by herself. If you lived at this corner and kind of knew the area that's fine but I wouldn't just let them go wherever."

Other safe options include indoor Halloween parties supervised by adults.

"The 4H center has a Halloween party and that's well supervised," Kyte said. "You can always go

to something where you know it's going to be safe. If you know where they're at, you know there's someone there watching them, I would encourage that. It's a small, very safe town but you can still have a small kid crossing the street get hit by a car or something like that."

The police officers themselves have specific things they look out for Halloween weekend.

"We expect more foot traffic especially in areas



SARAH WETZEL/FOR THE PLAIN TALK

Kids and parents enjoyed a mid-day safety-palooza as the Vermillion Police Department opened their doors for a Halloween party bursting with safety education and demonstrations along with trick or treating and a hot dog lunch.

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SOUTH DAKOTA VS. OMAHA

FRIDAY - 7 P.M. - COYOTE DEN @ DAKOTADOME

FAN APPRECIATION NIGHT

AUTOGRAPHS AFTER THE GAME
SIGN UP TO WIN ONE OF MANY DOOR PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY

SOUTH DAKOTA VS. NORTH DAKOTA STATE

SATURDAY - 7 P.M. - COYOTE DEN @ DAKOTADOME

HALLOWEEN PARTY

FREE CANDY FOR ALL COSTUMED FANS AT THE DOOR
COSTUME CONTEST AT INTERMISSION

FEARED