

Boating bans on Mo., Vermillion rivers lifted

The U. S. Coast Guard granted Gov. Dennis Daugaard's request to rescind the ban on boating on a large portion of the Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam before the long Labor Day weekend.

Effective at 6 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3, the Missouri River was re-opened from Mile Marker 811 near Gavins Point Dam downstream to Ponca State Park. Use of the river downstream from Ponca State Park continues to be banned.

In addition, Gov. Daugaard rescinded the state-imposed ban on boating on the

lower Vermillion River and opened boat ramps on the Missouri and Vermillion rivers that were previously closed in support of the boating bans. The lifting of those bans also became effective at 6 a.m. last Saturday.

South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks staffers have surveyed those rivers and conclude that they can be safely opened for public use. However, boaters will need to exercise caution on those waters. Although flows are greatly diminished from the peak Gavins Point

Dam releases of 160,000 cubic feet per second (CFS), current releases of 90,000 CFS continue to create strong currents. Boaters should control their wakes and be alert to possible hazards to navigation.

The decision to ask that the rivers be opened came after careful consideration for public safety and the potential for property damage from waves created by boating. It was determined that the potential for property damage is greatly diminished with reduced river flows.

NEW TEACHERS



The beginning of the new school year also marked the start of employment for these new staff members of Vermillion Public Schools. In back are Beth Knedler, high school library assistant, and Jenna Gilkyson, first grade teacher. In front are Sarah Armbrust, family and consumer science teacher, Dawna Davis, Jolley library assistant, and T.J. Beacom, elementary/middle school computer instructor.

Alsgaard-Lien's exhibit opens Sept. 17

"Landscapes" by Agnes "Bobbie" Alsgaard-Lien will be exhibited Sept. 17 through Oct. 8 at Washington Street Arts Center, 202 Washington Street in Vermillion. These paintings, created over the past 15 years, were inspired by landscapes in Mexico, Ireland, Italy, Minnesota, and South Dakota. The exhibit will be open for viewing Sept. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m., Sept. 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. with a reception where the public can meet the artist, and Oct. 8, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.



A native of Sioux Falls, Agnes graduated from Lincoln High School. Known to friends as "Bobbie," the artist considers herself lucky to have attended a school system that valued the arts and always included art in the curriculum. "The first time my artwork was exhibited in South Dakota was in a traveling High School Art show, the exhibition traveled to Rapid

City, Aberdeen and to the State Capital in Pierre. I remember working on this piece for weeks and when it was selected for this tour I was proud, but also knew that in the right bottom corner of that painting was not quite right! I still exam my artwork with this critical eye,"

she said.

After completing a BFA at the University of South Dakota, Alsgaard-Lien worked in the Vermillion public schools and for Head Start for a number of years before moving to Worthington, MN in 1986 to teach art at Minnesota West Community and Technical College where she has taught for more than 20 years.

She returned to Vermillion in 1990 and earned a master's degree, focusing on painting, adult education and art history. Alsgaard-Lien said, "The paintings are my translation of a three dimensional space placed on a two dimensional surface. I have always visually explored shape, texture, color and space with the purpose of creating artwork that speaks to viewers about the three dimensional space."

Alsgaard-Lien has received many awards. She was the first

woman and the youngest artist to receive the Prairie Star Award "to honor a distinguished artist who best exemplifies the highest qualities of an arts discipline reflective of artist living and working in the 18 county Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council (SMAHC) region."

In 2010 she honored with an Arts Legacy Grant, distributed by the Minnesota State Legislature. This grant allowed her to travel to six counties in southwest Minnesota, painting landscapes at county parks. After a year, when the series was completed, a painting was bequeathed to each county for display in its court houses. Some of the paintings in the upcoming exhibit are from this series.

For further information, contact Norma Wilson, president, Vermillion Area Arts Council, 605-624-9279.

Snedden in Sanford Vermillion August 2011 PRIDE Employee

Kira Snedden, CNA, Med Aide, Care Center was selected as the Sanford Vermillion

August 2011 PRIDE Employee of the Month. She has been employed here since April 2010.

The nomination form included these comments: Personalized Service: She's always so caring and gentle.

Respect: She shows respect to residents and fellow staff.

Innovation: She works a lot.

Dedication: She has great team work.

Excellence: She is always on top of things.

Additional Comments: It's so nice to work with her, I know everyone is being cared for and she's always ready to help.

"Kira is a great asset to the residents and staff at the care center. She puts the residents first and shows her love and compassion for the geriatric population. She is truly dedicated to the work of healing," said Crissy Skogsberg, education coordinator, Sanford Care Center Vermillion.

Kira is a native of Windom, MN. She currently resides in Vermillion and attends USD majoring in pre-medicine.



Pictured are Kira Snedden, August Employee of the Month and Crissy Skogsberg, education coordinator, Sanford Care Center Vermillion.

Forum to discuss 9/11 anniversary

"9/11: Ten Years After" will be the topic of the International Forum to be held at 12 p.m. Sept. 12 in Farber Hall, sponsored by the Beacom School of Business. Panelists include Dr. Shane Nordyke, political science; and the Rev. Steve Miller, pastor at the U.C. Church and comparative religions. Moderator will be Dr. Benno Wymar.

Discussions will include the Sept. 19, 2001 terrorist attack and ensuing death toll, the U.S. military response in Afghanistan and Iraq, and the impact of increased security on everyday life issues, such as obtaining a driver's license or traveling by plane.

These and other issues will be taken up by the panelists.

As for the past 20 years, the event is free and open to the public.

Scarecrow festival set for Sept. 17 in Akron

The GFWC/Friendship & Service Club of Akron, IA will host its annual Great Akron Scarecrow Festival and Contest in the Akron City Park on Saturday, Sept. 17. The event opens to the public at 10 a.m. and will last until approximately 4 p.m.

A number of activities for all ages are being planned, but the primary purpose of the event is the celebration of scarecrows. According to the Friendship & Service Club, everyone is welcome to create a scarecrow and enter it into a contest. Scarecrow judging starts at 10 a.m., with prizes awarded at noon. At 2 p.m., the scarecrows will be sold at auction.

The day will include over 40 crafters, and offer kids' games, a petting zoo, a jumping cage, cow-pie lottery, face painting and other entertainment and a chain saw artist.

The Akron Firemen's steak fry will be held Sept. 17, beginning at 5 p.m. at the fire station.

All proceeds from the day's activities will go toward funding community projects in Akron, with an emphasis on providing needed revenue for the construction of a new care center in the community.

For more information, contact Sue Higman at (712) 568-2852.

(Photo by David Lias)

SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Cleo Erickson

Excerpts from the Plain Talk

1958

Vern's Standard Station at the corner of Dakota and Cherry Streets was entered for the second time in two weeks. Entrance was made exactly the same way both times. The second time, however, the Vermillion Police escorted the prowler out through the front door after he had entered by way of a window. Policeman Arnie Nelson was making a regular check of the area at 1:45 am and noticed motion in the station. He corralled the intruder and had him in handcuffs by the time Police Chief Pat Purcell arrived to aid in the investigation. The robber was from North Dakota. He is being held in jail pending further investigation.

In a statement taken before Clay County Authorities, a youth had admitted two burglaries of the Coyote Tavern in Vermillion and also a burglary at the

hardware store in Yankton. Sheriff Leo Wherry said most items have been recovered. The youthful thief stated that items taken from the hardware store had been placed in a pillow case and hidden in a ditch on a township road about two miles east of Vermillion. The pillow case was recovered and items in it included 15 watches, two watch bands, a table model radio, an automatic compass, a hand compass, nine knives, a key, and 26 cents in coins. The young man furnished a \$1,000 cash bond.

"The Omaha Kid", has apparently had a good year for he upped his annual donation for "prisoners stuck for Crismus in your lozzy jail." The letter was written on a scrap of envelope and also states to use it for "nutz or froot or smokes." "If your lozzy jail is empty some girl kid gets mituns or shooz she hasn't got any of." Signed: The Omaha Kid

END 1958

1959

VERMILLION'S CENTENNIAL YEAR BEGINS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

A long time business place in Vermillion has been sold. The furniture store owned by Frank M. Olds was sold this week to Elmer Tieszen. However, the store has been associated with the business life of Vermillion for 70 of the 100 years of the city. In 1888 the store was founded by Jack Morrison. S. M. Totten bought the store in 1900 and sold it in 1915 to Henry Charrlin. Mr. Olds came to Vermillion 42 years ago to work for Mr. Charrlin and in 1931 bought the store from Mr. Charrlin. Mr. Tieszen will take over ownership on February 1, 1959.

There were 12 fewer births and 26 more deaths in Clay County in 1958 than in 1957. There were four more divorces in 1958. In 1958, 97 deaths were recorded and

marriages remained the same at 87 in 1958.

Retail stores in Vermillion voted to close their stores at 6:00 pm on Saturday nights in January and February. Exceptions will be restaurants, taverns, food stores and service stations.

Sixty-two members were initiated into the Vermillion Aerie of Eagles in ceremonies at the Club Rooms. More than 400 were served at dinner that evening.

A new Main Street business place, the Vermillion Fabric Center, will open in early March. The store will be located at 22 West Main Street in the building formerly occupied by the Sims Brothers Hardware Store. Owners of the store are Mrs. Perry Powell and Mrs. Willard Fejfar. A fine stock of fabrics together with a full line of sewing needs and patterns will be available for the customers.

4-H/YOUTH PROGRAM ADVISOR

BonHomme, Clay and Yankton Counties

4-H/Youth Program Advisor in BonHomme, Clay and Yankton Counties (Vermillion, Yankton and Tyndall) for South Dakota State University Extension Service. Responsibilities include delivering 4-H and other youth development programming directly to youth and recruitment and support of volunteers to deliver programming and training to youth. Minimum qualifications are a Bachelor's degree in youth development, education, science or related field, good verbal and written communication skills. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Position is open until filled. Review of applications will begin September 30, 2011. Contact Kathie Weight at (605) 688-4147 for more information.

To apply, visit <https://YourFuture.sdbor.edu>, search for the position, and follow the electronic application process.

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OBITUARIES

Lyle Lawrensen

Lyle Walter Lawrensen, 85, of Vermillion passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011 at Sanford Vermillion Care Center.

Funeral service will be on Monday, Sept. 12, 2011 at 2 p.m. at Dalesburg Lutheran Church with Rev. Bob Chapman officiating. Burial

will be in Rockfield Cemetery following the service with military graveside rites. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011 at Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion.

Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com.

Sioux Falls Lifeline / USF Notice

Includes Beresford, Hurley, Irene, Parker, Lennox and Wakonda.

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