

TANAGER OF THE WEEK



ELYSE BRIGHTMAN/FOR THE PLAIN TALK
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Bye Named Tanager Of The Week

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Emily Bye followed in her sister's footsteps to play volleyball at Vermillion High School, and this week the sophomore captain was chosen as Tanager of the Week for her contributions on the court.

"I have three older sisters and they've all done volleyball and I always went to watch when I was a little kid, so it's just always been in my life," Bye said. "It's just always been in my life for all of my life and I love watching it and I love going to USD and being able to watch their games."

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She plays at the libero and middle back positions in the back row as a defensive specialist in charge of the deep corners.

"I don't have to play front row," she said. "I don't have a very good vertical so I'm not able to hit or get any blocks, but I like to be able to defend all different hitters and be able to read them and where they're going to hit to."

So far this season, the team has gone 0-9, but as a captain Bye tries to make sure her teammates don't lose any confidence when the season is going tough. She knows the team is capable of playing with the opponents as long as their confidence stays up.

"I feel like sometimes when we get down, the other team has a certain person who goes on a run of like seven points and then we just get really down on ourselves," she said. "We never have the confidence to push back on them, so we stay down and then as we go into our other sets, we don't have the confidence or we're not excited about playing."

Besides volleyball, Bye is a member of the Tanagers basketball team in the winter, and balanced school and athletics by using an open period at school go get homework done before practice even starts.

"I usually have unplanned period at third period so I try to get all my homework done before practice and if I don't get it done I'll usually stay up until I get it done before the day ends," she said.

Bye and the rest of the Tanagers volleyball team will be in action this weekend at the Bon Homme tournament where they will hopefully see a rematch against Bon Homme High School.

Congratulations Emily Bye on being named the Tanager of the Week.

RIBS, RODS AND ROCK'N ROLL



SARAH WETZEL/FOR THE PLAIN TALK
The 12th annual Ribs, Rods & Rock'n Roll event was held this past weekend in Vermillion and was a great success. In the S.D. BBQ Championship Parrothead was named the grand champion with Big T'z Q CRU named reserve grand champion. People's Choice in the wing war and in the pulled pork was Dizzy's Corn Cob Cookin'.

Peterson Sworn On To School Board

BY SARAH WETZEL
For the Plain Talk

Jim Peterson was sworn in as the newest member of the school board at Monday's meeting, filling the vacancy.

With the board complete elections could then take place. Shannon Fairholm was elected Board President with Tim Schwasinger as Vice President.

Committee appointments were also made.

Jim Peterson and Fairholm were assigned to the Personnel committee, Doug Peterson and Rachel Olson were assigned to the Finance committee, Schwasinger and Olson were assigned to the Policy and Curriculum committee, Olson was chosen as the board representative for Junior Achievement and Jim Peterson was appointed the board representative for the Athletic Booster Club.

Ninth-grader Owen Dudley appeared before the school board to report on his experi-



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Jim Peterson was sworn in to the Vermillion School Board Monday evening.

ence at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. in May of this year.

"I was very proud to represent the Vermillion Public School District and the state of South Dakota in this prestigious national event," he said. "As one of the 285 spellers from across the country I tied for 50th place with many other

spellers just missing my chance to get into the semifinals."

According to Dudley, hours of studying and memorizing words was required to reach this level as words could come from any page of the 12-pound Merriam-Webster International Dictionary which contains 450,000 words.

"In the regional, state and

national competition I conquered words such as frabjous, umlaut, marzipan, and corpuscle," Dudley said. "Although I am in ninth grade and can no longer participate in the bee, I would like to help others from the Vermillion School District make it to Washington D.C. and have the exciting experience I had earlier this year."

"To help my fellow students prepare for the regional and state spelling bees I would like to donate to the Vermillion School District Library the materials that my family bought to prepare me for the national bee," Dudley announced. "These books include great advice on studying and etymology but also long lists of words that could be included in the bee. In fact this book contains the word spelled by one of the two co-winners: scherenschnitte, the german art of paper cutting. Thank you for continuing to participate in

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CDC Associate Director Cagle Visits USD

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The first Farber Forum of the 2015-2016 school year was held at USD's Farber Hall and featured Chris Cagle, associate director of Policy Planning and Communications for the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Cagle who was on campus all of Wednesday visiting different classes chose to speak on HIV prevention in a changing landscape and what students and the average citizen can do to help prevent the spread of the disease.

"When HIV/AIDS was first appearing it was considered to be a 'gay mans' disease," Cagle said. "There was a stigma associated with it, a homophobia."

She said that as time has gone on peo-

ple have become more aware of what the disease is and how it is transmitted but that the fight is far from over.

"Currently the budget for the CDC is \$1.1 billion," she said. "\$786 million of that is directed to the division of HIV/AIDS prevention. There are more than 1.2 million people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States. Annually, 50,000 people are diagnosed with HIV and 20,000 people die of the disease annually."

She said that by gender the number of females contracting the disease has decreased, while the number of men infected has increased.

Cagle also said that infection numbers by race are disproportionate to the general population.

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Chris Cagle, associate director for the CDC was the first Farber Forum guest lectured on Wednesday. Cagle spoke on the HIV/AIDS Epidemic and what can be done to slow the spread of the disease.

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