COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- First Annual Campout for Diabetes Research sponsored by the Eagles at Clay County Park. Food-Fun-Games. For more information, call 624-6935 or e-mail ktbikakislaw@hotmail.com.
- Tanager Booster Bash at Vermillion High school. The following events will be held at 4:30-5:15 p.m.: Soccer, Cross Country, Volleyball, Tennis and Golf; 5:30-6 p.m.: is the coaches' season preview; 6-7 p.m. there will be Football scrimmage with a half time show by the VHS Dance Team. Hog roast from 5-
- 7 p.m., free will donation. Everyone welcome!
 Riverboat Days in Yankton visit www.riverboatdays.com for schedule of

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

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• Heritage Ride 2011: Big Friend-Little Friend of Union County Heritage Ride will be held. Registration at Cody's Homestead, west side of Main St in Elk Point, (Exit 18 off 1-29) beginning at 8 a.m.; bike ride begins at 9 a.m. Routes from 8 to 58 miles, all on blacktop; ride is open to any level of rider 10 years and older. All proceeds support BF-LF, Inc. youth mentoring in Clay & Union counties. Lewis & Clark Heritage Days Festival will also be taking place at the City Park. Bicycle helmets required. www.bflfmentoring.org for application or call 605-421-5050 or jgille60@yahoo.com for details. Come and join in the fun.
• Vermillion Area Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.-noon, downtown Vermillion at

Ratingen Platz, Market & Main streets.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 22

• Al-anon meeting, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Epsicopal Church, corner of Main & Linden. For more information, call 624-9764.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

- Vermillion Rotary Club Meeting, Noon-1 p.m., in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.
- All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30-8 p.m. at The Eagles Club, 114 W.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

- Vermillion Public School resumes.
- Thursdays on the Platz and United Way Kick-Off, 6-8 p.m., corner of Market & Main streets. Live music outdoors on Ratingen Platz featuring "Old Funk Riot." Sponsored by First Dakota National Bank, Cor-Trust, Bank of the West, First Bank & Trust & Vermillion Credit Union; hosted by United Way. Food is available as well as water, pop, wine and beer. Due to limited seating, please bring your own chair.
- Clay County Historical Society Potluck, 6:05 p.m. at the Austin Whittemore House, 15 Austin St. Program by Daniel Daily, Archivist/Special

Collections Librarian & Sarah Hanson from the USD Library.

• Vermillion Eagle Riders Supper Ride to Mayfield Store departing from the Eagles. Kickstands up at 6 p.m.

PLANNING AHEAD:

- AUG. 26-27 Bull-A-Rama at Clay County Rodeo Grounds, two miles
- west of Vermillion on Timber Road.

 AUG. 27 Move-in Day and Orientation Events at USD.

 AUG. 27 Vermillion Area Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.-noon, downtown Vermillion at Ratingen Platz, Market & Main St.

 • AUG. 27 — Second Annual USD PA Charity Golf Tournament benefit-
- ting Ronald McDonald House Charities, 1 p.m. at The Bluffs Golf Course. 18-hole, 4-person, best ball, shotgun start. Cost includes green fees and meal. Award ceremoney during meal!
- AUG. 27-28 Great Dakota Wine Fest, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Valiant Vineyards/Buffalo Run Resort, 1500 W. Main St. Free to come; \$15 for tasting ticket. Live music by T. Wilson King & others. Wine tasting, cooking demonstration, winery tours and local craft and food vendors. www.greatdakotawine-
- AUG. 28 Women's Soccer Tailgate, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at DakotaDome Soccer Field. Come grab a hotdog and chips before the start of the USD Women's Soccer game vs. University of Nebraska Omaha Mavericks at 1 p.m. Make sure to wear a USD shirt; the first 50 students in a USD shirt get a free
- AUG. 31 Ice Cream Social from 5-7 p.m. at St. Agnes Auditorium. (Taverns, chips & pie also served). Free will offering with proceeds to go to St.
- SEPT. 1 Thursdays on the Platz, 6-8 p.m., corner of Market & Main streets. DJ music outdoors on Ratingen Platz. "Coyote Bash" sponsored by the VCDC and USD. Food is available as well as water, pop, wine & beer. Due to limited seating, please bring your own chair.
- SEPT. 9 National Music Museum (NMM) Brown Bag Lunch Program, "Dakota Baroque & Classic Company," 12:05 p.m. in the Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the NMM located on USD campus, corner of Clark & Yale streets. Free and open to the public.

• SEPT. 9-10 — Ribs, Rods & Rock 'n Roll. Come enjoy the 7th annual event in historic downtown Vermillion. For details go to website at www.sdbbq.us. This is a KCBS Sanctioned BBQ Contest and activities include: Award Winning BBQ Competition; Food Vendors, Arts & Craft Vendors; Family Fun Area; Classic Car & Motorcycle Show and Shine; Live Music; Beer Garden; People's Choice Public BBQ Judging; Two Nights of Street Dances; Charity Poker Run; Motorcycle Fun Run; Kory & The Fireflies, 9 p.m. Saturday.

Does your business or organization have an event you would like included in the Community Calendar? If you do please call the Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce and Development Company at 605-624-5571 or e-mail vcdc@vermillionchamber.com or contact the Plain Talk at 605-624-2695 or e-mail david.lias@plaintalk.net.

Bull-A-Rama will raise money for **charity** - one buck at a time

The Coyote Country Rodeo Club members are gearing up for the 18th Annual Bull-A-Rama, the weekend of Aug. 26-28, showcasing the "Extreme Bull Riding Tour" held at the Clay County Rodeo Grounds, west of Vermillion on Timber Road. This year's event promises to be exciting and jam-packed with activities.

The Coyote Country Rodeo Club (CCRC) is a non-profit organization made up of individuals who wanted to work to keep the history of rodeos and bull riding alive in the local area. All proceeds raised are kept in the local community. CCRC has a long standing history of donating funds to the community...including local fire departments and S.T.A.R.S. (a non-profit that provides therapeutic horseback riding and canine assisted services for persons with disabilities.)

Starting off Friday night, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. will be the unloading of the bucking bulls from the Double S Bull Company. A pork roast meal is being served for a \$5 donation per plate. This will be taking place at the Clay County Rodeo Grounds, which is located 2 miles west of Vermillion on Timber Road. This is a great opportunity for children of all ages to get up close and personal to professional bucking bulls, and meet and greet the stock contractor and bull riders.

On Saturday morning, the Aug. 27, from 10 a.m. till noon will be the promotional event "The Bull Stops Here!!" It will be located in the Vermillion Pump-n-Pak parking lot and will showcase Bulls, Bull Fighters, a Rodeo Clown, Bull Riders, Free Horse Rides, Giveaways and Raffles. Registration for the evenings Mutton Busting and Steer Riding Competition will take place at this time.

Renowned Western Artist Ray Kelly will be in attendance with his amazing collection of art work for sale. This will also be an opportunity to purchase

your 18th Annual Bull-A-Rama t-shirt so you can wear it to the evening's activities.

The main event, the Bull-a-Rama, will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday Aug. 27 at the rodeo grounds. The evening will highlight the best bucking bulls in the area, provided by Double S Bulls. This is a sanctioned "Extreme Bull Riding Tour" so there is guaranteed to be plenty of action, thrills and spills.

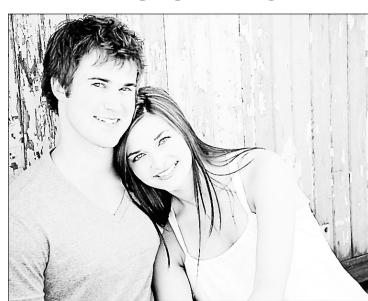
Little cowboys and cowgirls will wow the crowd in Mutton Bustin, along with five Open Class bull riders and five steer riders. There will be food stands operated by Hy-Vee and Cherry Street Grille, Kettle Corn and Cotton Candy, as well as beer and Mikes Hard Lemonade sales. Bull-a-Rama T-shirts will also be on sale. A candy toss and raffles for a belt buckle and two artworks, one donated by Past and Present, located on Cherry Street in Vermillion.

Immediately following the conclusion of the Extreme Bull Riding there will be a spectacular fireworks display by Fireworks Unlimited. This is all followed by a free dance with music by one of the local favorite country bands, The Riata Band. The members of the Coyote Country Rodeo Club encourage everyone to stay and enjoy the fantastic fireworks and dance to follow.

Sunday, Aug. 28 will be the concluding day of the 18th Annual Bull-a-Rama and it will begin with an alldenominational Cowboy Church Service at 10 a.m. at the rodeo grounds. All are invited to attend. At 12 p.m. there will be a trail ride from the rodeo grounds down along the beautiful Missouri River with a potluck lunch (free will donation) to follow.

The members of the Coyote Country Rodeo Club invite everyone to enjoy the three days of activities. It is just another way to promote the western history of this area and support local bull riding and rodeo enthusiasts.

ENGAGEMENTS



Mollet-Ronning

Kyle Mollet and Brittany Ronning are engaged and plan a Sept. 17 wedding at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aberdeen.

Parents of the couple are Steve and Sheila Lambert of Alto, NM, Mark and Patty Mollet of Vermillion and Carla Ronning of Groton, and the late Mark Ronning.

The groom-to-be is earning his master's of occupational therapy degree at the University of South Dakota.

The bride-to-be will be graduating in December with a master's of physician assistant degree from the University of South Dakota.

The couple now resides in Sioux Falls.



Le Cates-Turner

MeagAnn Le Cates and Trevor Turner announce their engagement.

Parents of the couple are Bernie LeCates and Jill Chickering of Vermillion, and Roger and Kim Turner, also of Vermillion.

The bride is a 2008 graduate of Vermillion High School, and studied radiologic technology at Northwest Iowa Community College. She is currently employed at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls.

The groom is a 2006 graduate of Vermillion High School, and studied to become a power lineman at Northwest Iowa Community College. He is currently employed as a power lineman for Union County.

The couple is planning a Sept. 17, 2011 wedding.



Olson-Peterson

Warren and Roxane Olson of Meckling, announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Olson to Nicholas Peterson of Wakonda, son of Charles and Nadeen Peterson.

The bride-to-be graduated from Vermillion High School in 2005. Most recently she graduated from Dakota State University with a bachelor's degree in computer graphic design in May 2010. She is currently employed as a graphic

artist at Girard Auction and Land Brokers Inc. in Wakonda.

The groom-to-be graduated from Wakonda High School in 2005. Most recently he graduated from Southeast Tech in Sioux Falls, with an associates degree in heating and cooling in May 2011. He is currently employed as a service mechanic through Johnson Controls.

The couple is planning a wedding on Sept. 24, 2011 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Wakonda.







CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

Attention Chamber Members! If you serve the USD student community please join us for the Coyote Bash Thursday, Sept. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Downtown Vermillion at Ratingen Platz. The Coyote Bash is a partnership between

the Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce and the University of South Dakota which welcomes back USD students and introduces incoming freshmen to the the community. This year, it is being held in conjunction with the students aware of all we have to offer improves retention, maintains a strong customer base and keeps retail spending local. Don't miss this great opportunity to build loyalty and a relationship with

product and service offerings of Thursdays on the Platz. Making

your customers from day one by



setting up a table to introduce and promote your business to the new students. For more information or if interested in setting up a table, please contact Ann at the Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Co. at 624-5571 or annb@vermillionchamber.com

city of Elk Point website.

Business After Hours: Are you looking for an opportunity

to showcase your business and network with your peers? Sign up to host a Business After Hours event! These events generally run from 5 to 7 p.m. on a weeknight and the hosting business provides hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. If interested, please contact Ann at: annb@vermillionchamber.com

or at 624-5571.

At a time of sorrow and uncertainty, you can count on us for the support you need.

Heritage Bike Ride is set

for Saturday, Aug. 20

Elk Point will be the site of the 14th annual Heritage ride, a

Applications are available at www.bflfmentoring.org or at the

charity bike ride which benefits BF-LF, Inc. of Clay and Union

counties. The program matches youth with adult volunteers,

and the bike ride is a major funding source for the mentoring

Feel free to contact John Gille at 605-421-5050 or email

jgille60@yahoo.com for more information, and plan for a great

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