

Upcoming Sports Schedule

Vermillion Red Sox Baseball
Vermillion 15-16 Teeners

1:30 p.m. Aug. 12
Noon Aug. 12

Round 2, State A Tourney in Mitchell vs. Castlewood
at State Tourney in Flandreau vs. Groton

BLUFFS BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY LADIES HAVE A GREAT DAY

Aug. 10 was a great day...great for golfing and friendships!

There were 22 lovely ladies at the luncheon today. The food (thanks to Cherry Street Grille and Jon) was great. Love those taco salads!! Yum!!

Irma Burbach and Shirley Raab provided the desserts and they were delicious!

Our \$5 drawings were won by: Rose Mart and Irma Burbach.

Quarters: Shirley Raab, Irma Burbach, Janet Hof, Lois O'Grady, Thelma Raines, and (Yes) Thelma Raines. No I did not hiccup...Thelma put in extra like someone else we all know.

Did anyone notice that there was one other lady that was very lucky? Yes, Irma.

Mary Bartels has some laughter making stories which gave us all some extra time on our years to remain on this lovely planet. We also had the privilege of hearing a poem by Lois O'Grady.

Bridge report: Shirley Raab and Irma Burbach were the winners - I think! I don't know if it is winner or "High," "Low" and what those mean but they were the ones. Notice Irma - again. Shirley is mentioned a few times also.

Gosh! Maybe some of the reason of us will be lucky next week. Be sure to come and see.

Golf Report: There were three of us today. I had to leave after the eighth hole to do Meals On Wheels - need to feed the hungry!! We played "Low Putts." That means we had to try harder to NOT putt too many times.

Edith Nelson had total - 17, Darlene Engbrecht had 19, and I (even though I might have had a LOT on the ninth green) had 18. No matter what, Edith was the winner!

Dominoes report: Not sure if there was a title, but I bet lots of FUN so we shall call it that! There were three tables.

Round 1 - Brenda Chatham, Darlene Enbrecht, and Eileen Turner.

Round 2 - Janet Hof, Joan Olson, and Agnes Mockler.

Round 3 - Sue Kappenmann, Joan Olson, and Agnes Mockler.

Total score - Janet Hof, Joan Olson, and Agnes Mockler. Appears Joan and Agnes were the LUCKY ones at dominoes. Well, maybe they had skill? No matter what, they all had fun!

Come see what we do for fun: golf, card games, dominoes and lunch. You will be hooked and want to join us next season. Catch ya all later.

SENIOR MEN'S FUN LEAGUE

On Aug. 16, 24 players signed up to play. Teams of three were separated and played in two flights, once from the white tees and one from the red tees.

Winners on the white tees were the team of Bob Solmon, Cleland Cook and Dick Burbach with a 34. Taking second with a 35 was Max Anderson, Milo Gilbertson and Gene Iverson. Winners off the red tees at 35 were the team of Ken Beringer, Mo Marcotte and Lloyd Helseth.

Taking second with a 40 was Vern Holter, Jerry Sandy and Guy Button. The only long putt of the day was actually an eagle by Cleland Cook on #18 where he sank 21 footer for this honor.

15-16 Teeners crowned State A champs

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Vermillion has claimed state baseball championships at other levels, including 13-14 Teeners and American Legion, both just two years ago. But there had never been a 15-16 Teeners state title brought home until now.

Completing a perfect seven-game sweep of regional and state tourney games, Vermillion captured the VFW state "A" Teeners crown with an agonizingly tense 4-2 win over host Flandreau Sunday night after earlier disposing of Groton, 7-2, and Parkston, 8-3.

Anyone who says baseball lacks the drama of other sports wasn't in Flandreau's ballpark as the championship game reached its zenith. Vermillion's lead was two runs, but Flandreau had the tying runs at the corners with two out and the winning run at the plate. There was no margin for error as Collin Bertram, knowing full well his teammates and coaches depended on him to fulfill his role as the big-game guy of the pitching staff, fought to get the final out.

Some 60 Vermillion fans alternately chewed fingernails, nervously twiddled fingers and tapped feet, paced behind the bleachers and wiped sweat from their brows. Fortunately the people maintaining their composure were the nine players on the field.

The bottom of the seventh had begun with Flandreau's Dakota Peterson lacing a laser shot off third-baseman Tanner Anderson and into left field, bringing the tying run to bat, but Bertram for the sixth time in the game set down a Flandreau batter on a called third strike for one out. The state title was two outs away.

Bertram got the jump on leadoff man Mitch Foster, who eventually flied deep to center-fielder Pete Haught. One out to go!

Bertram took Dave Parsley to a full count, needing one strike for the championship. Parsley's groundball appeared to be turning into a game-ending force at second base, but the ball trickled through for an error, sending runners to the corners.

The meat of the Flandreau batting order was at hand. Burly catcher Jake Patterson was at the plate representing the game-winning run as Bertram went back to work. He slid a strike past Patterson, then tempted him with a pair of pitches outside. A foul ball made it strike two, and again the championship was a mere strike away.

Patterson got a piece of it - but only a piece - and his batted ball went straight up into the air. It curved into foul territory in front of the Vermillion dugout as Bertram, catcher Chayse Meierkort and first-baseman Nile Morecraft circled under it. When it finally came down firmly into Bertram's glove, the championship was won, and a dogpile of players ensued.

For the first time in 20 minutes five dozen Vermillion fans exhaled.

QUARTERFINAL GAME

The one-two punch of Collin Bertram and Nile Morecraft worked again for Vermillion in the opening game of the tournament as it had during the previous week's regional. Bertram worked only four innings so he would be available again later in the weekend, striking out five, walking two, allowing four hits and one earned run. Morecraft pitched the final three innings, striking out four, walking none, allowing three hits and one earned run.

Flawless defense marked the



Champions of VFW Class A baseball for 2011 are these Vermillion players and coaches after winning the state tournament in Flandreau last weekend. Pictured are: back row, coach Bill Settles, Jayce Huska, Alex Robertson, Tanner Settles, Nile Morecraft, Tanner Anderson, Chayse Meierkort, Colin Olson, coach Jason Huska; front row, Joe Mazour, Jay Munger, Seth Miller, Collin Bertram, Pete Haught, Ty Iverson and Ethan James.

(Photo courtesy Amanda Anderson)

7-2 win over Groton. With strikeouts accounting for nine of Groton's 21 outs, the other 12 included some particularly key defensive gems:

- Bertram himself picked a runner off first base in the first inning.

- With Canton threatening in the third with runners at the corners and one out, third-baseman Tanner Anderson snared a soft pop-up on the infield grass and doubled off a man at first base for an inning-ending twin-killing.

- In the sixth left-fielder Pete Haught hustled to snare the ball on a hit, holding Canton's leadoff man to a single when it appeared a double was likely.

That set the table for a made-to-order ground-ball double-play on the very next pitch, a double play that would not have been possible without Haught's play.

Leadoff man Anderson three times started an inning, and all three times he reached base and scored. Just for good measure, in his fourth at-bat he also reached base and scored.

In the first he reached on an infield error and scored on Chayse Meierkort's sacrifice fly. With the score 1-1 Vermillion went up 2-1 in the third when Anderson's leadoff single and subsequent stolen base were followed by Meierkort's RBI double.

Canton threatened a big inning in the fourth, putting men at the corners with none out. But Bertram finished triumphantly, striking out the next two batters and getting his last one on an outfield fly.

Morecraft immediately took charge when he relieved to start the fifth, striking out the side. That momentum carried over to the offense. Another leadoff Anderson hit and stolen base, plus a catcher's throwing error failing to get him at second base, put T.A. on third from where he scored on a wild pitch. Two walks then set the stage for the game's biggest hit, a two-run double by Bertram.

Vermillion added two insurance runs in the sixth on Haught's single, Colin Olson's sacrifice bunt, Anderson's RBI triple and Tanner Settles' sacrifice fly.

SEMIFINAL GAME

Vermillion's pitchers continued to rise to the occasion Saturday night in an 8-3 win over Parkston in the semifinals. Joe Mazour was tabbed as starter and threw the first two innings, starting and ending with strikeouts. He got Parkston in order in the first. A leadoff single and the team's first error of the tourney got him in a spot of trouble in the second as a double and a sacrifice fly gave Parkston a short-lived 2-1 lead.

Nile Morecraft had a dynamite start to his four innings of middle relief, striking out the side in the third after Vermillion had taken a 4-2 lead in the top half of the inning. Parkston got one back on back-to-back singles, but the game's best defensive play nailed a runner at third base. Right-fielder Colin Olson fielded a single and relayed the ball to second-baseman Jayce Huska whose throw to third-baseman Tanner Anderson was a strike to nab the oncoming runner.

Morecraft then retired seven of the last eight batters he faced, including getting Parkston in order in the sixth. Anderson, pitching the seventh, gave up two leadoff singles but recorded two strikeouts with an outfield fly in between them to end the game and put Vermillion into the finals.

Ten of Parkston's 21 outs came on strikeouts.

As leadoff man on offense, Anderson continued an amazing tournament, for the second night in a row reaching base all four times he batted. His streak at scoring every time he reached base finally ended at seven.

His first-inning double, a passed ball and Tanner Settles' grounder gave Vermillion a 1-0 lead before the game was five minutes old.

After falling behind 2-1, Vermillion regained control with a three-run third. Olson's single, Anderson's RBI triple and a walk to Settles gave Chayse Meierkort the hero's opportunity, and he came through with a two-run single.

A two-run fourth was ignited by Pete Haught's single and Olson's sacrifice bunt.

Anderson (surprise!) singled home Haught and stole second, putting himself into scoring position in case something happened. And it did. Settles' ground ball was mishandled, scoring Anderson.

Hits by Huska and Mazour and a grounder by Haught produced another run for a 7-3 lead in the fifth. Settles reached base on a fielder's choice in the sixth and scored on another Meierkort RBI single for Vermillion's final run.

Anderson had four of Vermillion's 12 hits, Meierkort and Huska two apiece, and the top trio in the batting order--- Anderson, Settles, Meierkort--- each drove in two runs.

It was a testy game so far as the umpiring crew was concerned as the men in blue needed several conferences to get rulings straight. Even though every questionable call went against them, the

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The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

- Parsons of "The Big Bang Theory"
- Huntley or Atkins
- "_American Girl" (1994-95)
- Suffix for legal or journal
- "All in the Family" producer
- Glasgow refusal
- Series about a faux psychic (2)
- Role on "Cheers"
- Boone or O'Brien
- "_the Fockers"
- Don Johnson's 1996-2001 role
- Most-watched series of the 1998-99 season
- Ending for train or honor
- Rare blood type
- "Babylon _"; 2008 Vin Diesel movie
- _ Moore
- "For Your Eyes _"; 007 movie
- Actor Richardson
- Dr. of rap
- "Mike & Molly" actor (2)
- "Murder _" (1995-97)
- Dough for a taco?
- "What's New, Scooby-_"?
- "Say _ to the Dress"
- Actor Johnny
- "Better With _"

DOWN

- "_ Pilot"; 1957 John Wayne movie
- Suffix for self or fool
- Former attorney general Edwin
- Red's Kadiddlehopper
- Egg layer

- "_ Pray Love"; Julia Roberts movie
- "The Parent _"; Lindsay Lohan film
- S. Epatha Merkerson's "Law & Order" role
- "Viva _ Nowhere"; 2001 James Caan film
- "_ Me In"; 2010 Kodi Smit-McPhee movie
- "_ Girls"; 2006 film for Hilary Duff
- Fred Mertz, to Ricky
- Big name in anthropology
- Actress Kathryn
- Make airtight
- Ms. Lamarr
- Actress Vera
- Penniless
- "_ Blue"
- "Operation Dumbo _"; 1995 Danny Glover film
- "About a _"; 2002 Hugh Grant movie
- Ending for Max or Paul
- "_ whiz!"
- Deadly viper
- British restroom
- Ed Asner role

Lesley Stahl
Solution



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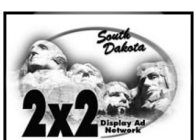
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