

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

- Hospital Auxiliary Meeting at 2 p.m. at Sanford Vermillion Board Room, 20 S. Plum (use Administrative entrance).
- USD and the S.D. American Choral Director's Association present the 39th annual South Dakota Honor Choir Concert at 7:30 p.m. at Aalfs Auditorium inside Slagle Hall on USD campus.
- The Vermillion Lions Club is hosting their annual fundraising "Biker/Traveler's Breakfast" at the I-29 rest area through Aug. 5 from 7 a.m.-noon each day. Funds raised will benefit the Friends of the W.H. Over Museum.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

- Vermillion Area Farmer's Market from 9 a.m.-noon, downtown Vermillion at the Platz, Market and Main streets.
- Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 20 S. Plum St., administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the board room.
- Join Heartland Humane Society from 10 a.m.-noon in Yankton (place TBA) for our Meet 'n Greet. All of the dogs will be available for adoption during this time. For more information, visit HHS Web site: www.heartlandhumane.org/event.html.
- Gayville Hall presents, "The Hay Country Jamboree," with special guest, singer and guitarist Boyd Bristow at 8 p.m. in Gayville, 502 Washington St. For ticket information, call 605-267-2859.
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MONDAY, AUGUST 6

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

- Vermillion Rotary Club meeting from noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

- AUG. 8 — At Sanford health we celebrate the energy of the communities we serve. So we're serving up some fellowship and fun to show our appreciation. Sanford Vermillion invites you to join the community celebration from 5-6 p.m. at Vermillion High School. Join us for a picnic meal and DQ Dilly bars. Stop by to check out Ameri-heart, a gigantic heart display that people can walk through to better understand the anatomy of the heart and heart disease.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

- Vermillion Area Farmer's Market, 3-7 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds.
- The Main Street Center will be hosting its annual Ice Cream Social from 5:15-6:30 p.m. The menu includes sandwiches, chips, homemade desserts, ice cream, with tea, lemonade and coffee. This event is open to the public.
- "Thursdays on the Platz," in downtown Vermillion, corner of Market and Main streets from 6-8 p.m. sponsored by The Coffee Cup Fuel Stop. Live music outdoors on Ratingen Platz featuring "The Public Domain Tune Band." Food is available at every event, as well as water, pop, wine and beer. Food provided by Aramark. It's a great chance to sit outdoors with friends and family, listen to music and enjoy the great outdoors. Bring the family, have some food and enjoy some local entertainment.
- Clay County Fair at Clay County Fairgrounds. Demo Derby, ATV Races, Kids Rodeo, Fair Princess, Chainsaw, 5K Run, Inflatables, and much more. Visit www.claycountyfair.net for more information. Through Aug. 11.

PLANNING AHEAD:

- AUG. 11 — Vermillion Area Farmer's Market from 9 a.m.-noon, downtown Vermillion at the Platz, Market and Main streets.
- AUG. 11 — Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 20 S. Plum St., administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the board room.
- AUG. 11 — Louise Lyman of Yankton will exhibit a series of paintings entitled "Natures Treasures" at the W.H. Over Museum at 1110 University Street, Vermillion through the month of August. Artist reception will be from 5-7 p.m. or visit the gallery showing during the museums regular hours 10-4 Mon. thru Sat.
- AUG. 16 — Cancer support Group will meet at 2:30 p.m. in the Sletwold Room at Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark. For more information, call Marcy at 624-8706.
- AUG. 18 — Heritage Bike Ride, starting from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Elk Point located just off exit 18 on I-29. 15th annual fundraiser for Youth Mentoring Program in Clay & Union County. Registration starts at 8 am; riders leave at 9 am. Routes range from 8 -58+ miles. Riders go at their own pace. Free snacks and beverages are provided on the routes, and sag vehicles are out until every rider returns. Lunch served at Immanuel Lutheran Church from 10:30 am to 3 pm & is open to the public. Registration forms available at <http://www.clay-unionfoundation.org/> under events, and also at many area businesses, & bike riding sites. For more information, contact John Gille (guy-lee) at 605-421-5050 or email jgille60@yahoo.com All riders must have helmets; walk-ins are always welcome.
- AUG. 20 — 5th annual Hy-Vee Scramble for SESDAC at the Bluff's Golf Course. Registration and Team Photos from 12:00-12:45pm with golf starting at 1:00 pm. Prime Rib Dinner and program to follow. For registration and information contact Gerry Tracy at 605-624-4419 or gerry.tracy@sesdac.org.
- AUG. 22 — First Day of School for Vermillion Public Schools
- AUG. 23 — The Department of Labor and Regulation will be holding a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) at 1024 W. Cherry St. from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The JSAP is designed to assist and train job seekers on how to find and secure employment. Some of the topics included are job search and retention skills, networking, the hidden job market, resumes, applications and proper interview techniques. It is provided at no charge and open to the public. Parties interested in attending should register by calling (605) 677-6900, by Tuesday, Aug. 21, before 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.sdjobs.org.
- AUG. 25-26 — The Great Dakota Wine Fest at Valiant Vineyards, 1500 W. Main St. Cooking with wine demonstrations, live music and more. Visit www.greatdakotawinefest.com.
- AUG. 26 — The annual Pancake Fly-In Breakfast sponsored by the Vermillion Lions Club and Main Street Center will be at the Vermillion Airport. Pancakes, sausages and beverages will be served from 8 a.m.-noon in the airport hangar. Proceeds to benefit the Main Street Center.

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.

SDSU: 20 percent of South Dakota now in extreme drought

This week's U.S. Drought Monitor reflects intensifying drought conditions in South Dakota, says Dennis Todey, SDSU Extension State Climatologist of the July 26 drought summary.

"Extreme Drought (D3) was introduced in many southeast, south and western counties," Todey said. "This is a one-category degradation from last week, where much of this region had been in D2, or Severe Drought."

Twenty percent of the state is now in Extreme Drought (up from 0 last week). Another 39 percent is in Severe Drought, says Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

"Most of the rest of the state is in Moderate Drought (D1). Nearly all of the Corn Belt is in at least Severe Drought (D2). Only a handful of states have no drought issues across the country," Edwards said. Edwards says the new Extreme Drought category in South Dakota depicts further eroding crop conditions, limited water

availability and the continued extreme heat that has affected the region. Additionally, many fires continued in the Black Hills and plains of the west, exhibiting extreme fire danger and fire behavior.

Todey adds that crop reports from the southeastern counties indicate more than half of planted corn could be a total loss.

"Many corn fields in the area are being chopped for silage, as the crop has already lost all opportunities for recovery," Todey said. "It is expected that this practice will continue. Corn that has been damaged during tasseling has no chance for recovery."

Todey adds that soybeans in the southeast are beginning to flower. "Many flowers are aborting due to the hot and dry conditions that continue to impact the region. This water-intense period of development for soybeans is a critical time, and aborted flowers will impact yield," Todey said.

Edwards says that livestock operators are

struggling to keep up with cattle feed and water demands across almost all of the state.

"Feed will continue to be in short supply as a very large area of the U.S. is currently experiencing drought conditions, so there is little to no feed to buy or sell locally or in neighboring states," Edwards said. "As water supplies dwindle, water quantity and quality is also becoming an issue."

The eight SDSU Extension Regional Centers are all equipped to perform quick nitrate tests for feed and water quality for livestock. Contact your local Center for details. Contact information for Extension Regional Centers can be found at iGrow.org.

SDSU Extension will provide weekly drought briefings throughout the 2012 growing season.

To keep up to date on how the drought is impacting South Dakota's agriculture industry, visit iGrow.org.

Sanford Vermillion ranks in Top 50 hospitals

Recently, Sanford Vermillion Medical Center was ranked 36th among hospitals in the United States with the best physician communication.

Compiling survey results, the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems named the top 50 hospitals.

The data is based on the HCAHPS survey, which allows patients to rate line items relating to their patient care experience. This area of the survey covers the percent of patients who reported their physicians always communicated 'well' from April 2010 to March 2011.

"This designation was a welcomed honor for Sanford Vermillion," Tim Tracy, CEO of Sanford Vermillion, said. "The Vermillion medical staff works hard to ensure that patients understand the

details of their condition and treatment.

Communication with patients has always been a high priority and the providers at Sanford Vermillion strive to exceed all patient expectations. I am proud of this accomplishment for them."

"It is always an honor to have your facility recognized nationally, and we are very proud of this accomplishment. At the same time, our daily goal is always excellent patient care and communication. What this honor really means to us is that we are meeting that goal and patients are finding their experience here to be very positive," comments Roy Mortinsen, MD, Chief of Staff, Sanford Medical Center Vermillion.

Hay County Jamboree set for Saturday

Gayville Hall presents its monthly musical variety show, "The Hay Country Jamboree," at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, in Gayville.

Jamboree regulars, including banjo player and funnyman Daniel Kilbride, fiddler Owen DeJong, and guitarist and singer Nick Schwebach, will welcome cowboy poet Ed Nesselhuf and

singing farmer Ervin Pickhinke as their guests.

Staged the first Saturday each month, Jamborees always feature three or more musical acts on stage together trading old-time tunes, country, bluegrass and humor by turn, according to producer Doug Sharples.

The shows are two hours

long, including a short intermission midway, and are presented in an alcohol-and-smoke free setting.

Gayville Hall is located at 502 Washington Street in Gayville. Tickets are \$12.50 at the door, or \$15 reserved. Call (605) 267-2859.

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Chamber Business:

Business After Hours hosted by Builders Choice (BCI), 1212 North Norbeck Street, is Tuesday, August 7th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Tours of the BCI facility will be given. Please join us to make new contacts, socialize, and find out what Builders Choice has to offer! Appetizers and refreshments will be served.

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 5:00-7:00 pm 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.

Announcements:

- "Round Up For Your Community"—round up your monthly city utility bill to the next dollar & make a BIG impact on your community for years to come. Contributions from this program are invested by the Vermillion Area Community Foundation & help fund projects that benefit residents of all ages & enhance the Vermillion community. Qualified organizations with a project in mind can apply for funding. To sign up for the "Round Up" program, visit <http://vermillion.sdcommunityfoundation.org>, the City's website: www.vermillion.us, or pick up a form at the Vermillion Area Chamber & Dev. Co., 116 Market St. or the City Finance Office, 25 Center St.

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