

Upcoming Sports Schedule

Tanager X-Country at Beresford
Tanager boys and girls soccer at Belle Fourche
Tanager football at West Central
Tanager girls soccer hosts Sturgis
Tanager boys soccer at Harrisburg

10 a.m. Aug. 24
4:30 p.m. Aug. 24
7 p.m. Aug. 24
11 a.m. Aug. 25
6 p.m. Aug. 27

Tanager boys golf at Harrisburg
Tanager volleyball hosts Lennox/Todd County
Tanager girls socce hosts Harrisburg
Tanager football hosts SSC
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7:30 p.m. Aug. 28
4 p.m. Aug. 30
4 p.m. Aug. 30
5 p.m. Aug. 30
7 p.m. Aug. 31

BLUFFS BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY EVENING LADIES LEAGUE

The warm and still night on Aug. 15 was a little stifling but much better than 104 degrees. With the minimal wind the birdies were flying tonight. There were two birdies on #12 by Kathy Merrigan-Manning and Mary Mock. Jennifer Steele had a birdie on #14. The longest putt on #12 was won by Pat Flannigan (again). Low Gross was Kathy Merrigan-Manning with a 41 and Low Net was held by Mary Ellen Jensen. Congratulations ladies, nice job. Next week will be our last WELL night and will be league play to make up for missed Wednesdays.

The Ladies 4-person scramble tournament was held on Saturday afternoon at The Bluffs Golf Course. The rain in the morning was a great relief to this drought but threatened to postpone play. But the rain dispersed and 144 women took to the course. All participants received a bag of goodies and snacks as well as door prizes that were provided by the WELL and Monday night scramble. It was a great accomplishment with many positive comments from out-of-towners. Special thanks to all that donated items including First Bank & Trust, Polaris, AAA Travel, Hy-Vee, Dakota PC, Larry Brady and The Bluffs Golf Course. It was another successful tournament!

Pattison returning as voice of Coyote women's basketball

Broadcasting veteran Rod (R.J.) Pattison will be back behind the microphone for Coyote athletics in 2012-13. Pattison will serve as play-by-play broadcaster for Coyote women's basketball and in addition to those duties, will also serve as color analyst for play-by-play broadcaster Joe VanGoor for Coyote football.

Pattison has more than two decades of experience in the broadcasting field, covering college and high school athletics. He spent three years as a sideline reporter and play-by-play host for USD from 1995 to 1997, and returned to Coyote athletics in 2007 as play-by-play announcer for women's basketball, which he continued through the 2010-11 season.

Tanager tennis squad shutout Saturday

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

A team that includes three sophomores, an eighth grader and three seventh graders – only two of whom are returnees from last year's team – can be expected to take their lumps for awhile this season.

The Vermillion girls tennis team opened their difficult schedule with three shutout losses Saturday at a quadrangular in Yankton. The Tanagers were the victims of Watertown, Yankton and Rapid City Stevens by 9-0 scores.

Next action for VHS will be at home against Madison on Sept. 4 at 4 p.m.

Yankton 9, VHS 0: Singles – 1, Abby Weiss lost to Rockne 8-2; 2, Audrey Miiller lost to Santos 8-0; 3, Hope Knedler lost to Bryan 8-0; 4, Alex Rosdail lost to Cap 8-0; 5, Brandi Styles lost to Kokesh 8-1; 6, Kirstyn

Bohn lost to Logue 8-1. Doubles–1, Weiss/Miiller lost to Rockne/Rothenberger 8-1; 2, Knedler/Rosdail lost to Bryan/Cap 8-1; 3, Styles/Bohn lost to Santos/Logue 8-0.

Watertown 9, VHS 0: Singles –1, Weiss lost to VanderWeide 10-1; 2, Miiller lost to Moran 10-0; 3, Knedler lost to Cerny 10-0; 4, Rosdail lost to Cummings 10-0; 5, Styles lost to Rieber 10-0; 6, Bohn lost to Poppen 10-0. Doubles–1, Weiss/Miiller lost to Hericks/Vorkel 10-2; 2, Knedler/Rosdail lost to Gauger/Benes 10-0; 3, Styles/Bohn lost to Strait/Kaye 10-0.

Stevens 9, VHS 0: Singles –1, Weiss lost to VanderWeff 10-3; 2, Miiller lost to Behr 10-0; 3, Knedler lost to Christopher 10-0; 4, Rosdail lost to Gill 10-0; 5, Styles lost to Hammerquist 10-0; 6, Bohn lost to Sedevie 10-0. Doubles–1, Weiss/Miiller lost to Moyle/Messinger



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10-0; 2, Knedler/Rosdail lost to Hammerquist/Salkousk 10-0; 3, Styles/Bohn lost to Kelly/Griffith 10-0.

Tanager boys soccer hosts Belle Fourche Friday

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

None of the Tanager boys soccer team's subsequent wins this season will come with as little effort as the first one.

Because Custer chose to forfeit games to Vermillion and Tea Area rather than make the long East River trip, the latter two teams each secured a victory in the state power point standings without taking the field. The forfeit win goes into the books as a 3-0 score.

The Tanager boys will try again tonight (Friday), hoping that Belle Fourche will show up for a 4:30 p.m. varsity match at Cotton Park. The Tanager girls teams will also play Belle Fourche with the JVs playing at 4:30 at the high school and the varsity taking on Belle at 6:30 at Cotton Park.

There will also be girls soccer action Saturday as VHS hosts Sturgis. The JVs play at 11 a.m. and the varsity at 1 p.m.

The Tanager boys JVs open their season next Tuesday at Harrisburg at 6 p.m.

Though soccer is a sport sanctioned by the South Dakota High School Activities Association for the first time this fall, only nine boys teams and seven girls teams are playing under the auspices of the SDHSAA and will all be compacted into one class, even though the school sizes range from Aberdeen Central and Sioux Falls O'Gorman to Sunshine Bible Academy.

Vermillion will be one of 22 boys teams and one of 17 girls teams playing as a club sport. Two classes of competition will culminate their seasons with a state tournament at Rapid City in October.

Coyote women's soccer falls at Gonzaga

SPOKANE, WA – Sophomore Colleen Reeves scored a goal in the final minutes, but it wasn't enough as the South Dakota women's soccer team fell to Gonzaga, 3-1, in the season opener for both teams Friday in Spokane, WA. The Coyotes fell to 0-1 on the year while Gonzaga improved to 1-0.

Reeves (Rogers, MN) scored her second career goal in the 87th

minute to get the Coyotes on the board and bring them within 3-1. However, Gonzaga scored twice in the first half to take a 2-0 lead and made the margin stand to earn the win in the first-ever meeting between the two schools in women's soccer.

"I think this was actually a good first game for us," South Dakota head coach Mandy Green

said. "Gonzaga is a strong team that plays quick. Even though we lose and gave up three goals, we showed glimpses of some really good things that we can build off of. This game today showed our young group that we need to get tougher and think quicker. We learned a lot from today that we will use to get better for our next game."

VHS boys golf begins season

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Vermillion's boys golf team opened the season last week with a dual victory over Beresford, 192-207.

The next day the Tanagers placed seventh among 10 teams at the Dakota Valley Invitational with a team score of 358. Harrisburg captured the team title there with a 303 score.

Carter Andre, the only Tanager to qualify for the state tournament last fall as a freshman, led the way in the win over the Watchdogs with a 41. Beresford players Nick Antonson and Kory Diefendorf came in second and third with rounds of 43 and 46, respectively.

Other Tanager cards were 50s from Paul Schwasinger and Jake Odens, Andrew Heine's 51 and a 55 from Jay Munger.

Vermillion also won the JV side of things, 230-262 over Beresford. Sam Craig of

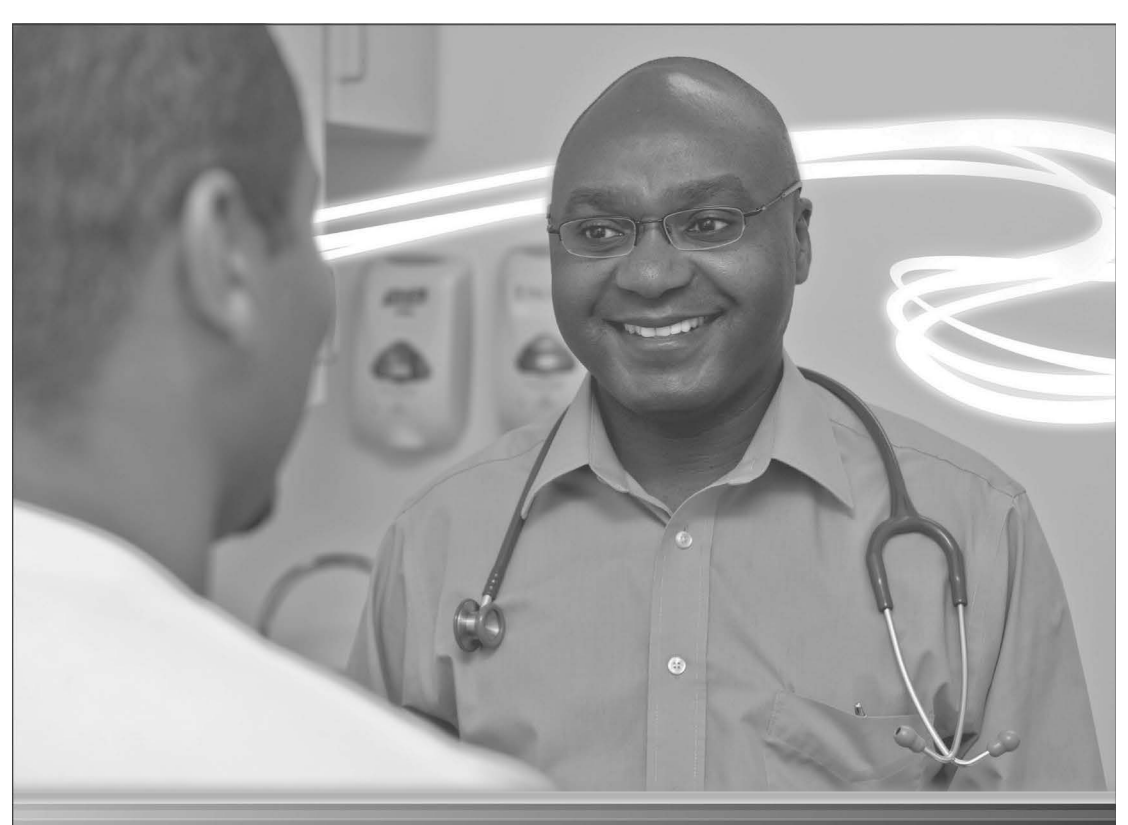
VHS was medalist there with a 51. Two other Tanagers, Tristen Meadows and Tim Ellison, were second and third with a 55 and a 59, respectively. Gavin Gilbertson played the course in 65 strokes.

Heine's 83, which tied him for 16th place, was Vermillion's best at the Dakota Valley meet. Munger tied for 28th with an 89, Odens tied for 35th with a 91, and Andre and Schwasinger tied with each other for 41st with 95s. The tourney medalist was Harrisburg's Brooklyn DeVries with a 69.

In the JV division Meadows was fifth with a 92 for the best Tanager score. Craig tied for 15th at 100, Ryan Owens tied for 30th at 115, and Josh Prescott and Gilbertson tied for 34th at 119.

Next action for the Tanagers will come Tuesday at Harrisburg's tournament.

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