

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, AUG. 30

- X-Country at Beresford at 10 a.m.
- Boys Soccer vs. Hot Springs at 6 p.m. (H)
- Football vs. Lennox at 7 p.m. (T)

SATURDAY, AUG. 31

- Vermillion Area Farmers Market at Ratingen Platz, corner of Market and Main streets, 9 a.m.-noon. For more information, call (605) 659-3399 or e-mail VAFarmersMarket@gmail.com.
- 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. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles.
- Open House at Dakota Gardens, 126 S. Plum St., from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Call Melissa Langle-Lee at (604) 638-8423 for more information.
- Tractor Pull at Newcastle, NE, Threshers Grounds. Gates and food stand open at 11 a.m. No coolers. First pull at noon, with antique and farm classes followed by 3000 RPM's and trucks. Gate fee for event.
- USD Football vs. UC Davis at 2 p.m. at USD DakotaDome. Free for students.
- Boys Soccer vs. Custer at 3 p.m. (H)

MONDAY, SEPT. 2

- No school at USD and Vermillion Public Schools, Labor Day.
- Labor Day celebration, Newcastle, NE. Parade at 11 a.m., followed by threshing/equipment demonstrations and kids pedal tractor pull at 1 p.m., foot races at 2:30 p.m., sand pile dig at 3 p.m. and watermelon feed at 3:30 p.m.
- Boys Soccer vs. Sioux Falls Christian at 5 p.m. (T)
- Al-anon meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Linden. For more information, call 624-9764.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3

- Vermillion Rotary Club meeting from noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuarth Media Center. For more information, visit www.vermillionrotaryclub.org.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

- Program on Assisted Living Care from Welcov of Elk Point at 11 a.m. at the Main Street Center, 320 W. Main St. For more information, call 624-8072.
- Vermillion Area Farmers Market at the Clay County Fairgrounds from 3-7 p.m. For more information, call (605) 659-3399 or e-mail VAFarmersMarket@gmail.com.
- Heartland Humane Society to host a Meet 'n Greet from 6-8 p.m. in downtown Vermillion at Thursday on the Platz. Hosted by Coffee Cup Fuel Stop.
- Thursdays on the Platz in downtown Vermillion, corner of Main and Market, 6-8 p.m. Featuring live music by the Public Domain Tune Band. Food available for purchase. Sponsored by Coffee Cup Fuel Stop. 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! Due to limited seating, please bring your own chair.
- Vermillion Lions Club meeting, W. H. Over Museum (Sletwold Hall) at 6 p.m.

PLANNING AHEAD:

- SEPT 6-7 – Don't miss the ninth annual Ribs, Rods & Rock 'n Roll downtown Vermillion. Free admission this year and plenty of seating to enjoy BBQ and other treats. Highlights include KCBS BBQ contest, people's choice judging (wings and pork), car show, family fun area, charity poker run, sidewalk vendors, food court, beer garden, backyard BBQ (where locals compete – new this year) and live rock 'n roll. There's something for everyone so come on out and enjoy this great two-day event. Visit www.sdbbq.us for more details.
- SEPT. 7 – Kayaking and canoeing the Missouri River at 9 a.m. Join area river enthusiasts for a paddle trip from Clay County Park (near Vermillion) to Bolton boat ramp (near Burbank). Unique features of this river segment include the Gunderson Backwater, Vermillion River confluence, Gunderson Island and miles of undeveloped scenic river. No guide service provided. Provide your own vessel and make shuttle arrangements. Free event. For additional information, contact Jarett Bies, (605) 941-4940 or e-mail jbies0341@hotmail.com.
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- SEPT. 7 – "The Hay Country Jamboree" at 8 p.m. at Gayville Music Hall in Gayville. Featured musicians: Dan Kilbride, John and Susan McNeill, Nick Schwebach and Owen DeJong. For reservations, call (605) 267-2859.
- SEPT. 9 – International Forum to discuss "International Women Issues" at noon, Farber Hall, located in Old Main on USD campus. Dr. Shane Nordyke (Political Science), Dr. Miglena Sternadori (Journalism and native of Bulgaria) and Dr. Dai (Lucy) Wengqian (Sociology and native of China) will discuss International Women Issues such as rape as a weapon of war and religious intolerance toward them (denying them any education and therefore limiting their role in society. How can gender inequality be eliminated, such as lower wages and salaries for women? Are European women treated more favorably (maternity leaves and child care benefits) than US women? Dr. Benno Wymar (Economics) will moderate. Event sponsored by the (USD) Beacom School of Business. Open to the public at no charge.

Does your business or organization have an event you would like included in the Community Calendar? If you do, call the Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce & 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.

Thank You

The family of Odell Myron would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all the staff who cared for him at the Vermillion Sanford Care Center and Sanford Hospital. A special thank you to Dr. Yelverton, Pastor Boese, organist Becky Aga, soloist Amanda Lynch and the Trinity Lutheran Church Servers. Our deepest appreciation for the thoughts, prayers, visits, food, memorials and support that was given to us during our time of loss.

Gayle & Terry Ramey,
Mark & Dawn Myron,
Sheryl & Richard Duman,
Grandchildren and
Great Grandchildren



Volunteers sought for river cleanup

By David Lias

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People who love the Missouri River will have an opportunity to help return much of it that flows through Clay County back to the way that nature intended.

A river cleanup at the Clay County Park southwest of Vermillion is planned for the morning of Saturday, Sept. 14.

Volunteers are asked to arrive at the Clay County Park Boat ramp shelter by 8 a.m. for signup. Work will then commence until noon.

For approximately the last decade, a similar cleanup effort has focused on the Missouri in the Yankton area. Dugan Smith, a park ranger with the National Park Service at the Missouri National Recreational River in Yankton said it's time to also give some attention to the downstream stretch of the channel in Clay County.

"We've cleaned up over 100 tons of debris and garbage from the river there (in the Yankton vicinity), and this the first year we've done cleanups outside that area," he said. "We've done one at Ponca, at the Ponca State Park this last spring, and now we're going to this one here at Clay County Park."

There are also plans to hold a cleanup near the Vermillion boat ramp area at Niobrara State Park in Oct. 5.

To make the plans for river cleanup become a reality will depend on the willingness of volunteers.

"We need volunteers to come out to the event," Smith said. "That's the backbone of it – the volunteers, to help with the cleanup. A bonus is this gives a lot of people who normally don't go out on the river a chance to do just that."

"This is a chance for people who really appreciate the river to get out there on the river and get out on a sandbar or an island or a piece of land on the river," he said. "A lot of people don't have boats and have a chance to go out on the river like that."

"Everybody who comes out will get to go out on a boat, and you'll also get a T-shirt," said Chris Wilkinson, chief of interpretation and education at National Park Service's Missouri River Recreational River office in Yankton. "And there's food at the end, and coffee at the beginning."

"A lot of the people who come to our cleanup in Yankton don't have a boat, and they like that one time during the year when they can come out and come and help us pick up trash," Smith said. "People really enjoy getting out on the river, and that way get to appreciate the river and learn why it's part of the National Park Service."

People may also be surprised at the volume and the types of material that the cleanup will remove from the Missouri.

"You don't see anything from the boat," Smith said, "but when you get out there and start picking up, pretty soon you have a bag here and a bag there until you have a boatload."

This week, Smith and Wilkinson have been busy conducting a survey of the river that flows through Clay County, taking note of areas in special need of cleanup.

"We estimate how many people may show up, and we target these different sites where we know there might be things," Smith said. "If there are big things out there, we'll GPS them, and then maybe cut them into smaller pieces that can be more easily picked up."

"When we go back to that spot on Sept. 14, we'll be able to go back to that spot and dump a crew off to start bringing that close to the shore so a boat can come up and pick it up," he said.

One may assume that people who use the river are also guilty of the trash that's collected in it over the years. That isn't always the case, Smith said.

"The river is a big area, and it just collects things," he said. "The wind blows, and something may blow off of someone's property. Trash will get blown into, and once it's in the river, there's trees and brush, and there's the river and sand. It collects, and once the trash gets in there, it stays."

Volunteers will likely find remnants of the massive flooding of the Missouri that occurred in summer of 2011.

"The flood, especially, tore up a lot of docks," Wilkinson said.

The continued efforts in the Yankton area have begun to have a noticeable effect, at least in terms of the volume of refuse removed from the river.

"The first few years, we'd remove about 10 to 15 tons of materials –

things like tires. We'd remove boatloads and boatloads of used tires, because they were used in the past to stabilize banks. We'd also find pieces of car bodies – hoods and things like that – the old 'Detroit rip rap' type of items."

Fortunately, thanks to a cooperative effort involving the National Parks Service and other agencies, those car bodies have been removed. Occasionally, parts that have shed off those old cars are found during more recent cleanup efforts.

"That is part of this whole effort of getting the river back to the way it once was, for the esthetics of it," Smith said, "and people are starting to recreate more on it, with canoeing and kayaking, and getting out on the sandbars that are accessible during the summertime."

"It is considered a wild and scenic river, and we fall under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and one of the things that we are mandated to protect under that act is water quality," Wilkinson said.

The National Park Service staff is grateful for the assistance they are receiving from the Vermillion community.

"We'll have staff there that will help sign up the volunteers, and once they're signed up, they get a t-shirt," Smith said. "And then we'll be on our way."

"This is new for the community and this area, and we've been getting great help from community members, such as the Vermillion Chamber of Commerce," he said. "We'll start out small, and work our way up to hopefully have this be an annual event."

"We'd like to have this year after year after year," Wilkinson said. "It's not just that we need help, but the river needs help in trying to reconnect (a strong relationship) with Vermillion. If the river came up to the bluff or Cotton Park, I think people would be a little more attached to it."

"This is a way for people to get out on the river, and there's a lot of trash that needs to be picked up," he said. "The Clay County Park is probably one of the best county parks in the region; it's a jewel."

For more information, contact Smith by phone at (605) 665-0209 or by e-mail at dugan_smith@nps.gov.

Gavins Point tour schedule changing for holiday

There will be no tours of the Gavins Point Power plant, located near Yankton, on Friday, Aug. 30.

The tour schedule for Saturday, Aug. 31 and Sunday, Sept. 1 will be every hour from 10 a.m. to

5 p.m. (except noon). Tours on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2, will be at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1, 2 and 3 p.m.

Tours for school and civic groups can be scheduled September through May by calling

(402) 667-2546. The visitor center will be open the following hours through Labor Day: • Monday-Thursday – 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • Friday-Saturday – 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. • Sunday – 8 a.m. to 6

p.m. • Labor Day – 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After Labor Day the visitor center will be open Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will be closed on Sundays through September.

CHAMBER CHAT

Chamber Chat Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce & Development Company
116 Market Street, Suite 103
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Chamber Business: Everyone is invited to the 25th anniversary, grand re-opening celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony at Nygren's True Value

Hardware, 9 Court St., to celebrate the completion of their beautiful new expansion and renovation after 25 years in business. The celebration will be Sept. 12-14 and the ribbon-cutting ceremony will be at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13. 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 5-7 p.m. on a weeknight and the hosting business provides hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. If interested, contact Ann at annb@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

Announcement: Goodwill Industries offers free shredding service to general public through their GoodShred program. Each Goodwill

retail store has a 95-gallon container within their store location for people to bring in paper, magazines, etc. to be shredded. The Yankton store is located at 2508 Fox Fun Parkway and is open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday. For additional information, contact Bonnie Belongea at (855) 348-5352.

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