CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

Announcement: For several years the VCDC and the City of Vermillion, along with a few contributing businesses, have been able to fully fund the community's annual 4th of July festivities in Barstow Park. With rising costs and fewer donations over the past two years we need to seek additional funding sources in order to offer this event to the community. Our goal is to raise an additional \$4,000 so we really need your assistance. Volunteers have been approaching businesses with canisters to place at the register to help raise the necessary funding. If you have not yet been approached by volunteers and are willing to have a canister placed in your business, please contact the VCDC office (624-5571) and we will deliver one. Also, if your business is willing to make a separate contribution to the celebration it would be greatly appreciated.

Flood Volunteers Needed:

--to help with meals for the National Guard troops. Shifts are available 7 days a week, 9:00 to noon and 1:00-4:00 pm (call 677-5899 to volunteer).

--for information and visitupdates. www.usd.edu/emergency and www.claycountyoem.org or for additional information, contact the VCDC at 624-5571.

Announcement: In preparation for our annual July 4th Celebration we are seeking food vendors, merchandise vendors, arts & craft vendors, and children's activities. We are also seeking volunteers to help with the event. As in previous years, the celebration will be at Barstow Park from 6 pm to dark, followed by fireworks. Entertainment options will include music, an activity area for kids, Hy-Vee's 5th Annual Hot Dog Championship, the Eagles Beer Garden, and more. "Fun in the Sun" will be at Prentis Park Pool from 9 to 11 a.m. If you would like to participate or have any questions please contact Ann at the VCDC office 624-5571 or email annb@vermillionchamber.com.

Business After Hours: Are you looking for an opportunity to showcase your business

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Friday, July 8th, 5:00 p.m. & Saturday, July 9th, 10:00 a.m. 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 refresments. If interested, please contact Ann at: annb@vermillioncham-

This Weeks Happenings:

Weekly Wine Hour (every Wednesday) at Red Steakhouse, Wednesday, July 6 in **RED** Steakhouse vault from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 624-0079.

ber.com or at 624-5571.

Vermillion Area Market, Farmers Thursday, July 7 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds. Event includes education session for cus-"What's tomers on Cooking? Cool Treats to Beat the Heat from 4 to 5 p.m.

Vermillion Community Theatre presents the Broadway Musical "My Fair Lady" at the Vermillion High School Theatre. Performances are July 8, 9 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. and July 10 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$7 for K-12. Tickets will go on sale June 24 at the Nook n' Cranny and Davis Pharmacy or will be available at the door.

Tractor Ride: The Yankton Tri-State Old Iron Association and WNAX are holding their fifth annual twoday tractor ride Friday and Saturday, July 8 & 9. There are about 180-200 tractors in the ride, and they will travel in groups of 15 at 10 minute intervals along the following routes:

On Friday, July 8, tractors will travel from





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Yankton to Scotland and return to Yankton to end their 72 mile trip. They will finish the day with a parade downtown at 6 p.m. On the second day of the ride, Saturday, July 9, they will start the ride by traveling from Yankton to Vermillion. The first group of tractors will arrive at Pump 'N Pak in Vermillion around 10 a.m. and then every 10 minutes thereafter until approximately noon. They will travel south on Stanford St. to Main St., east on Main through the downtown area to Dakota St., and then south on Dakota St. past the airport to Highway 19 and into Nebraska. Tractors will stop in Maskell and St. Helena. NE and return to Yankton finishing another 72 mile ride. The Vermillion community is invited to come out and view these impressive tractors, many of which are very valuable and some contain double seats and two riders!

Vermillion Area Farmers Market, Saturday, July 9 from 9 a.m. to noon, downtown Vermillion at Ratingen Platz, Market & Main St.

The Buckwheat Open Golf Tournament, Saturday, July 9 at The Bluffs Golf Course starting at 1 p.m.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

Pancake Sunday at Main Street Center, Main. 320 W. Sunday, July 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ice Cream Social: Concordia Lutheran Church, 7 S. University Street, will be having an Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, July 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. The community is welcome. Ice Cream Social:

Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church located north on Hwy. 19 at 308th St., Wednesday, July 13 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The community is welcome.

Sixth Annual Sheri Ellis Memorial Golf Social sponsored bv Dakota Hospital Foundation will be held Monday, July 18 at The Bluffs Golf Course. Registration/team photos 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; 1 p.m. shotgun start; 6:30 p.m. dinner/program. \$50/person paid in advance; \$60/person day of event. Registration due Monday, July 11. For questions, call: 605-638-8465.

Ice Cream Social: Lutheran Trinity Church, 816 E. Clark St., will be having an Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, July 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. The community is welcome.

Thursdays on the Platz, corner of Market & Main St., July 21, Aug. 4, Aug. 25, and Sept. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. Live music outdoors on Ratingen Platz! Bring the family, have some food & enjoy some local entertainment.

Pancake Fly-In Breakfast at the Vermillion Airport, Sunday, Aug. 7 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by The Main Street Center and served by Vermillion Lions Club.



Historic Vermillion Walk hosted by Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club, Saturday, Sept. 17. Start times: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. – finish by 3 Distance: p.m. 5KM/10KM. Start at W. H. Over Museum trail to go through historic downtown, bike path along Vermillion River and through the USD campus. Pets not $\ensuremath{\mathsf{permitted}}\xspace$ in the start point. No "A" award for this event. IVV Credit \$3; Fun Walkers \$2. For more information contact Duane Neugebauer at 605-734-0115.

Invitation to community organizations to join in the 2011 Tanager Volunteer Day, Tuesday, Sept. 20. Students will be participating in a full day of work from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students will work in groups of 14-17, but the groups can be adjusted if needed. Please dare to challenge Vermillion students – many things can be accomplished in a short time. The students enjoy cleaning, painting, vacuuming, planting trees, scrapping paint, or almost any task you need completed. Last year one group was solely committed to assisting elderly and homebound individuals in our community. If you know anyone that could use a little help with gardens, windows, or just a visit please contact Lenni Billberg at lenni.billberg@k12.sd.us.

Does your business or organization have an event you would like included in the Chamber Chat? If you do please call us at 624-5571 or email us at vcdc@vermil-



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