



## Branson to join MMC Volleyball Team

Mount Marty College is pleased to announce the athletic signing of Lexie Branson of Elk Point-Jefferson High School, to play volleyball for the Lancers in the fall.

Branson is a 5'10" middle hitter, who totaled 394 kills and 88 blocks in the 2011 season and also broke the record at the State A Tournament in 2011 with 1.83 average and 22 blocks. She was

a part of the 2010, 2011, and 2012 District and Region championship teams and participated in the state tournament all three years. For her efforts on the court she was named 2011 Class A All-State First Team, 2011 and 2010 Class A All-Tournament, 2011 Big Sioux Conference First Team, 2011 Region 4A First Team, and 2010 Big Sioux Conference Honorable

Mention.

Lancers' head volleyball coach, Candice Climer, is pleased with the signing of Branson. "Lexie will be a great fit for the Lancers team. She is a hard worker who has a lot of experience on a winning team that has competed at a high level. She'll bring a great sense of competition to our team."

Branson, daughter of Wes and Kim Branson of Elk Point,

SD, plans to major in nursing at Mount Marty College and will be receiving an academic incentive scholarship in addition to her volleyball award.

For more information on the Mount Marty College volleyball program, please visit [www.mmclancers.com](http://www.mmclancers.com) or email head coach, Candice Climer at [candice.climer@mtmc.edu](mailto:candice.climer@mtmc.edu).

## BLUFFS BULLETIN

### MEN'S SENIOR GOLF FUN LEAGUE

Nineteen golfers played at 9 a.m. on July 10. It was a very warm and a very calm day. There were times when the leaves on the trees didn't move at all. We played the front nine on a match-play format.

The team of Pat Boyle, Rex Huska and Alan Clem defeated the team of Richard Burbach, Kevin Krall and Bob Lund. Both teams tied the holes and tied the score, but the match was decided on a tie-breaker. The two teams each shot 35 and had a total of five birdies, due to some excellent chipping and putting. Krall chipped one in on hole No. 1 for a birdie and four other birdie putts were made.

The team of Turk Pilker, Jeri Engelking and Vern Holter defeated the team of Bob Solomon, Shorty Hanson and Guy Button by winning one more hole. They also had a score of 38 while the other team shot 39. Hanson sand an 18-foot birdie putt on No. 6.

The team of Gary Prasek, Floyd Boschee and Jim Reed won by one hole over the team of Ross King, Milo Gilbertson and Louie Fostvedt. In this case the winning team shot a 40 while the other team shot 39. Fostvedt sand a 25-foot birdie putt on No. 5.

## Starr named to TSN Preseason All-America FCS Team

South Dakota junior linebacker Tyler Starr has been named to The Sports Network Preseason All-America FCS third-team, it has been announced. Starr is one of nine players from the Missouri Valley Football Conference to be selected to the team.

Starr (Little Rock, IA) had a breakout sophomore season in 2011 on the defensive line for the Coyotes. He led the team and the Great West Conference with 14 sacks for 96 yards, while ranking in the top 10 nationally in sacks. He tallied a team-best seven forced fumbles to go along with two fumble recoveries for 12 yards. Starr had a team and conference high 19 tackles for loss for 106 yards. He ranked third on the team in solo tackles with 42 and was sixth in total tackles with 51.

In just one season, his 14 sacks ranks second all-time in school history in career sacks (27, A.J. Schable (2002-06)).

Starr was named to the College Football Preseason Watch List earlier this week as well.

The Coyote football team opens the 2012 season on Sept. 1 at Montana.

# VAST turns on the heat in Sioux Falls

Nineteen Vermilion Area Swim Team members made the hour trip to Sioux Falls July 6-8 for the annual Snowfox Independence Invitational hosted by the Sioux Falls Snowfox swim team. The team had an outstanding showing, even with the record heat on Friday.

12 and under division Qualifying to her first ever South Dakota State Championship was nine-year-old Toria Andre. She made the automatic qualification time in the girls' 9-10 50 and 100-meter backstrokes. In doing so, she dropped just over six seconds in the 50 back off of her personal best and 17 seconds off of her personal best in the 100 backstroke.

But Andre was done there. Her improvements on the weekend included dropping a whopping 42.34 seconds in the 100-meter breaststroke and nearly making the state cut in that event as well.

"Torria was unable to swim two weeks ago in Yankton and came out there and really wanted to do well," said Coach Mike Moran. "She obviously did that and the entire coaching staff are very proud of her making her first state championship."

Eight-year-old Gabe Telleria once again was back to his winning ways. Telleria only competed in six events, one shy of the maximum for the meet, and swam to a third place high point award for the meet. He placed first in the boys 8 and under 200-meter freestyle and the 100-meter breaststroke. He also added two second-place and two third-place finishes as well.

His sister Isabel Telleria kept on dropping time as well. Isabel notched a win in the girls' 9-10 50-meter backstroke and also added a second place finish in the 100-meter breaststroke. She finished third in the 200 yard freestyle, dropping 6.86 seconds off of her personal best as well.

Yovani Topete, age 10, also added great swims all weekend. He touched the wall in third place in the boys' 9-10 200-meter freestyle, second place in the 50-meter backstroke and 50-meter freestyle, and in the 100-meter freestyle.

13 and older division All swimmers 13 and older swam in the preliminary rounds in the morning and tried to qualify to the top 16 in the evening. However, this meet, they allowed 12-year-olds to swim up to this harder division. Three VAST swimmers made the big jump with great results.

Araceli Topete of Sioux City added even more events to her program at the Central Zone meet



later this summer. She grabbed fourth place in the 13-14 girls 200-yard backstroke and made a AAA national level time. Topete also finished fourth place in the 100-meter freestyle and sixth place in the 50-meter freestyle. She is now qualified to the Zones meet in four events.

Maddie Lavin had a grueling event list for the weekend and came out of Sioux Falls with great results. The twelve year old also competed in the girls' 13-14 division and finished in fifth place in the 400-meter individual medley, seventh place in both the 100-meter butterfly and third place in the 200-meter butterfly.

Her time in the 200 butterfly of 2:44.29 tied the exact mark needed for the AAA national time, and thus is qualified for the Zone meet in that event too.

Madisen Martinez added a fifth place in the girls 13-14 100 meter breaststroke on Sunday. Martinez, who is still 12, also touched the wall in seventh place in the 200-meter breaststroke on Saturday.

Two swimmers from VAST dropped significant amounts of time in the distance event - the 400 meter freestyle. Anna Hackemer lowered her personal best in the event by 19 seconds. She also finished 16th in the girls' 13-14 200-meter backstroke on Sunday evening.

Kyleigh Moran also dropped her



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personal best in the 400-meter freestyle. She took off 14 seconds in the event. She also placed 12th in the 200-meter breaststroke on Saturday and 14th in the 100-meter breaststroke on Sunday.

Lexie Malimanek also lowered many of her personal bests, including shaving off four seconds in both the 100-meter breaststroke and the 200-meter IM. She placed as high as 10th in the 200-meter backstroke in the girls' 13-14 division.

VAST had one male swimmer in the 13 and older division - Jacob Krier. He finished in 10th place in

the 50-meter freestyle and the 200-meter backstroke. Krier is now ranked in the top eight in the state in the boys' 15-16 category.

The swimmers are still working hard to get to the state meet in Rapid City later this month. On Friday, 18 swimmers from VAST will make the trip to Brookings for their final tune up before the state meet.

For full results from all meets and information on how to join the team, visit the Vermillion Area Swim Team Web site: [www.vastsd.com](http://www.vastsd.com) <<http://www.vastsd.com/>> .

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July 17, 2012.....	Ramada Convention Center.....	Aberdeen.....	7:00 PM
July 18, 2012.....	Ramkota Hotel.....	Sioux Falls.....	7:00 PM
July 19, 2012.....	MTI Tech. Center (1800 E. Spruce).....	Mitchell.....	7:00 PM
July 24, 2012.....	Ramkota Hotel.....	Pierre.....	7:00 PM
July 25, 2012.....	Ramada Hotel.....	Rapid City.....	7:00 PM

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