

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, JULY 6

• Vermillion Area Farmers Market at Ratingen Platz, corner of Market and Main St., 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.

• Frogman's Print Workshop Gallery "Crawl." Festivities will begin at the WH Over Museum at 7 p.m. with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.

• Gayville Hall's musical variety show featuring "The Hay Country Jamboree" at 8 p.m., Gayville, SD, 502 Washington St. For reservations, call (605) 267-2859.

### MONDAY, JULY 8

• 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, JULY 9

• Vermillion Community Blood Drive sponsored by Sanford Vermillion, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2:30-6 p.m. Free All-American T-shirt and lunch to all who donate. Must be at least 17 years old. Call Sanford Vermillion for additional information, 624-2611. Walk-ins welcome.

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

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

• Ice Cream Social at Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church from 5-7:30 p.m. Serving taverns, ham sandwiches, pie and ice cream. Location: 45918 308th St., rural Vermillion. Free-will donations.

### THURSDAY, JULY 11

• 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.

• "Thursdays on the Platz" in downtown Vermillion, corner of Main and Market, 6-8 p.m. Enjoy food provided by Ribs, Rods & Rock 'n Roll (free pork sandwiches) and live music featuring Shawn Coles. Sponsored by Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Co. Bring the family.

• Douglas Roegiers from Burbank and Vermillion to sing and compete on NBC TV's new talent show, "The Winner Is." Doug will be one of six competitors when NBC presents the first of eight shows at 8 p.m. (C). Doug, the son of Chuck and Rosie Roegiers of Burbank, is a crooner living in North Hollywood, CA.

### PLANNING AHEAD:

• JULY 13 – Vermillion Area Farmers Market at Ratingen Platz, corner of Market and Main St., 9 a.m.-noon. For more information, call (605) 659-3399 or e-mail VAFarmersMarket@gmail.com.

• JULY 13 – 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.

• JULY 14 – East River & Missouri Valley Bluegrass Music Association to feature "Monthly Open Jam," (second Sunday of each month) from 1-6 p.m. at Washington St. Arts Center, 202 Washington St. All levels welcome-open to pickers and listeners. Event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (877) 621-4118.

• JULY 15 – Eighth Annual Sheri Ellis Memorial Golf Social at The Bluffs Golf Course. 1 p.m. shotgun start. 18-hole, four-person scramble \$50 per person paid in advance; \$60 day of event. Includes golf, dinner and prizes. Sponsored by Sanford Vermillion and Dakota Hospital Foundation. To register, call Jill at (605) 638-8465.

• JULY 16 – Ice Cream Social at Trinity Lutheran Church (Fellowship Hall) from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Location: 816 E. Clark St.

• JULY 17 – Dakota Classic Cruisers car club will bring their annual car show, Tri-State Drive In Cruisers, to downtown Vermillion beginning at 5 p.m. This drive in cruise brings many Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota visitors to our community and provides a great opportunity for Vermillion merchants to showcase their businesses and enjoy additional sales. Main Street will be closed from Bank of the West entrance to Prospect St. and a half-block south on Court Street and north on Center Street. Come on out to enjoy the classic cars and help us roll out the red carpet to welcome visitors to our community.

• JULY 19-22 – Vermillion Community Theatre presents the original musical "Robin Hood, Spirit of the Greene" Friday, July 19-22 at the Vermillion High School Performing Arts Center. Friday, Saturday, and Monday performances at 7 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. Visit vermillioncommunitytheatre.org for additional information.

• JULY 20 – Ninth Annual Heritage Music Fest, 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Enjoy live music at Elk Point Jefferson School gym, 402 S. Douglas. Free will donations with proceeds benefitting Elk Point Masonic Lodge, High School Scholarship and Child Identification Programs. Bring lawn chairs. Mason roast beef dinner at 5 p.m. Concessions and baked items. For more information, call Elaine Peacock at (605) 356-2069 or Don Gray at (605) 356-2243.

• JULY 25 – The Department of Labor and Regulation will be hosting a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) at 1024 W. Cherry Street, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The JSAP is a free workshop for people recovering from job loss or enhancing their job search skills. Trained instructors speak on modern-day techniques used to successfully find employment. Topics covered are resume and cover letter writing, interviewing etiquette, networking effectively, using social media and much more. Parties interested in attending should register by calling (605) 677-6900 before 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 24.

• AUG. 12 – Sixth annual Hy-Vee Scramble for SESDAC at The Bluff's Golf Course. Sign-in and team photos from noon-12:45p.m. and shotgun start at 1 p.m. Prime Rib Dinner and program to follow. Tickets are available for dinner for non-golfers. For registration and information please contact The Bluffs Golf Course at (605) 677-7058. Get your team signed up early as this one fills up fast.

• AUG. 24-25 – Join us for the 2013 Bullarama Aug. 24 and 25 at Clay County Park Rodeo Arena unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit www.Bullarama.org. Call Linda Hawley at (202) 0194 with questions.

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.

## Blood donations in great need

Sanford Health Vermillion and Community Blood Bank will host an "All American" blood drive on Tuesday, July 9, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2:30-6 p.m. at Sanford Vermillion. All who donate will receive a special T-shirt and lunch.

"The summer has begun with an increase in use of blood especially around the weekends," said Rita Nelson, donor recruitment supervisor, Community Blood Bank. "In fact, we have seen a 21 percent increase in blood usage from the last month. The only way to make sure that blood is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week is through regular volunteer blood donations and support of your local hospital's blood bank." Community Blood Bank is a non-profit,

cooperative of Sanford Medical Center and Avera McKennan Hospital. In addition to supplying Sanford Vermillion with their blood needs, we service 29 other local hospitals including Sanford Medical Center, Avera McKennan Hospital, Avera Heart Hospital of South Dakota, and the V.A. Medical Center.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 years old with signed parent consent form), weigh 110 pounds or more and be in good general health the day of the blood drive. Please bring a form of I.D. with you.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call Sanford Health Vermillion at 624-2611. Walk-ins are welcome.

## NMM

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that there actually be some event at the museum to which we can invite the public and that we can have a reception ... to give the public something to talk about," Johnson said.

While the Elvis event did bring more visitors than ever through the museum, it was not without costs. Johnson said about \$4,000 was spent on promotion, Presley's motorcycle was brought in at a cost of \$1,000, and all the food served was provided for free.

"It is an investment," he said. "It's a sprint that we couldn't do every week ... but we'll do this every now and then because it's

fun, it has a great pay-off and it creates a lot of buzz for the community."

Another way to generate that kind of buzz – and not just on a local level – is through the Internet.

The museum's Facebook page has gained closed to 4,000 friends over the past four months alone, Johnson said.

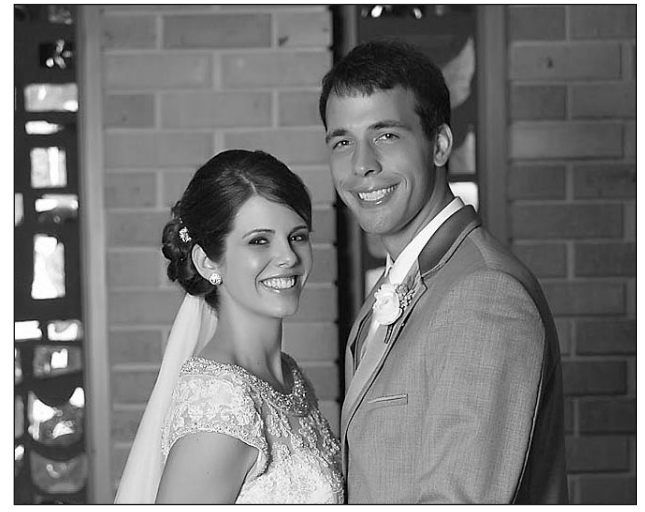
"We see followers looking at us from all over the world," he said. "It's surprising – we have more followers in LA than we do in Vermillion."

Many other followers hail from as far away as Portugal, Russia and the Philippines, he said.

As those numbers continue to grow, the NMM will try to convert those "likes" into actual visitors.

"If we can get 1 percent of our Facebook followers to become members, 1 percent of our 4,000 followers now would be 40 people,

## WEDDING



### Theresa and Bryce Bunkers

Theresa Marie Dendinger and Bryce Williams Bunkers exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 15, 2012, at St. Agnes Church in Vermillion with Father John Fischer officiating.

Theresa is the daughter of Bill and Cyndi Dendinger of Vermillion. She is a graduate of South Dakota State University, and is a Child Life Specialist at Amplatzer Children's Hospital in Minneapolis, MN.

Bryce, of Crystal, MN, is the son of Bill and Alana Bunkers of Owatona, MN. Bryce is a graduate of South Dakota State University and is employed as a Mechanical Engineer at Care Fusion in Plymouth, MN.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at St. Agnes School. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple has made their home in Crystal, MN.

which would be a 7 or 8 percent increase in our membership," Johnson said.

One year from now Johnson hopes there will be 10,000 Facebook followers, 1 percent of which would be 100 new members.

"There's a real potential there just because of the sheer numbers game," he said.

Johnson thanked the city for its continued support of the museum, noting that after the South Dakota Arts Council, the city is the NMM's largest funder in the region.

"We're looking forward to making all this happen, and again, we couldn't make it happen without the support of the city," he said. "You are a significant part of what makes us tick, and we hope you continue to see that as a great investment."



C.C. Graham of Madison returns a volley during a doubles match played Friday afternoon.

(Photo by David Lias)

## VHS benefit tourney held June 28-29

Strong, gusting winds didn't stop both youth and adults from participating in the Vermillion High School Benefit Tennis Tournament, held Friday and Saturday at the USD tennis courts in Vermillion.

"Singles were played Friday morning, and the doubles will go on all afternoon," Steve Ford, tournament director, said Friday afternoon. "We had 12 and under boys singles, and 14 and under girls singles and 18 and under boys singles. In doubles, we've got girls 14 and under, boys 18 and under. Saturday we will have adults."

Ford said most of the youth who participated are involved in school tennis programs in the program. Young athletes from Madison, Yankton, Sioux Falls and Vermillion took part in the tournament, held to raise funds for the Vermillion school's tennis program.

People wishing to donate funds to the tennis program may make their check out to the Vermillion School Foundation with a note on the check that it is for the tennis team. All donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible.

## CHAMBER CHAT

**Chamber Chat Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce & Development Company**  
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### Chamber Business:

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