

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY, JUNE 3

- Brown Bag Lunch Program, "Strumming Along ... Singing a Song," at 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on the USD campus on the corner of Clark & Yale St. Free and open to the public.
- Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 2 p.m. at Care Center Dining Room, 125 Walker St.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

- Vermillion Area Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-noon, downtown Vermillion at Ratingen Platz, Market & Main streets.
- Southeast South Dakotas Iron Butt Run Challenge. Contact Steve Williams at 605-677-8068 for more information or attend a Vermillion Eagle Riders meeting.
- "The Hay Country Jamboree," starring, "Good People," John and Susan McNeill, Dan Kilbride and guests, 8 p.m. at Gayville Hall. For reservations, call 605-267-2859.

MONDAY, JUNE 6

- Al-Anon meeting, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Main & Linden. For more information, call 624-9764.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

- Vermillion Rotary Club Meeting, Noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

- Summer Film Festival: "The Joy Luck Club," is featured in the Cultural Clips series, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library. Free and open to the public.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

- Cancer Support Group Meeting, 2:30 p.m. in the Sletwold Room at Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark St.
- Vermillion Area Farmer's Market, 3-7 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds. Event includes education session for customers on "Food Preservation: Early Harvest, Part I," from 4-5 p.m. with Leah Burnison of S.D. Cooperative Extension Service.

PLANNING AHEAD:

- JUNE 10 — Brown Bag Lunch Program, "The Polka Professors: Music from the Heart," 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum, located on USD campus on the corner of Clark & Yale St. Free and open to the public.
- JUNE 11 — Vermillion Area Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-noon, downtown Vermillion at Ratingen Platz, Market & Main streets. An educational session will follow on "Food Preservation: Early Harvests, Part II," from 1-2 p.m. at the 4-H Building with Leah Burnison of S.D. Cooperative Extension Service.
- JUNE 11 — Sixth Annual Children's Miracle Network Bikes & Babes Motorcycle Run. J&L Harley Davidson, Sioux Falls, in collaboration with Sanford Vermillion and Vermillion Wal-Mart have organized a great run. The proceeds from this event will be donated to Children's Miracle Network. Registration is from 9-10 a.m. at Vermillion Wal-Mart (no pre-registration). Cost for the run is \$15. Contact Jill Christopherson, Sanford Vermillion for more information at 605-638-8465 or jill.christopherson@sanfordhealth.org.
- JUNE 11 — Annual H-WORTH OPEN at The Bluffs. Call The Bluffs clubhouse (677-7058) to sign up for an 18-hole scramble tournament in memory of Matthew Hollingsworth. The day includes golf, prizes and a BBQ afterwards. Proceeds from this tournament are given to the Clay County EMS Dept.
- JUNE 14 — American Legion Auxiliary Wallace Unit #1 meeting, 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center.
- JUNE 15 — Summer Film Festival: "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," is featured in the Cultural Clips series, 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library. Free and open to the public.
- JUNE 18 — "Bob & Sheila Everhart," starring The Everharts with John & Susan McNeill, 8 p.m. at Gayville Hall. For reservations, call 605-267-2859.
- JUNE 23 — Annual Ice Cream Social sponsored by Clay County Historical Society, 5-7 p.m. at the W.H. Over Museum. Taverns, chips, homemade pies, cake, ice cream, coffee and lemonade will be served. Carry outs available. The McNeills from Springfield will provide music. Transportation will be provided from the parking areas to the front door of the museum. Freewill donation will be accepted.
- JUNE 23-25 — 2011 Vermillion Annual Citywide Rummage Sale. Watch your Plain Talk and Broadcaster Press for more details.
- JUNE 24 — Midsommar at Dalesburg - 142nd Annual Midsommar at Dalesburg Lutheran Church. Scandinavian Smorgasbord serving from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Afternoon program at 2 p.m. with songs and stories, evening program at 7 p.m. with "The Great Pretenders," raising of the Midsommar Pole & folkdancing.
- JUNE 27-JULY 7 — Sharing the Dream June Trip to Guatemala: Limit of seven people. Visit cooperatives, schools, the Elder Center, and share with our brothers and sisters in Guatemala. \$1,100 per person (includes everything in Guatemala). Airfare extra. Contact Diane at diane@sharingthedream.org for more information.
- JULY 13 — Ice Cream Social, 5-7 p.m. at Concordia Lutheran Church, 7 S. University Street. The community is welcome.
- JULY 21, AUG. 4 & 18 — Thursdays on the Platz, from 6-8 p.m. corner of Market & Main streets. Live music on Ratingen Platz.
- JULY 21 — Ice Cream Social, 5-7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark St., Vermillion. The community is welcome.
- SEPT 17 — Historic Vermillion Walk hosted by Prairie Wanderers Volkspport Club, Start Times: 9 a.m.- Noon; Finish by 3 p.m. Distance: 5K/10K. Start at W. H. Over Museum - trail to go through historic downtown, bike path along Vermillion River and through the USD campus. Pets not permitted at 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.

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

Creative nonfiction workshop June 13

The Dakota Writing Project and the South Dakota Humanities Council are co-sponsoring a day-long workshop open to the general public, "Tell Your Real Stories: A Creative Nonfiction Workshop," to be held on the University of South Dakota-Vermillion campus on June 13, 2011.

Led by author and editor Brian Bedard, this workshop is ideal for both beginning and advanced writers who want to tell stories about real people and events in a compelling manner, to keep readers interested. This workshop provides guidance in writing creative nonfiction, a genre in which the writer uses literary craft to make facts more interesting and accessible for the reader.

The workshop is scheduled for Monday, June 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with lunch from 12 to 1 p.m. on your own. The workshop location is East Hall 111, University of South Dakota, Vermillion. A light breakfast of coffee, tea, and muffins is provided. Participants should bring writing tools such as a computer laptop and/or paper and pens.

Participants can save \$5 by registering early: mail a check or money order for \$15, postmarked no later than June 6, 2011, to: Dakota Writing Project, Dakota Hall 212,

University of South Dakota, 414 E. Clark Street, Vermillion, SD 57069-2390.

For regular registration, bring \$20 to the workshop on the day of the event.

Brian Bedard recently retired from his position at the University of South Dakota as a professor of English, where he directed the creative writing program and served as editor of South Dakota Review. His stories have appeared widely in such forums as Quarterly West, North American Review, Alaska Quarterly Review, Cimarron Review, and North Dakota Quarterly.

His first collection of stories, Hour of the Beast and Other Stories, was published by Chariton Review Press. His second collection of stories, Grieving on the Run, won the Serena McDonald Kennedy Fiction Award from Snake Nation Press, and was published by Snake Nation Press in 2007 and nominated by that press for the National Book Award in 2008. The South Dakota Council of Teachers of English honored him as the 2008 South Dakota Author of the Year.

This event is co-sponsored by the Dakota Writing Project, a non-profit teachers' organization, and the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Club, High Lines – there is an opportunity, a chance, that everyone will be affected to some degree," Stewart said.

Much of the focus this week has been on the communities of Pierre, Fort Pierre and Dakota Dunes, which early on have been experiencing the most flooding.

Assistance is available locally in the form of a stockpile of sand and sandbags which has been available at the Clay County Public Safety Center, located near the courthouse in Vermillion. Stewart said individual property owners affected by flooding may eventually be able to receive some relief from FEMA. "Right now, things still aren't at that point for our county," he said.

Volunteers from the University of South Dakota have been busy this week filling sandbags at the safety center. "This afternoon (Wednesday) university employees have begun to fill mass amounts of sandbags, and we're hoping to have a stockpile of them," he said. "If there's isn't a stockpile, at least the supplies will be here and people will be able to fill them on their own."

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

As a member of the business community, please think of how you can offer assistance when the time comes, which will likely be sooner rather than later. As the Chamber is often the place people call for assistance, if there is help your business or organization can provide, please let us know so we can share this information. If circumstances dictate, we may be putting out the call for volunteers so please be ready to help.

Announcement: Several local Vermillion businesses are advertising in a Keep It Local Card. This card is currently being solicited to Vermillion residents. This is a legitimate program, but it is NOT a VCDC sponsored program.

Enjoy Food and Fun! Come join the fun when Tour de Kota arrives in Vermillion in two weeks, on Thursday, June 9. We've got fun plans in store for the riders and the Vermillion community! The Tour de Kota campsite will be located on the USD North Complex grounds just north of Cherry Street between N. University and Plum Streets. A variety of food vendors will set up the morning of June 9 and serve throughout the day and evening. KVHT will host a live remote during the afternoon and "Poker Alice" will entertain the crowd with live music in the evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Shuttle rides during the day will be provided to Tour de Kota bicyclists, courtesy of Vermillion Public Transit. Friday morning will start bright and early as the Vermillion Lions Club serves pancakes and sausage before the riders take off for their last day of riding to Sioux Falls. Spread the word, bring your friends and family, and enjoy great food,

entertainment, and socializing. What a great way to kick off the summer!!

"Business After Hours" hosted by Heartland Smiles, 117 E. Cherry St., is Tuesday, June 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. Please join us to meet Dr. Jenna Renshaw and welcome her to Vermillion, tour the facilities, make new contacts and socialize!

VCDC Annual Golf Social June 28! The 4-Person Best Ball Scramble Golf Tournament will begin with team sign-in at The Bluffs Golf Course followed by pictures at 11:45 a.m. and the open format shot gun start at 1 p.m. The buffet dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed by the golf awards and door prizes. Please call the VCDC office at 624-5571 or email annb@vermillionchamber.com to register your team, be a hole sponsor, or donate a pin or door prize. Please register soon!

Annual 4th of July Celebration at Prentis and Barstow Parks. Complete event schedule coming soon!

How to Become More Active in the Community: Are you interested in becoming more active in the Community? Join one of the Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company's (VCDC) rewarding committees! If you enjoy event planning, the Special Events Committee is for you. This committee works to plan and promote events that the VCDC hosts such as the Annual 4th of July Celebration, the Annual Christmas Celebration and the VCDC Annual Banquet. If you are interested in the legislative issues that affect Clay County and the local businesses the Legislative Affairs Committee would be a perfect fit for you. If you would like to serve as the goodwill and public relations representative by participating in and attending ribbon cuttings, new business openings, community events, socials, parades and festivals the Ambassador Committee would be an excellent choice. If you are interested in joining or would

like more information on one or all of these committees, please contact Ann at annb@vermillionchamber.com or call 624-5571.

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 to 7 p.m. on a weeknight and the hosting business provides hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. If interested, please contact Ann at: annb@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

Announcements:

• Stay aware of Missouri River flooding information at <http://www.claycountyom.org>. While the river has not yet breached the banks in Clay County, state and local officials are recommending residents along the river make evacuation plans and begin moving their possessions in preparation. The time to act is now, not once the water has breached the banks.

• Heartland Home Care has moved to a new location at 2610 E. SD Hwy 50 in the former "The Country Doctor" clinic just one-quarter mile east of Vermillion city limits. Watch for an upcoming open house announcement.

• The Café Brulé presents an

Exhibition of Artwork: The Café Brulé (now open since April 7) located at 24 West Main Street proudly presents an Exhibition of Artwork by Michele David Mechling, Nancy Losacker and Susan M. Heggstad, now through June 4. Stop by the brand new Café Brulé and view this show by three Vermillion artists. For inquiries about the artists and their artwork, please contact gallery coordinator, Michele Mechling at michele4csg@yahoo.com.

• New Weekly Wine Hour at RED Steakhouse every Wednesday night from 6 to 7 p.m. in the RED Steakhouse vault. Taste through a selection of wines from their boutique-style wine list, enjoy a glass of your favorite, and munch on some tasty treats prepared by their own Chef Tom. For more information, call 624-0079.

• 4-H Fundraiser. Rain or Shine ... rent your booth space at the Clay County Fair Grounds for one stop rummage shopping during the Vermillion city-wide garage sale June 23-25 and help support Clay County 4-H! Direct sellers welcome. 10'x10' - \$10 (Includes one table) or \$15 (two tables) inside the Bus Barn. Sellers will be allowed to set up Wednesday night and items will be kept in a locked facility overnight. Contact 677-7111 for more information.

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Seeks Donations For Book Sale

The Vermillion Plain Talk is seeking donations for a book sale to be held during the Vermillion's City Wide Rummage Sale. The book sale will be June 23rd and 24th. All kinds of gently used books, VHS/DVD movies will be accepted (No Encyclopedias or Text Books please!) Books can be brought to the Plain Talk Office, 201 W. Cherry, Vermillion.

Donations will be accepted M-F from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. until June 17th, 2011. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Newspapers in Education program, which provides free newspapers to classrooms in Vermillion and the surrounding areas.

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50th Wedding Anniversary

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Sunday, June 5, 2011
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Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion
in the Trinity Askeland Lounge
Everyone Welcome!