

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### TODAY, JUNE 17

- Brown Bag Lunch Program, "Omaha Sings! Omaha Academy Choir," organized under umbrella of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, 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.
- Clay County 4-H Dance at Clay County 4-H Center. Event open to incoming sixth, seventh and eighth graders. You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend — bring your friends! Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and close at 7 p.m. Dance ends at 9 p.m. Refreshments will be available for purchase at the dance. Cost is \$3 with a canned good donation or \$4 without; goods will be donated to the Food Pantry. This is a fund raiser for Clay County 4-H programs.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 18

- Vermillion Area Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-noon, downtown Vermillion at Ratingen Platz, Market & Main St. An educational session will follow on "Backyard Farmer: Soil Building!" from 1-2 p.m. at the 4-H Building with Dean Spader.
- "Bob & Sheila Everhart," starring The Everharts with John & Susan McNeill, 8 p.m. at Gayville Hall. For reservations, call 605-267-2859.

### MONDAY, JUNE 20

- 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 21

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

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

- Summer Film Festival, "A Walk in the Clouds," 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.
- Weekly Wine Hour (every Wednesday) at RED Steakhouse, from 6-7 p.m. in the RED Steakhouse Vault. For more information, call 624-0079.

### THURSDAY, 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.
- 2011 Vermillion Annual Citywide Rummage Sale. Watch your Plain Talk and Broadcaster Press for more details.
- Vermillion Area Farmer's Market, 3-7 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds. Event includes education session for customers on "What's Cooking?" Good to Grill" from 4-5 p.m.

### PLANNING AHEAD:

- 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 24-25 — 2011 Vermillion Annual Citywide Rummage Sale. Watch your Plain Talk and Broadcaster Press for more details.
- JUNE 24-25 — Eagles Auxiliary Rummage Sale as part of Vermillion's community-wide rummage days, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The rummage sale will be at the Eagles Club, 114 W. Main St. Proceeds will go to charities.
- JUNE 25 — Vermillion Area Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.-noon, downtown Vermillion at Ratingen Platz, Market & Main streets.
- JUNE 25 — Vermillion Tennis Tournament. Girls, boys, men's and women's singles and doubles played at the DakotaDome Courts. Applications can be found in the Vermillion High School Web site under the athletics and tennis sites. Contact Dan Hanson at Dan.Hanson@k12.sd.us or 670-9345. Entry fees are due by June 18.
- 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.
- JUNE 28 — VCDC Annual Golf Social. 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!
- JUNE 28 — "All-You-Can-Eat" Spaghetti Dinner hosted by The Eagles Auxiliary from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Eagles Club, 114 W. Main St. Cost is \$4.50 per person. Proceeds will go to charities.
- JULY 4 — Annual 4th of July Celebration at Barstow Park, 6 p.m. to dark. Inflatables for kids (cost - \$5), beverage garden, food vendors, various children's activities, music by C&K Entertainment, Hy-Vee's 5th Annual Hot Dog Eating Contest and huge fireworks display at dusk. For more information, call the VCDC at 624-5571.
- JULY 4 — Hy-Vee's 5th Annual Hot Dog Eating Championship, 8 p.m. at Barstow Park. Two divisions (Mens and Ladies), \$100 top prize and \$50 second prize for both divisions. Sponsored by Hy-Vee, Equalizer, Coca-Cola and Sara Lee. For more information, rules and registration, stop at the Hy-Vee customer service desk.
- JULY 4 — "Fun in the Sun," 9 a.m.-noon at the Prentis Park Pool. Money dive for K-8th grade starting at 9 a.m. Fun events with great prizes for all ages including dives with the biggest splash, smallest splash, and best belly flop, longest treading water, farthest underwater swim and a family/group relay race. Individual events are \$1 per entry, relay race is \$5 per entry. For more information, please contact Tammy at 677-9132.
- JULY 13 — Ice Cream Social, 5-7 p.m. at Concordia Lutheran Church, 7 S. University Street. The community is welcome.
- JULY 18 — Sixth annual Sheri Ellis Memorial Golf Social sponsored by Dakota Hospital Foundation at The Bluffs Golf Course. Registration/team photos at 11:30 a.m.-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.
- JULY 19 — Ice Cream Social, 5-7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark St. 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.

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.

## Honoring & Remembering:

# Staff Sargent Sidney Brunick

By Donna Schafer  
VFW Auxiliary President  
Clay County Post 3061



SIDNEY BRUNICK

Staff Sargent Sidney Brunick was born in Vermillion on Feb. 5, 1917.

He entered the service in March, 1942. They were supposed to get six weeks training, but they had so much trouble with the planes, that they sent them over as quickly as possible. Sid passed his tests at the school, but failed his physical to become a pilot because his depth perception was not good. He became a Chin Gunner and a toggler who said when to drop the bombs.

When they left Harrisburg, they went to Kearney, NE to get the brand new B 17s. From Kearney, they were to fly to Prescott, ME but there was a terrible storm, so they flew to New Hampshire where they encountered another storm, but had to fly in it anyway.

Sid had the opportunity to see the entire length of the Mississippi River. It was an unbelievable sight. They flew from Dyersburg, TN which is 60 miles north of Memphis on the Mississippi River, down the Mississippi Gulf, down through Mexico, and the Caribbean. On the way back they needed to land in Biloxi, MS, but they wouldn't let them so it was on to Mobile, AL when they flew off the left side of the runway, on the grass.

The trip to Goose Bay, Labrador put them in extremely cold weather. It was 40 degrees below zero! Fortunately they had a warm place to sleep and good eating.

After they landed in Reykjavik, Iceland and the crew did some sightseeing. They flew on to Storaway, Scotland, which is a little Island off the northwest coast of Scotland.

It was in Prestwich, Scotland that they knew the United States had plenty of airplanes to do the job because that was the place where the United States stored the planes used for invasion.

"We were 10 miles north of London the last time the German's flew over London and bombed them. Every one had no doubt that there was a war going on," Sid said. "During one of our combat missions we flew over Sorau, Poland which is 50 miles from the Russian border. We had suffered a lot of damage and were flying back across Denmark when we lost one engine over the North Sea, then we lost another engine. We were close to the base when the third

engine got hot. Our pilot cut the one and a half engine left and we had a perfect landing. Our pilot was granted permission to land first. They pulled us to our parking stand and got off. We discovered that the plane had been shot 14 times and never shot a hole in the wings, and we didn't loose any gas.

"Before 'D-Day' we had flown 17 combat missions. We got there for the 'Big Week' bombing force. There were five combat missions flown over Berlin, and our 18th mission was one of those five. Each force had 18 sorties which flew in a V formation. One day over 1,000 sorties flew over Berlin to show Hitler that we had the forces to take out Berlin, because Hitler had promised the German people that a bomb would never be dropped on Berlin. On D-Day Berlin was leveled.

"We flew seven more combat missions and the powers that be had changed their minds about how many missions were to be flown. They went from 25 to 35 missions each force had to fly before going home so we flew 10 more combat missions. I flew my last mission August 11, 1944," he said. "When I finished my 35 missions I came home on the Queen Mary. We pulled into the New York Harbor and could see the Statue of Liberty on the top deck. It was the most beautiful thing I'd ever seen. One of my buddies, Tech Sargent Arthur J. Russell, poked me in the ribs and said, 'Sid, I think we made it.' It was a beautiful day.

"I finished my enlistment at the Sioux Falls Air Force Base in Sioux Falls," Sid said.

## 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, at 5 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. (call 677-5889

to volunteer).  
--to volunteer at Dakota Dunes, call 605-356-2351.  
--for information and updates, visit www.usd.edu/emergency or for additional information, contact the VCDC at 624-5571.

"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!

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The Vermillion Area Community Foundation is accepting proposals for projects to improve our community. Forms for submitting proposals by groups or organizations are available at the Chamber of Commerce office. While funds available are limited we can fully fund small one time requests or

partially fund larger projects. Your annual donations to our Foundation will provide us with increasing funds each year for worthwhile projects.

### Announcements:

- The Yankton Police Department, with the assistance of The Heartland Humane Society and The Humane Society of the United States have set up a temporary Animal Shelter at the 4-H grounds, to provide a safe place for the pets of those affected by the flooding. The use of Alcoa Arena to establish this temporary shelter has been generously donated by the Miracle Hockey Association, and supplies have been donated by PetSmart. Volunteers are needed also. Please contact Animal Control Officer at 605-661-9494, or the Yankton Police Department, at 605-668-5210.
- New Art Exhibit at the Café Brule featuring works on paper and canvas by Jeff Freeman,

recently retired professor of painting in fine arts at USD. Paintings will be on exhibit through July 2, 2011

- 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.

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*Happy 50th Anniversary*  
**Edna & Lyle Timm**  
Edna and Lyle Timm were married on June 17, 1961 in Elk Point, SD. The couple soon settled in Vermillion, SD to raise their three children. The couple enjoy travelling throughout the country, spending time with their children and five grandchildren, assisting with church activities, and visiting with friends and family. The children of Edna and Lyle invite you to an open house to celebrate their life together. The party is planned for Saturday, June 18 from 2 to 4 pm at 406 N. Crawford Road, Vermillion. Cards may be sent to Edna and Lyle at 1000 James Street, Vermillion, SD 57069.

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