

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY, 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.
- 2011 Vermillion Annual Citywide Rummage Sale. See ads in this issue of the *Plain Talk*.
- Eagles Auxiliary Rummage Sale as part of Vermillion's community-wide rummage days, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m. The rummage sale will be at the Eagles Club, 114 W. Main St. Proceeds will go to charities.
- Brown Bag Lunch Program, "Celebrating Life Through Story & Song," 12:05 p.m., National Music Museum located on USD campus on corner of Clark & Yale St. Free and open to the public.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

- 2011 Vermillion Annual Citywide Rummage Sale. See ads in this issue of the *Plain Talk*.
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- Vermillion Area Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.-noon, downtown Vermillion at Ratingen Platz, Market & Main streets.
- 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.
- Ride with Larry: Larry Smith has rode approximately 300 miles from Aberdeen to Vermillion, stopping along the way each night to speak with local support groups about the benefits of cycling, staying active and keeping positive with Parkinson's. The last leg of the five-day ride, from Sioux Falls to Vermillion will be open to members of the public who want to ride to the finish line in Vermillion. Go to www.ridewithlarrymovie.com for more information. The public is invited to join Larry at the FINISH LINE to welcome Larry as he rides into Vermillion! This event is FREE and open to the public from noon-2:30 p.m. in downtown Vermillion, at Market & Main streets on the Platz. Poker Alice, Catricle demonstrations, food and dancing will be available.
- Bizarre Bazaar Rummage Sale sponsored by Vermillion Area Arts Council from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Washington Street Arts Center. If you have items for the sale, please bring them to the Arts Center between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Friday, June 24. You can receive up to 90 percent of the proceeds of your items if you mark the prices on them and indicate what percentage you wish to donate to the VAAC. Bring food to share at the potluck that begins at 6 p.m. for those volunteering to set up and/or work at the sale.

MONDAY, JUNE 27

- 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. Trip is through July 7.
- Vermillion Eagle Riders Supper Ride departing from the Eagles at 6 p.m.
- Al-anon meeting, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Main & Linden. For more information, call 624-9764.
- The Messy Hands Summer Art Camp sponsored by Vermillion Area Arts Council from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. June 27-July 1 and July 4-8. For ages 3-14. Four enrollment options: half-days for one week or two, full days for one week or two. Learn about practice painting, drawing and collage, basic printmaking and book-making and sculptural techniques. The curriculum encourages exploration and creative expression. Through funds provided by the City of Vermillion, the Vermillion Civic Council, the S.D. Arts Council and private donors, scholarships are available to children who need them. To enroll your child, contact Susan Heggstad, sheggest@yahoo.com, 605-624-4766. To learn more about what's happening visit: www.vermillionartscouncil.blogspot.com

TUESDAY, 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!
- "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.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

- "Weekly Wine Hour (every Wednesday) from 6-7 p.m. in the RED Steakhouse Vault. For more information, call 624-0079.
- Summer Film Festival - Cultural Clips featuring, "Dances with Wolves," 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library. Free and open to the public.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

- Vermillion Area Farmer's Market, 3-7 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds. Event includes education session for customers on "Here's to Your Health: Discussions with a Dietician" with Sarah Nelson, Hy-Vee Registered Dietician from 5:30-6 p.m.

PLANNING AHEAD:

- JULY 1 — Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 2 p.m. at the Care Center Dining Room, 125 Walker St.
- JULY 2 — Vermillion Area Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.-noon, downtown Vermillion at Ratingen Platz, Market & Main St.
- JULY 2 — Pool party for Vermillion Teens, ages 13-19, from 9-11 p.m. at Prentis Park Pool. Admission is \$5 at the door or \$4 with a Facebook RSVP. Pool passes will not be accepted for this private event. Food and beverages will be available for sale from 10-11 p.m. courtesy of Cherry Street Grille/Fox Pizza. For more information, call Tammy at 605-677-9132.
- JULY 3 — Open Swim Time, 6-9 p.m. at Prentis Park Pool. In place of Family Swim. Normal admission prices apply.
- 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 8-11 — Vermillion Community Theatre presents Broadway Musical, "My Fair Lady," at the Vermillion High School Theatre. Performances are 7:30 p.m. July 8, 9 & 11 and 2:30 p.m. July 10. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$7 for K-12. Tickets are on sale at Nook n' Cranny and Davis Pharmacy and will be available at the door.
- JULY 8-9 — The Yankton Tri-State Old Iron Association and WNAX are holding their fifth annual two-day tractor ride. 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: July 8 tractors will travel from Yankton to Scotland and return to Yankton to finish the day with a parade downtown at 6 p.m. Saturday they will travel from Yankton to Vermillion. The first group will arrive at Pump 'N Pak 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, Neb., and St. Helena, Neb. and return to Yankton. 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!
- 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.

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.

Rain, rain, go away



Despite being located nowhere near the flooding Missouri River, this field — located along Highway 50 just outside of Vermillion — now has a veritable lake in it thanks to the recent rainfall. After a number of heavy rainstorms throughout the summer, the area was hit Tuesday afternoon with several more cloudbursts. (Photo by Travis Gulbrandson)

Highway officials warn of travel problems from flash flooding

Flash flooding is creating hazardous travel conditions across a broad section of central and eastern South Dakota, State Transportation Department officials warn.

Heavy rainfall throughout the day and evening on Monday has caused flash flooding on numerous roads. Transportation Department crews are working to locate and mark areas of highway that are covered with water or otherwise made impassable by the flooding. The crews aren't always able to detect trouble spots immediately.

Motorists are being urged to consider delaying any travel plans Monday night and into early Tuesday morning.

"The flash flooding happens quickly, and if you're out at night, you may not be able to tell in the dark how deep the water is on a stretch of

roadway, whether a culvert is washed out, how much damage the flooding has done to the driving surface and a number of other factors that could make it dangerous to proceed," said Transportation Secretary Darin Bergquist. "Conditions can change in an instant. We're asking people to make safe choices. If you must travel and you see water on a roadway, turn around. Don't risk your life."

Motorists who must travel are asked to check safetravelusa or to call 511. Those sites are being updated as quickly as possible, but motorists are cautioned that rapidly changing conditions make it possible that the posted information may not be up to the minute. Crews will need to assess roadways when conditions permit.

Blood in high need

Jones' Food Store, Vermillion, and Community Blood Bank will host a special blood drive on Wednesday, June 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Jones' Foods (812 Cottage). All who donate will receive free lunch and a special "All American" blood donor t-shirt.

This blood drive comes at a time when the blood supply is at its lowest. All residents are encouraged to donate blood. All blood types are in immediate need.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 years old with signed parent consent form), weigh 110 lbs. or more and be in good general health the day of the blood drive. Please bring a form of I.D. with you. For more information log onto www.cbblifeblood.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

Classes offered for those with hearing problems

For those suffering from hearing loss, Avera Yankton Ear, Nose & Throat will be starting an informative educational series beginning Monday, June 27, from 10-11 a.m. in the Avera Sacred Heart Professional Office Pavilion and Education Center.

These classes will be offered on a bi-monthly basis and coffee and cookies will be provided while you learn about common issues and solutions about hearing problems. If you are interested in attending, please register by calling 605-665-6820 or toll-free at 1-888-515-6820.

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Chamber Business:

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 am, 1 pm & 7 pm (call 677-5889 to volunteer).
- for information and updates,

visit www.uscd.edu/emergency or for additional information, contact the VCDC at 624-5571.

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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 p.m. to dark, followed by fireworks. Entertainment options will include music, an activity area for kids, Hy-Vee's Fifth 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 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:

- 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 Yankton 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 to 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, scraping 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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The Vermillion United Methodist Church would like to cordially invite the public to a...

Going Away Gathering for Rev. Brook McBride

To Thank Him for His 11 Years of Dedicated Service to the Church and Community.

Date: **Sunday, June 26th**

Time: **5:00pm-7:30pm**
(short program beginning at 6:00pm)

Location: **United Methodist Church**
16 North Dakota Street, Vermillion, SD

BENEFITS SPECIALIST SUPERVISOR
Department of Social Services
Division of Economic Assistance
Vermillion

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