

# 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 am, 1 pm & 7 pm (call 677-5889 to volunteer).

- for information and updates, visit [www.usd.edu/emergency](http://www.usd.edu/emergency) or for additional information, contact the VCDC at 624-5571.

**Announcement:** 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](mailto:annb@vermillionchamber.com).

**This Weeks Happenings:**

**Weekly Wine Hour** (every Wednesday) at **RED Steakhouse**, Wednesday, June 29 in RED Steakhouse vault from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 624-0079.

**Summer Film Festival-Cultural Clips** featuring "Dances with Wolves", Wednesday, June 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library. Free and open to the public.

**Vermillion Area Farmers Market**, Thursday, June 30 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds. Event includes educa-



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tion session for customers on "Here's to Your Health: Discussions with a Dietician" with Sarah Nelson, Hy-Vee registered dietician from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.

**Hospital Auxiliary Meeting**, Friday, July 1 at 2 p.m. at the Care Center Dining Room, 125 Walker St.

**Vermillion Area Farmers Market**, Saturday, July 2 from 9 a.m. to noon, downtown Vermillion at Ratingen Platz, Market & Main St.

**Pool party for Vermillion Teens**, ages 13-19 will be at Prentis Park Pool from 9 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, July 2. \$5 admission at the door or \$4 admission with a facebook RSVP. Pool passes will not be accepted for this private event. Food and beverages will be available for sale from 10 to 11 p.m. courtesy of Cherry Street Grille/Fox Pizza. For more information call Tammy at 605-677-9132.

**Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!**

**High School Softball Tournament** at Prentis Park Ball Field on Sunday, July 3 at 1 p.m.

Each high school grade competes to play a championship game against a faculty/parent team. For more information call Tammy at 605-677-9132.

**Open Swim time** at Prentis Park Pool, Sunday evening from 6 to 9 p.m., July 3 in place of Family Swim. Normal admission prices apply.

**Annual 4th of July Celebration** at Barstow Park, Monday, July 4th from 6 p.m. to dark. Inflatables for kids (cost-\$5), beverage garden, food vendors, various childrens' activities, music by C & K Entertainment, Hy-Vee's Fifth Annual Hot Dog Eating Contest, and a huge fireworks display at dusk. For more information, call the VCDC at 624-5571.

**Hy-Vee's Fifth Annual Hot Dog Eating Championship** is Monday, July 4 at 8 p.m. at Barstow Park. Two divisions (Mens & 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.

"Fun in the Sun," Monday, July 4 at the Prentis Park Pool from 9 a.m. to noon. 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 605-677-9132.

**Vermillion Community Theatre** presents the Broadway Musical "My Fair Lady" at the Vermillion High School Theatre. Performances are July 8, 9 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. and July 10 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$7 for K-12. Tickets will go on sale June 24 at the Nook n' Cranny and Davis Pharmacy or will be available at the door.

**Tractor Ride:** The Yankton Tri-State Old Iron Association and WNAX are holding their fifth annual two-day tractor ride Friday and Saturday, July 8 and 9. 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:

On Friday, July 8, tractors will travel from Yankton to Scotland and return to Yankton to end their 72 mile trip. They will finish the day with a parade downtown at 6 p.m. On the second day of the ride, Saturday, July 9, they will start the ride by traveling from Yankton to Vermillion. The first group of tractors will arrive at Pump 'N Pak in Vermillion 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 and St. Helena, NE and return to Yankton finishing another 72 mile ride. 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!

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