

# FORE!



Joe Simoni aims for the pin from the tee box at the 12th hole at The Bluffs Golf Course June 24 as he participates in the Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company (VCDC) Annual Golf Social. Following the four-person best ball scramble tournament, a buffet dinner was served at the clubhouse.

(Photo by David Lias)

# X IS FOR ZEBRA



The cast of the Vermillion Children's Theatre production of "X is for Zebra" fills the stage of the Vermillion High School Performing Arts Center June 21. The performance followed a week-long workshop put on by Matthew Cook and Christine Pietz with assistance from the Vermillion School District, the Vermillion Community Theatre, and Gretchen Burbach.

(Photo by David Lias)

## POOL

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"Once a month I get delivered 35 pails (of chlorine briquettes), sometimes 40," Baedke said. "We have to bring them (into the mechanical room) one at a time, stack them. It takes a lot of space." Baedke recommended that when the aquatic center is built, a liquid chlorine system be used. "(The chlorine) gets brought in on a truck and they run their hose out and pump it. It's a lot safer. There's not a potential for it falling over and starting a fire," he said. There also are issues relating to the changing rooms, which were

built without ceilings and are thus open to the elements. "The plumbing obviously needs to be winterized every year, and it's taken apart and put back together, and none of this is really meant to do that," Baedke said. "It's more of a commercial inside use, so every year there are numerous leaks that (we) need to address from that aspect." The aquatic center would utilize a self-draining system, which would allow everything to slowly drain in the fall, Baedke said. "Then stuff wouldn't need to be taken apart," he said. "All the fittings on everything just need to be replaced every year, because they dry out when they're not in use." Goblirsch added that he does not think the new facility would

have open-air changing rooms. "It's an open-air environment here where if it's windy out, it's cooler when you're changing. And we know when it gets to be 90 degrees, it's hot, too. We like to have a controlled environment," he said. Goblirsch also said that the open-air rooms raise a safety issue in terms of inclement weather. If a sudden storm should arise, swimmers would not be able to seek shelter there. Baedke said that in such situations they now go to the guard house or a nearby church. It's not all bad news for the pool, though. Baedke said the water is "very sanitary," due in part to its three high-grade sand filters, which were installed around 1995.

"We don't have a lot of chemical buildup (in the water), per se, like a swimming pool at a hotel," he said. The pool also has a number of regular activities, including swimming lessons, lap swimming and water exercises. "We try to program as much as we can here, and get as many people using this facility as possible," Goblirsch said. To ensure that those visitors are safe, the pool has 14 lifeguards on staff, with eight of them on-duty at all times. "They're all water safety instructor-certified, lifeguard-certified, so we don't have anybody on staff here that's not trained with all the new techniques," said program coordinator Ryan Baedke. The American Red Cross is

who we go through for our lifeguards," Goblirsch said. "Sometimes I think people make light of the job of being a lifeguard, but it's roughly a 30-hour course to become certified." Even with the positive things, however, there is only so much longer that the current pool will remain usable. "We can continue to operate as long as the directives are to operate, but eventually there's going to come a time when (you have to ask), 'How much more do you want to lose?'" Goblirsch said. "This pool has served the city well. A pool lifespan, about 40 to 50 years is average, so when you make that decision to move forward, it's going to be around for a long time."

## CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S PRESS BRIEFING

06/16/13 21:26 – A deputy responded to assist the Highway Patrol with the investigation of an injury rollover accident on 470th Ave.  
06/17/13 07:55 – A report was received of a missing backhoe bucket that had been lost in the river by the County Highway Dept. A deputy investigated and found a nearby resident who had recovered it from the river. The owner was notified of where to pick up the bucket.  
06/17/13 10:48 – A deputy responded to a trespassing complain south of Meckling. The suspect was someone who had recently opted not to renew her lease. Investigation found she was retrieving her own property. She was asked to make sure the landlord was aware if she needed to return.  
06/17/13 14:58 – A township supervisor reported a resident may have taken gravel from the road and spread it on his driveway. A deputy investigated and found that it did not appear that the resident had stolen any gravel.  
06/17/13 15:59 – A deputy observed a car speeding at 78 mph in the 55 mph zone on University Road. The car was stopped

and the driver was cited for the offense.  
06/17/13 22:40 – A deputy found a lawn chair on Highway 19. It appeared to have fallen from a vehicle. The deputy moved it off the road.  
06/17/13 23:39 – A deputy responded to a report of a car/deer accident on Highway 50 West of Vermillion.  
06/18/13 09:48 – Deputies assisted the Vermillion Police Department with a death investigation in Vermillion. The coroner was contacted and investigation determined the death was of natural causes.  
06/19/13 11:02 – A deputy transported an inmate from the Minnehaha County Jail to the Clay County Jail after the inmate violated the 24/7 program there.  
06/19/13 11:11 – A deputy served a protection order to a man in Vermillion.  
06/19/13 15:21 – A rural resident reported the theft of sheet metal from an outbuilding. The matter is under investigation.  
06/19/13 20:10 – A deputy investigated a 911 call from a cell phone west of Vermillion. The caller was located and it was determined the call was an

accidental dial.  
06/20/13 07:24 – A deputy investigated a motorcycle/deer accident West of Meckling on Highway 50.  
06/20/13 10:27 – A deputy transported an inmate from the jail to a doctor appointment and then returned him to the jail.  
06/20/13 12:59 – A deputy received a report from citizen who reported someone attempted to scam him by claiming he won a prize but needed to pay fees first. The citizen didn't pay any of the false fees and no money was lost.  
06/20/13 13:01 – An inmate was transported from the jail to the Human Services Center in Yankton for a court ordered evaluation.  
06/20/13 13:02 – An inmate was transported from the jail to a doctor appointment and then returned to the jail.

06/20/13 13:36 – Deputies attempted to locate a woman to check the welfare of her child after a complaint was received in Wakonda. The woman lives in Yankton County to the information was relayed to the Yankton County Sheriff after the woman was not found in Clay County.  
06/20/13 16:51 – Deputies responded to a bicycle accident with an injured cyclist at Dakota and Clark Streets. They assisted a patient until the ambulance could respond.  
06/20/13 21:57 – A deputy observed a vehicle with no tail lights functioning. The driver was stopped and informed of the problem.  
06/21/13 11:19 – A deputy mediated a dispute between a landlord and former tenant who was moving his personal property to his new residence.

06/21/13 13:50 – A 911 call was received from a nursing home patient who said she didn't want to stay there anymore. A deputy spoke to her about this.  
06/21/13 18:04 – A deputy assisted a motorcycle operator who had run out of gas.  
06/21/13 22:11 – A deputy investigated a car/deer accident east of Vermillion on Highway 50.  
06/22/13 00:27 – A deputy stopped a car due to a headlight out. The driver

was found to be wanted in Clay County. The driver was arrested on the warrant.  
06/22/13 09:27 – A deputy investigated a theft of gravity wagons which occurred sometime in the past year.  
06/22/13 17:34 – A deputy responded to a complaint of a stray horse east of Vermillion. The horse was put back in its pasture but the owner was not home.  
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