

THE BLUFFS

Wednesday Evening Ladies League Standings as of June 11, 2014

Teams	Won	Possible
Birdie Bound	43.5	60
L-O-N-G Shots	41	60
Wedgies-Boxers	36	60
Wedgies-Briefs	36	60
Puttin' Divas	32	60
Two Putts	32	60
Lucky Shots	29.5	60
Not Bluffing	27.5	60
Lopez Sisters	22.5	60
LG's	22	60
Angry Birdies	10.5	60

Half marathon draws entries

The Clay-Union Foundation is hosting a half marathon in Elk Point on Saturday, Sept. 27, and it's drawing some attention. Omaha, Lincoln, Crofton, Sioux City and runners from other towns have entered, and many more are expected.

The half marathon (13.1 mile) event will start with registration on Sept. 27 at Casey's, 1000 W. Main St. in Elk Point, exit 18 off I-29. Runners will start at 8:30 a.m., and beverages, snacks, shirts and finisher medals will be provided.

Early entry discounts are available, and entry details are at <https://runsignup.com/getotthe>.

Volunteers, sponsors and more information is available by contacting John Gille at jgillersd60@yahoo.com.

All proceeds support the youth mentoring program and its mission of helping youth.

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Dakotas Tour makes a stop in Dakota Dunes June 30

DAKOTA DUNES – On Monday, June 30, teams will play the Arnold Palmer-designed course at Dakota Dunes Country Club as part of The Dakotas Tour sponsored by the Siouxland Federal Credit Union.

The Pro-Am event is structured with each team made up of three amateur players and one professional player. Amateurs will play their own ball and record one low net and one low gross on each hole and use the Golf Professionals score, if needed.

Professionals attending the Pro-Am event include: Benoit Bessier, Web.com Tour Status; Brad Wurtz, Former Nike Tour Winner; Andre Metzger, 2013 Canadian Tour Status; Tim Kunick, 2013 Web.com Tour Status; Thomas Campbell, Gopher All America; and Nate Barbee, Winner on Gateway and All American mini tours.

"This is basically the first Professional Golf Tour Event at Dakota Dunes Country Club since the 2001 Dakota Dunes Open which was part of the

Nationwide Tour," states Justin Arlt, head PGA professional at Dakota Dunes Country Club. "More importantly it's a Tour Event that involves an opportunity for amateurs to participate and play alongside Professional golfers on the region's ultimate test of golf."

The Dakotas Tour was founded in 1985 to provide quality golf events for Amateurs and Professionals in the Upper Midwest. A full field of 24 players from across 14 different states is scheduled to tee it up with

Amateurs at the Siouxland Federal Credit Union Pro-Am.

Dakota Dunes Country Club is in its first full season with 18 holes since the 2011 flood including the rebuilt #9 green, the redesigned #17 and #18 located on the banks of the Missouri River, three renovated ponds and reseeded fairways, tee boxes and greens with new bentgrass.

If you are interested in playing in the Pro-Am event, contact Justin Arlt at (605) 232-3080.

USD football nets 35 academic award winners

The University of South Dakota's football team had 35 student-athletes named 2013-14 Missouri Valley Football academic award winners announced Tuesday by the conference office.

Of those 35, three – Kyle Cichos, Marcus Murtha and Josh Vander Maten – earned the league's highest academic achievement by capturing the MVFC President's Council Academic Excellence Award, which requires a 3.5 cumulative grade point average (through

Fall 2013 semester) and participation in athletics a minimum of two years. The student-athlete must also be within 18 hours of graduation.

Seven Coyotes, including Cichos, Murtha and Vander Maten, earned the Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award, which requires a minimum GPA of 3.2 for the previous two semesters (freshmen are not eligible). Kayl Barkley, Ryan Hillier, Ben Kramer and Matthew Miller were included in that

distinction. Those who recorded a minimum 3.0 GPA for the 2013 fall semester while having a minimum of 12 hours of enrollment qualified for the MVFC Honor Roll. Thirty-four Coyotes earned that distinction and those names are listed below:

Ryan Alger; William Armstead; Kayl Barkley; Fred Beaugard; Miles Bergner; Trevor Bouma; Sam Cooke; Riley Donovan; Spencer Fox; Jackson Gannon; Benjamin

Gardner; Sean Glenn; Ryan Hillier; Adam Juhl; Ed Kennedy; Kiefer Ketelhut; Austin Koch; Ben Kramer; Taylor Lambert; Mike Meinert; Colin Mertlik; Nick Meyer; Matthew Miller; Jet Moreland; Marcus Murtha; Aaron Ramsey; Graham Resseguie; Jordan Roberts; Andrew Schofield; Brandt Van Roekel; Josh Vander Maten; John Wessel; Tyler Wilhelm; Luke Worden.

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doors," she said. "If all things are equal for a recruit, sometimes it's the facility that pushes them over the top."

Would a new facility have swayed Nicole Seekamp? Not as much as one would think, the senior-to-be for the women's basketball team joked.

She likened the potential atmosphere to playing in the Summit League Tournament at the Sioux Falls Arena.

"If it's going to be an atmosphere like that every time we play at home, that'd be awesome," Seekamp said.

That's what USD is banking on, that a new arena will help boost attendance and fan support.

Last season, the men's basketball program averaged 1,796 fans in 13 games, while the women's team played in front of an average of 1,398 fans over 13 games.

"Hopefully I'll get to play at least a year or two in it," joked Crofton, Nebraska native Bridget Arens, an upcoming sophomore for the women's basketball team.

A new home for basketball — and volleyball — was much needed on USD's athletic landscape, according to Abbott. He pointed out that the DakotaDome was built in 1979 for \$8.2 million.

"It's important to remember, with the dome itself for basketball, that was a bit of a compromise," Abbott said. "When they started planning it, they wanted two separate facilities.

It just wasn't monetarily possible, but now it is."

Football will remain in the DakotaDome, and will eventually see increased seating (that's another phase of USD's athletic master plan), but it's been basketball and volleyball that have suffered since the dome opened, as Daugaard pointed out on a couple of occasions.

The governor said the DakotaDome has been the

"central location" for high school football championships in South Dakota — that it's "every kid's dream to become a football champion here."

On the other hand, the dome has been "less than ideal" for basketball and volleyball, he added.

"It's just too cavernous," he told the Press & Dakotan. "To have an area that is designed for those sports, and will arrange the crowd in such a way that they're close to the action, it's just a great day at USD."

Even in the short-term, before the arena officially opens in two years.

Athletic director David Herbster put it this way: Certain coaches likely wouldn't be at USD without such projects.

"I can tell you, we wouldn't have attracted coaches like Amy Williams or Craig Smith without the vision of this program in place," he said.

"It's one thing to see the picture — and you can see their eyes open up — but that's secondary to walking through the door, and

touching it and playing in it."

The first bid packages for the track and soccer complex will go out by the end of this week, Herbster said. Then comes the second bid package, for the excavation and earth work for the arena the following week.

The actual work on the arena will begin at the end of July, Herbster said.

As far as volleyball is concerned, the program is looking forward to boosting its home atmosphere, head coach Leanne Williamson said.

The Coyotes, who used to play their home matches on the DakotaDome floor, have spent the last two seasons playing at the 'Coyote Den' on the dome's upper level.

"We love our den, and we love playing up there," Williamson said. "It's loud, it's a great environment, but having a new arena will bring a sense of pride for our program."

You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck.

CHURCH SCHEDULES

BERGEN LUTHERAN Church: "The little white church on Timber Road." Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 995 N. Sioux Point Road, Dakota Dunes, SD. Weekend Masses: Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

BRULE Creek Lutheran Church, Elk Point, SD: Worship Service 11:00am, Sunday School 9:45am to 10:45am.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod: Worship Sunday 6:00 p.m., Bible Study Tuesday, 9:00 p.m., Neuharth Center, 624-5398 or 1-800-998-1234

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 102 Prosp: Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.; Bible Study 9:00 a.m.; Bible Study 12:00 noon; Wednesday Night Classes, 7:00 p.m.

Concordia Lutheran Church (LC-MS) 7 South University Street, Vermillion. Divine Service – Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School – Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Pastor Samuel Needham. Contact us at (605) 624-3459 or at lcmsvermillion.org

CORNERSTONE CHURCH: *A Place To Grow.* Located at the corner of Crawford & Cherry St. Celebration Service: Sunday during the School year 9:00am and 10:30am (subject to change during holidays) in the summer Sunday 10 AM. Check us out at cornerstonesd.org or call (624-8809) for further information.

DALESBURG BAPTIST Church 30503 466th Ave., Beresford, Pastor Darren Regehr. 9:45am, Sunday School; 11:00am, Morning Worship; Mid-week Services Wednesdays, 7:00pm. (605)253-2622.

Dalesburg Lutheran Church: 12 miles North of Vermillion on University Road. Worship Services 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Website: www.dalesburglutheran.org

Elk Point Baptist Church. Sunday worship at 11:00am, Tuesday evening Bible study at 7:00pm. 101 North Green St., Elk Point, SD 57069. (605)222-1981

FAITH FELLOWSHIP of the Open Bible on Bypass 50 and Highway 19: Sunday Celebration 10:30 a.m. Pastor Tony Armbrust, 624-2921.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH: 401 Main Street, Makell, NE. Worship: 9am. Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays. (605)658-0240 (home) (402)-692-3323 (church).

Faith United Lutheran Church, ELCA, 44874 303rd St/Po Box 168, Volin, SD 57072, (605)267-2277. Sunday Worship: 9:30am with Holy Communion the 1st & 4th Sundays. WOW Wednesday program beginning at 6:30pm for all children 3 yrs old - 7th grade, and confirmation classes for those in grades 8th & 9th.

IMMANUEL Lutheran Church, Elk Point, SD: Worship Service 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST Church Elmer "Sandy" Aakre, Pastor 624-6391 home, 624-4658 church. Time: 9:15 Sunday School, 10:30 Worship. Sunday Choir Practice, 11:50 a.m.

GAYVILLE LUTHERAN Church: Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.

GOSPEL CHAPEL Church, 708 Jessie St./Highway 12, Newcastle, NE. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; AWANA Wednesday at 7 p.m., 402-355-2305. Pastor Chuck Myers, 402-355-1335.

GRACE BAPTIST Church, SBC, Pastor Steve Ford, 1102 E. Main. Phone 624-4949. Adult's and Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

HILLSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1800 Constance Dr. Worship Sept.-May 10:30a.m. AWANA Small groups; 9-10:15 Worship May-August 10a.m., 6 0 5 - 6 2 4 - 4 8 6 2 , www.hillside-cc.com Like us on Facebook!

KOMSTAD COVENANT Church, Rural Beresford and Centerville, SD: Matt Styles, Pastor. 18 miles north on University Road. Phone 563-2402. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m.

PLEASANT VALLEY Lutheran Church, Rural Vermillion: Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Holy Communion First Sunday of every month. All welcome.

PROVIDENCE REFORMED Church, 830 Madison: Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. "We Welcome You To Historic Protestant Worship And Fellowship."

St Paul Lutheran Church, 31903 475th Ave, Elk Point, SD 57025, Sunday Service 10:30 am, Pastor David Bentz.

ST. AGNES Church, 416 Walker St., Fr. John Fischer: St. Agnes Church and Parish Office, tele. 624-4478. St. Agnes Rectory, 505 Catalina, tele. 624-1995. Mass schedule: 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30a.m. Sunday, Week-day Masses – consult weekly bulletin; Sacrament of Penance, Saturday 4-4:45p.m.

ST. PAUL'S Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Linden. Sunday: nursery available. 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 11:00 a.m. coffee hour. Call 624-3379 for more info.

The Luther Center at USD: Life at the corner of campus and faith. Located at Cherry & Plum Streets, Vermillion. We worship weekly on Wednesday evenings at 8:30pm and host service and fellowship events throughout the year. Visit us online at www.luthercenter.org or find us on facebook!

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Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E Clark St, Vermillion Worship Times: Wednesday evening: 6:15 PM and Sunday morning: 10:00 AM Radio broadcast: Sunday morning at 10 AM on KVTK Radio, AM 1570 Holy Communion celebrated monthly. Pastor Trisha Boese and Intern Pastor Jason Clifton www.trinityvermillion.org Facebook: Trinity Lutheran - Vermillion, SD (605)624-4442.

The Vermillion First United Methodist Church, a welcome place reaching out to all God's people. Located at 16 N. Dakota St. Adult Sunday School 9am; Sunday Worship 10:25am; Children's Church after Children's Sermon (PreK-5). Welcome Table-serving free meal Mondays 5:30-7pm. Youth Group with Meal (Gr. 6-8) Wednesdays 5:30-7pm. High School Youth Group 7pm. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7pm. Praise Band rehearsal 8pm. Friday Morning Book Study and Breakfast 6:45am. Call (605)624-2179 for more info. Pastor Rick Pitenger.

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