

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, MAY 11

• VAST Middle School Dance from 7-9 p.m. at the Armory, 603 Princeton St. Sponsored by Vermillion Area Swim Team ([www.VASTSD.com](http://www.VASTSD.com)).

### SATURDAY, MAY 12

• Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: 20 S. Plum St, Administration entrance, board room. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles.

• Heartland Humane Society Animal Fair: Heartland Humane Society will hold their Animal Fair at Riverside Park in Yankton. This is an annual fundraiser that includes activities for every member of the family - even the four-legged ones. The walk/run registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the walk starts at 10 a.m. Pet contests, including owner-pet look-a-like, most unusual pet, best-dressed pet and best pet trick will be held at the amphitheatre at 11:45 a.m. The animal fair will also showcase demonstrations by the local K-9 police unit, 4-H group and a basic obedience overview. There will be food and over 20 vendors onsite from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. A variety of animals will also be in attendance including miniature horses and a camel. More information on all the events can be found online at [www.heartlandhumane.org](http://www.heartlandhumane.org). For additional information, contact the shelter at 664-4244 or stop by 601 1/2 Burleigh.

• Plant Sale: The Eagles Auxiliary, in conjunction with Kristy Bothwell of Rosewood Greenhouse, will be selling blooming potted plants (three per container) from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Eagles Club, 114 West Main St. in Vermillion. Proceeds from plant sales will benefit local charities. Don't miss out on this opportunity to help others and to also get an excellent Mother's Day gift for that special someone in your life!

### SUNDAY, MAY 13

• "Dreams Really Do Come True ... Vermillion Area Dance Organization's Cinderella Story," 2012 Spring Dance Recital, set for 2 p.m. at the Vermillion High School Auditorium. Cost \$4 for adults and \$2 for schoolage children. Come and see what Vermillion Area Dance Organization is all about and enjoy an afternoon of dance. The dancers range from ages 2 years old through adults.

### MONDAY, MAY 14

• Al-anon meeting, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Linden. For more information, call 624-9764.

### TUESDAY, MAY 15

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

### PLANNING AHEAD:

• MAY 19 — Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: 20 S. Plum St, Administration entrance, board room. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles.

• MAY 19 — Gayville Hall presents "A Celebration of Woody Guthrie," in honor of Woody's upcoming 100th birthday at 8 p.m. Location: Gayville, SD, 402 Washington St. For ticket info, call 605-267-2859.

• MAY 20 — French Toast Breakfast Fundraiser: The St. Agnes Youth Group is having their fundraiser from 9-10:30 a.m. at the St. Agnes gym. This is an all-you-can-eat breakfast with a free-will offering taken at the door. The money raised will help with expenses for youth group summer trip to Minnesota for a baseball game and Valley Fair. Call Ray Hofman at 605-624-6457 for more information. Catholic United will provide matching funds.

• MAY 21 — Eastern Star Salad Luncheon, 11:30-1:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 7 W. Main St. Public welcome. \$6.

• MAY 24 — Poppy Day! American Legion Auxiliary will distribute the familiar, red handcrafted poppies honoring America's war dead on this day, designated as Poppy Day by Wallace American Legion Auxiliary Unit in Vermillion.

• MAY 24 — Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) sponsored by The Department of Labor and Regulation will be held in Vermillion from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 1024 W. Cherry St. The JSAP is designed to assist and train job seekers on how to find and secure employment. Some of the topics included are job search and retention skills, networking, the hidden job market, resumes, applications and proper interview techniques. It is provided at no charge and open to the public. Parties interested in attending should register by calling 605-677-6900, by Tuesday, May 22, before 5 p.m. For more information, visit [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).

• MAY 26-27 — 2012 South Dakota Kayak Challenge. Event covers more than 70 miles on the Missouri River, beginning in Yankton and ending in Sioux City. Participants can paddle kayaks or canoes as solo racers or in tandem teams. A complete set of rules, FAQs and route information is available at event Web site: <http://sdkayakchallenge.org/> or contact Jarett Bies at [jbies0341@hotmail.com](mailto:jbies0341@hotmail.com) or Steven Dahlmeier at [steven@sdkayakchallenge.org](mailto:steven@sdkayakchallenge.org). Volunteers are needed for manning four checkpoints along the race (run binoculars, cell phones, check off participants etc.) Other volunteer duties include shoot photos and/or video of river route prior to event, act as scouts and spotters in boats or on land during the race. To volunteer, go to the Web site and complete form or contact Jarret or Steve at e-mails listed above.

• JUNE 2 — Annual "Attic Treasures" rummage sale at the Austin-Whittemore House, 8 a.m.-noon. Sponsored by the Clay County Historical Society. Bring donated items to the AW House during the week. Clothing or furniture cannot be accepted.

• JUNE 2 — Nebraska Rod & Custom Association will be bringing their car show to Vermillion. There will be approximately 300 cars at the DakotaDome parking lot from noon-2 p.m. before they continue on their travels. Cookout lunch (burger/hot dog, chips, potato salad, cookie, beverage) will be available for purchase, so plan to come out and enjoy lunch and view the classic cars!

• JUNE 2 — Celebrate Rhubarb Day will be held at the W.H. Over Museum from 2-3:30 p.m. Taste good rhubarb concoctions and take part in some fun activities. Free-will donation requested.

• JUNE 8-10 — First annual Shakespeare Festival in Prentis Park, Vermillion. Event sponsored by Coyoteopoly and is free and open to the public.

• JUNE 9 — 2012 H-WORTH OPEN to be held in memory of Matthew Hollingsworth at the Bluffs Golf Course. Shotgun start to begin at 1 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Clay County EMS Department. This is a four-person scramble that includes 18 holes of golf, catered BBQ and prizes. Sign up by contacting the Bluffs Club House at 605-677-7058.

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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](mailto:vcdc@vermillionchamber.com) or contact the Plain Talk at 605-624-2695 or e-mail [david.lias@plaintalk.net](mailto:david.lias@plaintalk.net).

## Szymonski, Schnack named Students of the Month



ELIZABETH SZYMONSKI

First Bank & Trust would like to congratulate Elizabeth Szymonski and Sabrina Schnack on being March's Vermillion High School Student of the Month recipients! These two seniors have shown great leadership and dedication to their school and community. Congratulations Elizabeth and Sabrina!

Elizabeth "Beth" was nominated because of her excellent leadership in and out of the classroom. Her VHS faculty endorsement states "She is an extremely hard worker who always gives 100%!" Beth plans to attend USD to get a degree in Dental Hygiene. Her parents are Jason and DeAnn Szymonski.

Beth has been a part of numerous activities at VHS. Some of her sport activities include basketball, volleyball, and track. She participated in Student Council, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and was a Girl's State Alternate. Some of her awards include HOBY Leadership Delegate 2010, Most Improved for Basketball 2010-2011 and played in the 2012 State Basketball tournament. She has volunteered at the Vermillion Public Library



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and at the Wakonda Heritage Manor. Way to go Beth!

Sabrina was nominated because she is a hard working student and is full of positive energy in class. Her VHS endorsement said "She is fun to have in class and has a creative edge!" She plans to attend USD and go into the field of Biochemistry. Her parents are Dallas and Susan Schnack.

Sabrina has showed her love for the arts by participating in numerous plays through high school and the Vermillion Community Theater. She has been involved in vocal performances through different choir groups. Sabrina has been a big part of her community volunteering for groups such as the Welcome Table, Nursing Home, City Clean-up and was a member of Students Against Destructive Decisions to name a few. Some of her awards include lettering in choir and theater, receiving a gold medal in Astronomy and silver medal in Tower Building for Science Olympiad and receiving the USD Opportunity Scholarship. Congratulations Sabrina!

## St. Agnes Youth will serve breakfast

The St. Agnes Youth Group is having their French Toast Breakfast Fundraiser Sunday morning May 20 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the St. Agnes Gym.

This is an all you can eat breakfast, with a free will offering taken at the door. The money raised will be used to help with expenses for the Youth Group summer trip to MN for a baseball

## Beacom School of Business graduates score top 3 percent in national exam

Graduating seniors from the University of South Dakota Beacom School of Business scored in the 97th percentile in a national exam for business school graduates. In a test administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) of Princeton, NJ, USD scored a new institutional high, 163.9 scaled score, putting the students in the top 3 percent.

Fifteen USD students scored in the 97th to 99th percentile while an additional 19 students scored in the 90th percentile of the 124 multiple-choice exam utilized to measure basic skills and evaluate students' abilities to analyze and solve problems, understand relationships and interpret material.

Overall, 121 USD students took the ETS exam, which is administered annually by more than 400 colleges and universities in the United States. Ninety-nine of the 121 scored at the national average or above.

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## CHAMBER CHAT

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### Chamber Business:

Meet the Candidates: Candidate Forum for all those running for Vermillion City Council and School Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, May 24 at City Hall Council Chambers, 25 Center St. at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome! Sponsored by the VCDC Legislative Affairs Committee.

The Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company (VCDC) Annual Golf Social is Tuesday, June 26! The 4-Person Best Ball Scramble Golf Tournament will begin with team sign-in at The Bluffs Golf Course at 11:45 a.m., followed by team pictures. The open format shot gun start will begin 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 e-mail [annb@vermillionchamber.com](mailto:annb@vermillionchamber.com) to register your team, be a hole sponsor, or donate a pin or door prize. Please register soon!

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.

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 5-7 p.m. on a weeknight and the hosting business provides hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. If interested, please contact Ann at: [annb@vermillionchamber.com](mailto:annb@vermillionchamber.com) or at 624-5571.

### Announcements:

• Show your team spirit! The Vermillion Baseball Association is looking for local sponsors to help defray the cost of the game for young players and families. Your business will be top of mind on the field when you choose one of the following sponsorship levels: Web sponsor: \$75 - Your business logo/link on Web site ([vermillionbaseball.org](http://vermillionbaseball.org)); Team sponsor: \$150 - Your business logo on team uniforms; Field sponsor: \$225 - 2'x5' Your business logo on a double sided banner on Barstow Field; League sponsor: \$300 - All of the above. Contact Bill Saunders at [willysaunders@gmail.com](mailto:willysaunders@gmail.com) for more information.

• Summer Food Service for Youth: The Vermillion School Board recently adopted a plan to provide summer food service for area children at no charge. As a result of the Vermillion School District qualification for this program, lunch will be served during the summer in the Jolley Elementary School Gym. The program will be operated by LunchTime Solutions and will be fully supported by the Federal Government and SD Child & Adult Nutrition Services. Also, the backpack program will use Friday's meal service to distribute the backpack to students who have requested them. Anyone age 18 years or younger will be welcome to join us for a free school lunch on weekdays throughout the summer beginning June 4 and ending Aug. 3. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. each of the scheduled days. The lunch will include a main entrée, vegetable, milk and unlimited salad bar.

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