

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 26

• 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.

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MONDAY, MAY 28

• South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Girls State through June 2 at USD.

• 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 29

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

• Prairie Eye Clinic Informational Seminar: "Sun Damage and Your Eyes," from 12:15-1 p.m., 11 Shriner St. Learn how to protect your eyes against harmful UV rays this summer! No registration needed! Light lunch and refreshments provided.

THURSDAY, MAY 31

• Vermillion Area Farmers Market from 3-7 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds.

PLANNING AHEAD:

• JUNE 1 — Hospital Auxiliary Meeting at Sanford Vermillion Board Room, 20 S. Plum, Administrative entrance just south of hospital entrance.

• 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 — Vermillion Area Farmers Market from 9 a.m.-noon, downtown Vermillion at the Platz Market and Main St.

• JUNE 2 — Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 20 S. Plum St., administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the board room.

• JUNE 2 — Heartland Humane Society open house to meet dogs available for adoption from 10 a.m.-noon at Advance America in Yankton located behind McDonalds and next to Steckler Eye on west 23rd St. Steckler Eye will be hosting a food, litter and leash drive for the shelter during the month of June. Adoption applications available at www.heartlandhumane.org or call (605) 664-4244 prior to event.

• 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 2 — Gayville Hall presents "The Hay County Jamboree," at 8 p.m. at Gayville, SD, 502 Washington St. For ticket information, call 605-267-2859.

• JUNE 7 — Dreaming Big: Summer Film Festival, "The Rookie," at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library. Lemonade and popcorn provided. Free and open to the public.

• 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 — Westville Festival Fun Run and Cemetery Walk, 9 a.m. at Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church, rural Vermillion. Event website: westvillefestival.wordpress.com Admission fee is \$10 includes T-shirt. This non-competitive Fun Run has events for the whole family. Choose to run, bike or walk a 2, 4, or 6 mile course of mostly county gravel roads past historic barns, beautiful rolling hills and farm fields. Women of Pleasant Valley will serve coffee & pie at 10 a.m. The Cemetery Walk will go to Pleasant Valley Cemetery, about a 1-mile round trip walk and to historic Mortvedt Cemetery, about a 3-mile round trip walk. There will be farm-oriented kids activities beginning at 10:15 a.m. This event will fund the Eckert Children Scholarship fund to help an outstanding Irene-Wakonda senior and will also go toward a historical marker for the old town of Westville. To be guaranteed a T-shirt, registration must be mailed with entry fee by May 25 to the Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church, Attn: Grace Freeman, 45198 308th St., Vermillion, SD 57069. Email: gracefreeman@live.com. Phone: 605-624-5369.

• 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 677-7058.

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.

Call for artists: Art for state building proposals

South Dakota artists have until Aug. 1, 2012, to submit purchase proposals for the South Dakota Art for State Buildings Program, Secretary of Tourism Jim Hagen announced today.

The Art for State Buildings program was created for the purpose of adding the work of talented South Dakota artists to the state's permanent art collection for display in conference and meeting rooms and other areas of state government buildings with significant public access. Work purchased this year will be installed in public access areas of the Capitol and/or other state buildings in the Capitol Complex.

"This is an exciting way to recognize and support our most gifted artists," said Hagen. "At the same time, it gives South Dakotans the opportunity to experience first-hand those artists who are actively contributing to the culture of the state."

Proposals of work that artists are offering for purchase should be submitted to the South Dakota Arts Council (SDAC), the agency charged with managing the program. South Dakota artists whose body of work has contributed to the state's cultural heritage and development are encouraged to apply.

Proposals will be reviewed by an advisory committee to the South Dakota Arts Council.

Selection will be based on:

- quality of the work
- the artwork's relevance to South Dakota environment, history, heritage or culture
- experience of the artist
- permanence and safety, as required for public artworks

A complete Request for Proposals can be found on the SDAC website: <http://www.artscouncil.sd.gov/news/ArtForStateBldgsRFPApril2012.pdf>, by calling 605-773-3301, by emailing sdac@state.sd.us or by writing the South Dakota Arts Council at 711 E. Wells Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501.

An office of the South Dakota Department of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council's mission is to provide grants and services to artists, arts organizations and schools across the state, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and South Dakota state government. For more information about SDAC grant programs and artist rosters, please visit www.artscouncil.sd.gov.

The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the South Dakota State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen.

ENGAGEMENTS



Meier-Bollich

Jennifer Lynn Meier and Robert Daniel Bollich, both of Bloomfield, NE, announce their engagement.

Jennifer, the daughter of Kenneth and Phyllis Meier, Hartington, NE, is a 2002 graduate of Hartington Public School and a 2006 graduate of Mount Marty College, Yankton. She is currently employed by the Knox County Sheriff Department and North Star Services in Bloomfield, NE.

Robert, the son of Mrs. Renee Bollich of Vermillion, and the Late Gary Bollich, is a 1997 graduate of Crofton High School and currently is engaged in farming south of Crofton, NE.

The couple will exchange vows at 2 p.m., June 23, 2012 in the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington, NE, with reception and dance to follow at the Bow Valley Dance hall in Bow Valley, NE.

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, the VCDC office will be closed.

The Vermillion Area Chamber and 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 to register your team, be a hole sponsor or donate a pin or door prize. Please register soon!

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 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); 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 for more information.

• Heartland Humane Society Offers Cats at Discounted Adoption Price: now through May 31. Adoption prices during the event: \$20 for adult cats and \$40 for kittens. All cats have been spayed or neutered if age appropriate, have received boosters and rabies vaccinations and are healthy. All adopters must complete an adoption application and be approved. Visit www.heartlandhumane.org or call (605) 664-4244.

• In celebration of Small Business Week May 21-26, stop at Nook 'n Cranny for special offerings.

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member business promo materials as well. If you would like to provide your business brochures/flyers/cards for display, call Maureen at the VCDC office at 624-5571 or e-mail maureenc@vermillionchamber.com.

• 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 S.D. Child and 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. 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.

David & Cindy Lias



Celebrating 30 Years of Marriage

Please help us honor David and Cindy Lias with a card shower to help them celebrate 30 years of marriage on May 29th

Cards can be sent to:
 203 Court St.
 Vermillion, SD 57069

With Love, Sarah, Andrea, Nick & Abby

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THANK YOU VERMILLION VOLUNTEERS

A year ago this week the community of McCook Lake was told they were in the flood zone and Suncoast Drive would suffer severe damage with possible loss of homes. We were told we would have sand and sandbags, but, we were on our own to save what we could. A USD medical student sent an email to her fellow students which was forwarded on to the entire student body asking for help. USD and Vermillion said, "YES!" You came in buses and cars with shovels in hand. You helped us pack our belongings and fill and stack sandbags. You gave us hope. You let us know we were not alone. Vermillion had our backs. We are grateful to have you as neighbors.



TO ALL WHO HAVE JOINED HANDS OPENED THEIR HEARTS AND LENT THEIR MUSCLE WE THANK YOU