

VHS volleyball will host matches

After matches against West Central and Madison this week, Vermillion's volleyball girls will be home for three more matches in a row starting next week.

Coach Lenni Billberg's Tanagers, who began this week with a 9-9 record, will host Ponca on Tuesday and Canton on Thursday at the VHS gym.

VHS girls, boys soccer squads are tourney bound

By Parker Knox
Sportsurrier

For the Vermillion boys soccer team it was a case of handling their own business and then waiting for good news from elsewhere.

After tying James Valley Christian 4-4, with a come-from-behind effort, the Tanagers needed to hear that Hot Springs had lost at Harrisburg in order for Vermillion to finish in the eighth and last state tourney qualifying slot in the power-points standings. That is exactly what they heard when the scores came in.

The Tanager boys thus earned the right to go to Aberdeen for this weekend's state classic after missing that privilege last season. Meanwhile, the Vermillion girls qualified as the sixth seed for their state tourney at the same location.

The boys, who got two goals from Levi James and two from

Tim Tigert, were tied with James Valley at halftime and trailed the Vikings, 4-3, deep into the second half before getting the tying goal that kept their season alive. What they "earned" for their state tourney qualification with a 6-6-2 record was having to play top-seeded Sioux Falls Christian Thursday afternoon.

Other boys first-round pairings were Custer vs. Huron, No. 2 Sturgis vs. Groton, and Harrisburg vs. James Valley Christian. Each team is assured of three games with the tourney playing out to all eight places by Saturday afternoon.

On the girls side the Tanagers (3-5-1) were due to face No. 3 Harrisburg Thursday morning. The other teams in their bracket are No. 2 West Central and Sturgis. The other first-round pairings were No. 1 St. Thomas More vs. Sioux Falls Christian and Groton vs. Belle Fourche.

Beacom School of Business cited by The Princeton Review

The University of South Dakota's Beacom School of Business is one of the nation's best, according to *The Princeton Review*, which recognized the top business schools in country with the release of its "Best 301 Business Schools: 2010 Edition" guidebook.

Available now, the "Best 301 Business Schools" mentions the Beacom School of Business faculty and administration praising the institution for its affordability and high-quality business programs. Established in 1927, the Beacom School of Business is the only nationally-accredited business program in South Dakota. Criteria used in rating these outstanding business schools, according to *The Princeton Review*, were based on student opinion surveys that categorized institutions based on issues such as "Most Competitive Students," "Best Campus Facilities," and "Best Classroom Experience."

The Princeton Review cited USD's quality and convenience stating, "For South Dakotans, there is no better package than a USD M.B.A., as the school has small class sizes along with faculty that is always available to help out, is close to home, and has just as many opportunities as a bigger graduate school would have."

"We chose the 301 business schools in this book based on our opinion of their academic programs and offerings, as well as our review of institutional data we collect from the schools," stated Robert Franek, vice president of publishing, Princeton Review. "We also strongly consider the candid opinions of students attending the schools who rate and report on their campus experiences at their schools on our survey for the book."

Cochran to present Cash Lecture at USD

Patricia Longley Cochran, president of the Alaska Native Science Commission, will present the 15th annual Joseph Harper Cash Memorial Lecture at The University of South Dakota on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. in Farber Hall.

Longley Cochran, an Inupiaq Eskimo born and raised in Nome, AK, is executive director of the Alaska Native Science Commission. Her presentation entitled, "Indigenous People and Climate Change," will discuss her involvement as chair of the Indigenous Peoples' Global Summit on Climate Change. A reception follows the lecture, which is free and open to the public.

The former chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, an international organization that represents 155,000 Inuit of Alaska, Canada, Russia and Greenland, Longley Cochran previously served as administrator of the Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies at the University of Alaska at Anchorage. She was executive director of the Alaska Community Development Corporation and local

government program director with the University of Alaska at Fairbanks.

A program of the USD Institute of American Indian Studies, the Cash Memorial Lecture was inaugurated in 1995 to promote education and awareness of American Indian culture, issues and problems. Supported by an endowment established by Joseph Harper Cash's family and friends, the lecture annually features scholars in the fields of Indian studies, frontier, Western and mining history – the four major areas of Cash's interests. Cash, from Bonesteel, S.D., was dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at USD for a decade. In his lifetime, he forged lifelong friendships with Indian and non-Indian people, and admonished his students to remember history from small places. His memorial lecture series is built on that thesis.

For more information regarding the 15th annual Joseph Harper Cash Memorial Lecture, contact the Institute of American Indian Studies at USD, (605) 677-5208 or e-mail iais@usd.edu.

Losses end Tanager softball's tourney hopes

By Parker Knox
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The Vermillion softball team won twice to advance deep into the state tournament in Sioux Falls last weekend, but a pair of one-run losses ended their season just a bit short of their state title goal.

The Tanagers rode Jenny Bye's 10 strikeouts and only three hits allowed to a 4-0 first-round win over Brookings. Kayla Munger had three singles and two stolen bases. Molly LeCates came through with two sacrifices that led to a pair of Tanager runs. Jenny Bye, Ashley Ouellette and Sami Girard each had a single.

Vermillion edged Mitchell, 2-1, in the second round. Jenny Bye was again the winning pitcher, this time striking out six and giving up only two hits. Ouellette drove home two runs while she, Megan Chickering and Munger each had a single. LeCates contributed a sacrifice that produced a Tanager run.

A pair of critical errors doomed Vermillion in a 3-2 loss to Tri-Valley. The Tanagers had two singles and a run batted in from Carlee Sorensen and a single each from Lizzy Bye, Jenny Bye, Chickering and Beth Szymanski. Lizzy was the tough-luck losing pitcher though she struck out five and allowed four hits.

"We had several hits," Coach Lori Jerred noted, "but not at the right times."

So Vermillion had to face Mitchell again in an elimination game. Jenny Bye was on the mound and struck out 13, but the Tanagers could muster only one hit in the game, that by Munger, and lost by a 1-0 count in an extra eighth inning.

Strange and unfamiliar international rules allowed Vermillion to place Lizzy Bye on second base to start the top of the eighth inning. She advanced to third on a passed ball, but the Tanagers couldn't get the lead run across the plate.

In the bottom of the eighth, Mitchell started with its runner at second base. She was bunted to third and scored the game's only run on a hit up the middle with two outs.

Jerred said she was very pleased with the girls' season. "Kayla (Munger) led the team in hits and stolen bases, and Jenny Bye is one of the best pitchers in the state," Jerred said, "and both were named to the all-tournament team." Vermillion also had a pair of athletes on the all-tourney honorable-mention list – Laura Sappingfield and Molly LeCates.

"I feel bad for our six seniors," Jerred said. "All had very good seasons, and we are going to miss them greatly next year." The Tanagers will lose Munger, Jenny Bye, Ouellette, LeCates, Chickering and Sappingfield to graduation.

West Central won the championship, 4-2 over Lennox after Lennox had defeated West Central, 12-2, to force a second title contest.

LifeLight Fall Tour starts Nov. 4 in Groton

The LifeLight Fall Tour with Disciple, Project 86, Children 18:3 and live art performance from Eric Samuel Timm kicks off Nov. 4 in Groton. The tour, which is sponsored by Pizza Ranch, Vantage Point & Vander Haag's, will criss-cross five states with 12 shows in 12 nights.

In addition to Groton, the tour will make five other stops in South Dakota: Brookings, Milbank, Mitchell, Sioux Falls and Yankton. The three locations in Minnesota are Marshall, Minneapolis and Pipestone. The tour will also hit Mad-dock, ND, and Sioux City, IA before concluding in Alliance, NE on Nov. 15. For a complete list of venues and to purchase tickets, go to <http://www.lifelight.org/tours>.

Disciple – As a rising force in the genre of contemporary hard rock, Disciple has achieved great strides by fusing an explicit Christian message with aggressive, well-orchestrated music. Driven by a mission to make an impact in the world, Disciple has already demanded the attention of thousands who are embracing the band's cutting-edge declaration. Although the path has been challenging, Disciple has persevered with a prolific output of professional music and live performances. If the past is any indication, the future

for this Tennessee trio is bright.

Project 86 – One thing about Project 86 is certain. The band has staying power. In fact one could argue that Project 86 has become the blueprint for bands seeking longevity in an industry that is anything but stable. Through perseverance and determination Project has been able to do what few bands ever can: Create their own signature sound while reinventing themselves along the way. After 13 years together, and over 350,000 career albums sold, the group just released their seventh full length album titled "Picket Fence Cartel" on July 14.

Children 18:3 – On the right side of the stage you see David, the eldest, lead vocalist, songwriter, and guitarist. Long black locks swirl around piercing eyes that bleed black mascara Sleeveless, torn, jean jacketed, a vision of a classic era, spirit of '77. On the left side of the stage sister Lee Marie swings her bass high above her platinum blonde maelstrom, supported by white high-heels, she screams with lipstick-laden vocal yelps and finger-points to the sky. And behind, brother Seth twirls his sticks and bashes in rhythm to complete the whirlwind that is...Children 18:3.

Eric Samuel Timm – He's part artist, part speaker, and all passion – this is what gives Reverend Eric Samuel Timm relevance in today's changing landscape. Speaking, painting and performing to hundreds of thousands each year, Eric captivates his audiences with a unique communication style and

unforgettable one-of-a-kind live art performances. He is sought after for his ability to present God's truth in ways that are attractive to both the church and people who aren't in a current relationship with Christ. Eric stirs up what lays dormant and leaves his audience inspired. When Eric speaks, people listen; when Eric paints, people see worship different.

Founded in 1998, LifeLight Communications is a faith-based, non-profit organization that facilitates numerous concerts, mission trips, tours, student clubs and other events by partnering with churches, businesses and other ministries. The LifeLight Festival, held annually on Labor Day weekend, is their largest event, drawing nearly 300,000 people over three days this year.

For more information and tickets to the tour stops, please visit <http://www.lifelight.org>.

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Blake Curd, who also is seeking election to the U.S. House.

Also in attendance was SD Commissioner of School and Public Lands Jarrod Johnson, SD GOP Executive Director Lucas Lentsch, and David Bernstein, a local political consultant.

Political leaders who believe additional government intervention is needed to restore the nation's economy "are mixing oil and water, breaking down our engines of growth, clogging our economy with unparalleled debt," Fleischer said.

America's youth and middle income workers will struggle under this policy, he said.

"They wonder why no one is creating jobs for them anymore, they wonder why they aren't getting pay raises the way our parents used to get pay raises as they were moving up the economic ladder of life," Fleischer said. "They wonder about their pensions, and if they'll even have them, or will they have to watch as they are taken away."

Fleischer said under President Obama's policies, the national debt will total approximately 82 percent of the United States Gross Domestic Product (GDP) "It was 50 percent when he took office," he said. "We are now reaching a point where we have debts that no honest man can pay."

Washington must stop its spending spree, Fleischer said, especially before the

nation's baby boomers retire.

"Balancing budgets and reducing spending is not just about helping the taxpayers," he said. "It's a moral statement about how we live our lives and what we expect from the government. If the government can't get spending under control, the government itself is out of control."

Fleischer's talk also touched on American foreign policy, particularly in the Middle East. He prefaced those remarks by sharing insights of the how the White House dealt with the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"These are the moments that test us as Americans, and these are the events that I saw when I was at the White House," Fleischer said. "This represents the weakness of our country when we are attacked, which is always surely followed by the strength of our country as we rally."

"These are the moments

of time that tell us who we are as a people and what it means to be an American in a world that increasingly expects American to carry all of the burdens and do all of the work," he said.

Fleischer said he is a Republican because he believes in peace through strength, and in defending America with a powerful military and a civilian leadership that is courageous enough to stand up to terror.

He said he is thankful Saddam Hussein was removed from power thanks to the military action ordered by President Bush.

"As Iran is working to acquire nuclear weapons, there is not a moment that I think that Saddam Hussein would have sat by and watched Iran enter into this buildup without himself figuring out a way to get those weapons," Fleischer said.

He talked about the strong relationship between Israel and the United States, drawing

Bush's years in the White House, particularly after the start of the war in Iraq.

"There is no other nation on earth that faces extermination other than Israel," Fleischer said. "Israel is small. It is strong, but it is a target. And this is why I worry most about what President Obama is going to do with his foreign policy, particularly with Iran."

"I hope – we should all hope – that when President Obama says he wants to engage in diplomacy and speak with Iran, that is successful. If he extends the hand of diplomacy and Iran does not reciprocate, perhaps it will indeed strengthen Barack Obama's ability to go to China and go to Russia and say, 'You see? I'm not George Bush. I went the extra distance. I went the extra mile.' ... Perhaps that Obama strategy will turn out well. All we can do is hope that it does, and pray that it does."

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