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Upcoming Sports Schedule

Tanager golf hosts Yankton	1 p.m. Sept. 2
Tanager girls soccer at Sturgis	3 p.m. Sept. 2
Tanager boys soccer at JV Christian	4 p.m. Sept. 2
Tanager girls tennis host SF Roosevelt	4 p.m. Sept. 2

ONE BUCK AT A TIME

Tanager boys soccer at SF Christian	
Tanager girls soccer at Belle Fourche	
Tanager girls tennis at Madison	
Tanager boys golf at Lennox	

9 a.m. Sept. 3 11 a.m. Sept. 3 3 p.m. Sept. 6 4 p.m. Sept. 6

Tanager boys soccer hosts Mitchell	5 p.m. Sept. 6
Tanager volleyball hosts Bon Homme	5 p.m. Sept. 6
Tanager girls tennis at Yankton	3 p.m. Sept. 8
Tanager volleyball at Tri-Valley	5 p.m. Sept. 8

Student bus trip to Wis. FB game

The University of South Dakota Student Government Association and South Dakota Cheerleaders are sponsoring a student bus trip to support the Coyote football team when they face the Wisconsin Badgers at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, WI on Saturday, Sept. 24.

The bus will depart Vermillion in the early afternoon on Friday, Sept. 23 and return Sunday, Sept. 25. Cost of the trip is \$100 per person and includes one game ticket and a one night stay at the Courtyard by Marriott Madison East hotel and the hotel's continental breakfast.

Fifty seats are available for this exciting trip and USD students can reserve a seat now in the Office of the Dean of Students, Room 218 at the Muenster University Center. All that's required at the time of sign up is a USD student ID and \$100 cash or check. Students are encouraged to reserve their spot early as seats are expected to fill quickly; however, only one seat can be reserved per student.

For more information about the student bus trip to USD at Wisconsin, please contact Student Government Association at (605) 677-6845 or email: sga@usd.edu.

Coyotes launch '605' campaign

The University of South Dakota Athletic Department announced a new "605" merchandise campaign featuring its new SD Paw logo inside a red and white image of the numbers. The numbers represent the phone area code of the state which the Coyotes initially are claiming with their color combination.

The "605" program will launch with a red hat, a white hat and red t-shirt during the football season and proceeds will benefit SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee). Other variations of the hat and shirt will be produced in white and black combinations and will be announced in the future via the athletic department web site (www.usdcoyotes.com) or by calling Director of Athletic Marketing and Promotions Neal Bendesky at 605-677-5922. New orders can be placed exclusively via South

Dakota Athletics. SAAC is comprised of current Covote studentathletes and is involved in yearly community outreach and fund-raising projects to benefit local groups in Vermillion and surrounding areas. The "605" program extends the organization's identity for its school as the students represent the Coyotes

on and off the field. "We are very proud of the efforts of SAAC and our new "605" campaign seems like a very good compliment for our 350 student-athletes as they reach out to help area groups," said Director of Athletics David Sayler. "We encourage our fans and supporters to order items to support their efforts."

For more information contact Bendesky at (605) 677-5922 or neal.bendesky@usd.edu.

Champps Coyote Tailgate Express set for maiden voyage

This season, the University of South Dakota athletic department has partnered

tickets can ride the bus for \$25, which includes an adult game ticket. Children under

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A slogan used by the organizers of the annual Bull-A-Rama in Vermillion is "raising money for charity one buck at a time." People who attended the 18th annual event at the Clay County Rodeo Grounds Saturday, Aug. 27, witnessed cowboys struggling to stay on bucking bulls that are part of the Extreme Bullriding Tour. Pictured is John Young of Orient, IA, struggling to stay on his first ride of last Saturday's competition. He managed to stay on for eight seconds, earning a score of 83 points.

(Photo by David Lias)

Tanager cross-country places fourth at **Beresford Invitational season-opener**

By Parker Knox Sportswriter

Canton's Halie McMains. "Overall it was a very good start to the season," observed Coach Kelly Fischbach. "I

lineup soon. I was very happy with the performance of all of our young kids. For their first races of their careers, they all

Vermillion's boys varsity cross-country team placed fourth among nine full teams at the Beresford Invitational to open their season last Friday, and the Tanager JV boys placed third.

The varsity had 80 points and two top-20 finishers, including Will Card, 10th place in 18:41.88 in the 5K race and Nathan Ford 11th in 18:42.99. The race was won by Parker's Duane Jongeling in 16:20.60.

Alyssa Soesbe's 23rd-place finish in the girls varsity 4K race in 17:52.50 was the highlight as the Tanagers placed 13th with 169 points. The winning time was 16:17.71 by

thought Will, Nate and Alyssa all had very good races. All three of them had muchimproved times from this meet last year.'

Fischbach also noted that Jacob Ford "did a nice job" in his first varsity race, placing 42nd in 20:38.46. Colin Olson was 46th in 20:46 and Regan Bye 62nd in 23:31.

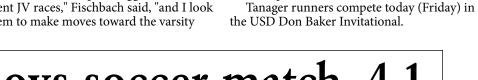
Other varsity times in the girls race were Morgan Hower's 18:34 for 37th place, Jade Fostvedt's 22:17 for 68th place and Jonna Lynch's 22:39 for 70th.

"Jon Rosales and Sophia Taggart both had excellent JV races," Fischbach said, "and I look for them to make moves toward the varsity

stepped up and ran very well.

Rosales was a strong eighth in the boys JV event in 11:55. Alex Osborne was 29th in 12:27, Brett Bye 21s in 12:30, Logan Peterson 34th in 13:06, Joe Swanson 35th in 13:07 and Daniel Douglas 69th in 17:30. Taggart placed seventh in 14:08 in the girls race, followed by Britney Sweeney, 28th in 14:53; Caitlin Britten, 34th in 15:04, and Heidi Osterberg, 56th in 18:27.

In the middle school boys race, Owen Swallow placed 14th in 13:23.



with Champps Americana Sports Café in Sioux Falls to provide the Champps Coyote Tailgate Express bus to all Coyote home football games for fans living in the Sioux Falls area, Director of Athletics David Sayler announced Monday.

The bus will depart from Champps Americana Sports Café in Sioux Falls (2101 West 41st Street) three hours prior to kick-off and arrive at the DakotaDome in plenty of time for Coyote fans to tailgate, enjoy the pre-game festivities and the cheer the Coyotes to victory. The bus then will depart the DakotaDome 30 minutes after the game ends and will return to Champps. All riders can bring food and drink on the bus for the ride to/from Vermillion and to use at Bud Light Coyote Tailgate Nation upon arrival.

Fans with tickets, can ride the bus for just \$15 per person. Fans who do not have

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the age of 12 can ride and purchase a game ticket for \$20. Fans without tickets for the Dakota Days game on Oct. 8 versus Southern Utah, can ride and purchase tickets for \$30 for adults and \$25 for children.

Fans must reserve their seat (and game ticket if needed) on the bus by going to www.usdalumni.com and click on EVENTS by 12 p.m. on the Friday preceding each game. Reservations also can be purchased by contacting the Coyote Ticket Office at (605) 677-5959 or tickets@usd.edu.

South Dakota opens the 2011 home-season against defending national champion and preseason No. 1 Eastern Washington University at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, at the DakotaDome.

The Coyotes open the 2011 season at Air Force on Sept. 3 at 1 p.m.

Groton wins boys soccer match, 4-1

By Parker Knox Sportswriter

After two wins on the opening weekend of the season, Vermillion's boys soccer team sustained a loss for the first time Saturday when Groton dominated the Tanagers at Cotton Park, 4-1. Vermillion next takes its 2-

1-0 record to Huron tonight (Friday) to face James Valley Christian, which also has won twice and lost once.

Meanwhile, the Tanager JV boys play not only at James Valley Christian tonight but also at Sioux Falls Christian at 9 a.m. Saturday and at home against Mitchell at 5 p.m. Tuesday. The varsity's next home game is next Thursday at 5 p.m. against Mitchell Christian.

The first nine minutes of Saturday morning's Groton match were played almost entirely on the Vermillion half of the field as the visiting Tigers applied constant offensive pressure. Their first goal came eight minutes into the game.

It became 2-0 with 19:49 left in the half as a header off a corner kick was deposited into the net.

Alex Robertson, who unofficially had 10 saves for the Tanagers, had one of his best at the 10:05 as he extended his right arm to send a Groton shot to the side of the net. But the Tigers put

in another header with 8:29 left

The only Vermillion goal came in the closing seconds of the first half when Nathan Samudzi converted a Tanner Settles assist to make it 3-1.

That was the extent of the Tanager offense, however, and Groton added an insurance goal at the 32:44 mark of the second half.

Tanager boys golf places 7th at Harrisburg

By Parker Knox Sportswriter

The inexperienced but improving Vermillion boys golf team placed seventh among 13 teams in Tuesday's Harrisburg Invitational.

Carter Andre's 39-40=79

ranked him in 14th place for the Tanagers' best finish of the day. Other Vermillion counters toward the 343 team score were: • Pete Haught's 42-44=86, Mitch Ellison's 41-46=87 • Jacob Odens' 46-45=91. Jay Munger carded a 54-57=111 and

• Paul Schwasinger a 57-56=113.

Tea Area's Matt Drake with a 72 was the tournament medalist, but his team placed fourth. Harrisburg won the team title with a 303 score with

Dell Rapids second and Sioux Falls Christian third, both with 304.

The Tanagers play at home at The Bluffs today against Yankton, then go to Lennox for a dual Tuesday.

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