

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- Girls Tennis vs. Brandon Valley at 9 a.m. (T)
- Boys Golf Invite at 10 a.m. (H)
- Hospital Auxiliary Meeting at 2 p.m. at Sanford Vermillion Board room, 20 S. Plum, administrative entrance.
- Boys Soccer vs. Hot Springs at 5 p.m. (T)
- Football vs. Tea at 7 p.m. (T)
- Ribs, Rods & Rock'n Roll. For more information about the event, go to the Ribs, Rods & Rock'n Roll Web site at www.sdbbq.us or call the VCDC at (605) 624-5571.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

- ACT Test at Vermillion High School.
- 7th/8th Grade Volleyball vs. Elk Point/Jefferson at 9 a.m. (T)
- Volleyball vs. Luverne at 9 a.m. (T)
- Vermillion Area Farmers Market from 9 a.m.-noon. The market will be located in the First Bank & Trust parking lot during Ribs, Rods & Rock'n Roll.
- Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 20 S. Plum St., administration entrance. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles.
- Tailgate Party: The Student Tailgate Nation is located in the grass area south of the DakotaDome and will be open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Enjoy music, lawn games and food provided by Student Life. Tailgate spots are first come, first serve. For more information, call (605) 677-5666.
- Boys Soccer vs. Hill City at 1 p.m. (T)
- South Dakota football host Colgate University at the DakotaDome at 2 p.m.
- Ribs, Rods & Rock'n Roll. For more information about the event, go to the Ribs, Rods & Rock'n Roll Web site at www.sdbbq.us or call the VCDC at (605) 624-5571.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

- Vermillion Area Quilt Show at W.H.Over Museum, 1110 N. University. Quilts past and present by area quilters. Sept. 9-14 from 1-4 p.m. Sept 15 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. there will be vendors and hospitality room. Displays of barn quilts, decorative needle stitching and care of quilts will be on the 15th only. Admission is free will and proceeds go to the museum.

MONDAY, SEPT. 10

- JV Football vs. Tea at 4:30 p.m. (T)
- Senior Parent Night at Vermillion High School at 6:30 p.m.
- Vermillion Area Arts Council offering "Beginning Watercolor Techniques," taught by Michele Mechling from Sept. 10-Oct. 6, Mondays from 7-9 p.m.
- Al-anon meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Linden. For more information, call 624-9764.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

- 2012 Tanager Volunteer Day: Invitation to community organizations to join in the Fourth Annual 2012 Tanager Volunteer Day. Organizations are invited to use a 400 strong labor force of students who are gearing up for a successful day. Students will be participating in a full day of work from approximately 8:45 am to 3 p.m. They will work in groups of 14-17, but the groups can be adjusted if needed. Please dare to challenge Vermillion students – many things can be accomplished in a short time. The students enjoy cleaning, painting, vacuuming, planting trees, scrapping paint, or almost any task you need completed. We will bus students to and from your location.

This activity is a kick-off to our Tanager Homecoming week.

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Chamber Business:

Business After Hours and Open House hosted by The Main Street Center, 320 West Main St., is Tuesday, Sept. 18, from 4-6 p.m. Tours of the senior center will be given. Please join us to make new contacts, socialize, and find out what The Main Street Center has to offer! Refreshments will be served.

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 or at 624-5571.

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Daniel Slattery and Jaime Pinsonneault

Jaime Kathryn Pinsonneault and Daniel Douglas Slattery, both of Anchorage, AK, announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Candy and Jim Pinsonneault of Bemidji, MN. The groom-to-be is the son of Jan and Dick Slattery of Anchorage. His grandmother is Myrt Hickman of Vermillion.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Bemidji High

School in Bemidji, MN, and 2006 graduate of the University of Minnesota-Duluth. She is employed as a controller for Fairweather, LLC in Anchorage, AK.

The future groom is 2000 graduate of Bartlett High School in Anchorage, AK, and 2007 graduate of the University of Alaska, Anchorage. He is the owner of Omni Builders, LLC in Anchorage.

The couple plan to marry July 20, 2013, in Bemidji, MN.

Drought worsens in west central South Dakota

The latest edition of the U.S. Drought Monitor was released last week and reflects worsening drought in the west central part of South Dakota, says Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

"An expansion of Extreme Drought (D3) is depicted in this week's map," Edwards said.

Extreme drought has now taken over Haakon and Jackson counties, and portions of the surrounding counties as well. This level of drought covers more than

a quarter of the state - up from 17 percent in the previous week. Edwards says the latest map, released Aug. 30, shows no change in the other drought severity categories.

Edwards says water levels in rivers and streams, the recent hot and dry weather, in addition to field condition reports have all contributed to the one category change on the U.S. Drought Monitor.

"Streamflow levels for the last week have been much

"100 Days of Heat" safety effort shows reduced fatalities

Preliminary reports show South Dakota's "100 Days of Heat" safe-driving campaign resulted in fewer highway fatalities than the 10-year average for the same period.

During the period from the start of the Memorial Day weekend through the end of the Labor Day weekend this year, South Dakota recorded 50 fatalities as a result of highway crashes. Statistics from the State Office of Highway Safety show that for the past 10 years, the average number of fatalities during the same period has been 61.

"Too many people are still dying and being injured in crashes on South Dakota highways," said Col. Craig Price, superintendent of the Highway Patrol. "However, we experienced a significant reduction this summer compared with the long-term averages, and that is encouraging. The focus of the summer-long campaign was on drunk driving, seatbelt use and speeding, major factors in a majority of our highway fatalities and injuries."

The Highway Patrol, State Office of Highway Safety and law enforcement agencies across South Dakota cooperated in the "100 Days of Heat" campaign. Because more than half of South

Dakota's traffic fatalities generally happen during the summer, the education and enforcement campaign targeted the period from Memorial Day through Labor Day. That's a span of about 100 days. The campaign included law enforcement efforts, public education, public service announcements and non-traditional marketing elements.

Final numbers on total crashes and injuries during the campaign period may not be available for a number of weeks, but State Highway Safety Director Lee Axdahl said the preliminary numbers are encouraging.

"100 Days of Heat got people thinking about their driving habits, and that's a good thing for long-term highway safety," Axdahl said. "If we can encourage travelers to use seatbelts, follow speed laws and not drink and drive, we will improve the safety of our roads."

Preliminary reports show that of the 50 highway fatalities, 45 percent were alcohol-related and 16 percent were speed-related. More than half (53 percent) of the people killed in motor vehicle crashes were not wearing seatbelts, and only one of the people killed in motorcycle crashes was wearing a helmet.

and dry weather took over in recent days. The outlook for the next five days appears to continue with below average rainfall, with some scattered small amounts in the eastern half of the state.

SDSU Extension will provide weekly drought briefings throughout the 2012 growing season. To keep up to date on how the drought is impacting South Dakota's agriculture industry, visit iGrow.org.

Elsewhere in the state, hot

Gallery at USD's Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts – "Utopian Visions: Illustrations from the Mid 20th Century." Includes illustrations from University Art Galleries' permanent collection.

Heartland Humane Society (HHS) needs area support to receive grant from Chase Community Giving. HHS is competing with charities nationwide for grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$250,000. Residents can help by simply voting for HHS through the Chase Community Giving program on Facebook from Thursday, Sept. 6 through Wednesday, Sept. 19. Go to: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Heartland-Humane-Society/71692424908>. For additional information, contact hhs@midconetwork.com or call (605) 664-4244.

CHAMBER CHAT

Announcements:

"Round Up For Your Community" – round up your monthly city utility bill to the next dollar and make a big impact on your community for years to come. Contributions from this program are invested by the Vermillion Area Community Foundation and help fund projects that benefit residents of all ages and enhance the Vermillion community. Qualified organizations with a project in mind can apply for funding. To sign up for the "Round Up" program, visit <http://vermillion.sdcmmunityfoundation.org>, the city's Web site: www.vermillion.us, or pick up a form at the Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company, 116 Market St. or the City Finance Office, 25 Center St. Exhibition through Sept. 21 at John A. Day

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