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Alderman Collier-Wise seconded the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0 Mayor Powell declared the motion

12. Consensus Agenda - None

13. Adjourn

motion adopted.

Alderman Ward moved to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:39 p.m. Collier-Wise second-Alderman ed the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0. Mayor Powell declared the

Dated at Vermillion, South Dakota this 15th day of September, 2014.

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## Vermillion girls' soccer team eyes playoffs; loses at Yankton

**By Nick Robinson** sports@yankton.net

YANKTON — In their first clash as sanctioned opponents, the Yankton Gazelles girls' soccer team defeated the Vermillion Lady Tanagers 8-2 on Tuesday evening at

Lewis and Clark Soccer Park. "Overall we came in and knew this was going to be a big game for us," Yankton head coach Tyler Schuring said. "We knew we had to win out the rest of the season to get to the postseason. A win was our number one objective. We had great possession and our defense played solid against some great strikers from Vermil-

Within the first 10 minutes, the Gazelles scored two goals, which was a key in the contest. In the fourth minute, Brianna Benjamin found Madason Tessier. Five minutes later, Taylor Ruter found Tessier again.

Yankton (5-2-3) owned the ball for a majority of the contest. They scored another goal in the 15th minute from Madison Styles.

"We were winning about every ball," Schuring said. "It

did help that they don't have the subs, which helped us, because we were able to run in three subs at a time. That played a big part.

Benjamin dribbled down the field and scored in the 26th minute, which pushed the Gazelles lead to 4-0.

The Lady Tanagers (5-2-2) made it interesting, scoring

two goals late in the first half. Vermillion head coach Shannon Fitzsimmons and company will begin Class A state playoff competition Tuesday with an opponent yet to be decided. The Tanagers were the No. 4 seeds in Class A heading into this week and would host a quarterfinal contest. Times and locations and final seeding had yet to be determined at press time.

"There were times we were giving them just as much as they were giving us, if not more," Vermillion head coach Shannon Fitzsimmons said. "However, they were able to finish better and counter quicker than us. I give them credit.'

Vermillion traveled to play Sioux Falls Roosevelt on Thursday. Results were not available at press time.

Check www.plaintalk.net for a full recap of the game and a playoff update with times

of the Tanager state game. Natasha Samudzi ran the distance for Vermillion, scoring in the 38th minute. Minutes later, Tori Gregoire found Samudzi down the corner for a goal.

The Gazelles were able to hold onto a 4-2 lead over the Lady Tanagers at intermis-

"We played really well and there were times when we could have played better," said Fitzsimmons, a Yankton High School alum. "We weren't clicking quite as well as we would like, but we can make some adjustments and get back to the drawing board before the state tournament.

Yankton got a second half surge, which was a pivotal to the Gazelles' victory.

In the 47th minute off a free kick, Amanda Gravholt netted a goal for the Gazelles. Benjamin was able to score another, as well, which opened the lead up for Yankton at 6-2.

In the closing minutes, Vermillion netted an own goal, and Tessier struck another time, completing a hattrick, which ultimately was the end for the Lady Tan-

Defensively, Yankton was anchored by goalie Haley Schild, who had 14 saves on

"She (Haley) has really stepped up for us this season as a goalie," Schuring said. "Haley was a defender last season and we knew she had potential. She speaks great to the defense and plays like a defender almost. She has been a really big asset, which she proved tonight.

Hailey Freidel had 10 saves for Vermillion in the loss.

The Lady Tanagers will traveled to Sioux Falls, to take on Roosevelt on Thursday. Results were not available at press time but visit www.plaintalk.net later that evening for results and playoff updates.

We need to work on winning the ball before Thursday," Fitzsimmons said. "When you can do those things, the game should be in your hands.

Fitzsimmons was pleased with her bench players production.

"We had a lot of people play, it was nice to see some girls step up," she said. "We have a lot good going for us, we have to make sure that next time on the field, we are playing our best and to our

Yankton, who's fighting for a playoff berth, will travel

to Pierre on Friday. 'We need to keep maintaining our game and keep the girls healthy," Schuring "There are a few things we need to tweak, but it is nothing major."

Schuring would like to see his defense stiffen up a bit before their contest with the Lady Governors.

"Their two goals came off miscommunication and that will happen," he said. "If we can clean our defense up a little bit for Friday, that will be huge.'

The junior-varsity match was tied at two. Jaiden Boomsma and Payton Wolgram netted goals for the Gazelles. Sadie Fedders had 10 saves in the contest.

You can follow Nick Robinson on Twitter at twitter.com/RobinsoNick2013. Discuss this story at yankton.net/sports.

## VHS boys finish second at Dakota XII, prepare for Region finals

**By Mark Upward** For the Plain Talk

The Vermillion High School golf team has been recording golf scores recently that have made them very competitive in the Dakota 12 conference.

Winning both the Vermillion Invitational on Sept. 11 and the Elk Point Invitational last Friday set the Tanagers up for the Dakota 12 Conference meet held at Two Rivers Golf Course on Monday.

The weather was perfect for a late September golf match, temperature in the

70's, no wind, and the leaves still on the trees.

As the team scores came in, it was apparent that the team from Dell Rapids came ready to play. Shooting a 305, the Dell Rapids squad finished eight strokes better than runner-up Vermillion (313). The Canton Seahawks shot a 320 to finish in third place while Madison finished in fourth place posting a 327.

"Dell Rapids played really well today," said Vermillion's Jake Odens. "We didn't shoot that bad today, but we

could have played better." Coach Hogen was positive when looking at the team's performance in the Dakota 12 tournament.

"This was still a good tournament for us," offered Hogen. "Dells is the best team in the state that I've seen and finishing second to them in the Dakota 12 conference meet is still an

Both Odens and Cooper Williams suggested that this week will be used to fine tune the things the team needs to work on before the Region 2A meet at Bakker Crossing in Sioux Falls this upcoming Monday.

"We need this week to fine tune our games," said Odens. "For me personally, that means working on my long irons." Williams agreed.

'Part of it is mental too," he said. "We have to go into the Region Meet with a mind set to

Hogen now hopes to get back on the course and fine tune the squad before the penultimate match of the sea-

"This week of practice is just what we need right now," said Hogen. "We need this week to get caught up on school work, tweak our

individual game, and get over the colds that some of the guys have now.'

The Tanagers' next outing is the Region 2A golf meet which will feature nine of the Dakota 12 Conference teams in competition: Beresford, Canton, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Lennox, Sioux Falls Christian, Tea Area, Vermillion and West Central.

The Dakota 12 teams competing in the Region 1A up north are the Tri Valley Mustangs, Madison Bulldogs, and the Dell Rapids Quar-

## Tanager softball team earns first win of season; hosts games Sunday

**By Mark Upward** 

For the Plain Talk

It may have taken awhile, but the Vermillion High School softball team finally earned their first win when they defeated Elk Point-Jefferson 15-4 on Monday night

After a scoreless first inning, the Vermillion team took over in the second.

The inning started with Audry Miiller getting a walk and then moving to second on a passed ball.

After the number two batter grounded out, the next batter, Lexie Malimanek, hit a single which allowed Miiller to score the first run of

Malimanek proceeded to steal second base and then eventually did the same to

move to third. Sydney Furry and Kiley Wood walked and an overthrow on a pick-off play at third allowed Malimanek and Furry to score.

The next Tanager batter,

Makenna Koble, earned a base-on-balls putting runners on first and third. After Koble stole second, hitter Morgan Amundson popped out to center field and next batter Maddie Gilbertson

With bases loaded, pitcher Maddie Treiber came to the plate two out.

Treiber hit it to the EP-J pitcher and the pitcher forced out Gilbertson at sec-

Elk Point-Jefferson was

unable to answer in their half of the inning as their first batter hit a grounder to short and was thrown out at

"This is just what we needed," said Tanager head coach Tagney Walters. "We needed a game where we could get some hits and tonight was that night."

The Vermillion squad played very well on defense fielding the hard hit grounders that EP-J offered up. "They had good base

hits tonight up the middle, but we played good in the field," added Walters. Assistant Coach Alan Miller summed up the game: "Tonight we jelled and played together as a team." Vermillion gets back to

weekend's games. The Tanagers will host teams from Pipestone, Minnesota and Brandon Valley

work as they prepare for this

Sept. 28 on the Armory Field at 12:30 and 3:30 respec-

## River Appreciation Day teaches number of local kids

**By Angela Morrow** For the Plain Talk

Clay County sixth-grade students attended the 8th Annual River Appreciation Day Sept. 16 at Clay County Park. Coordinators Grace Freeman, Nancy Carlsen and Cindy Kirkeby arranged for students to participate in seven different camps to learn more about the river.

The day greeted the river with songs and stories. Afterwards students spent fifteen minutes at each station before rotating to the next one. Boat races closed the day with a prize for the winner. Jerry Wilson said, "Great opportunity to expose our kids to this local jewel."

With the help of various grants, contributors and volunteers the River Appreciation Day provided activities and meals for everyone including a camp for the teachers. USD's School of Education students fulfilled service-learning hours while volunteering as trail guides.

In the poetry camp students learned to write

Haikus before moving on to the art camp creating nature themed compositions in their charcoal drawings. From there students moved to the animal camp. They explored animal pelts, claws and skulls while learning about natural resources. Aaron Sisson and Ryan Frickel explained how people get food, shelter, clothes and tools from animals. Students learned about the importance of predators and how they help with population control.

In the safety camp students practiced putting on life jackets. David True warned students to never swim out to a drowning victim. He explained proper rescue techniques like using a rowboat and throwing a life preserver out to them. At the river camp Dugan Smith and John Rokosz used the River Stream Table and the Mobil Ranger Station to demonstrate how a river works.

"They can learn a lot from the Missouri River," Smith said. "It's always changing. It's an important part of their world and it's right out in their



Young and old connect.

Lyssa Henrich/For The Plain Talk

back yard."

Students moved on to the aquifer camp where they learned about pollution and the glacial waters that still run in the river. In the boat camp Harry Freeman taught

students about rowboats, kayaks and sailboats. Students

learned the importance of the keel and how the wind direction affects the boat while

building their own boats to

#### State Chess tournament set for Vermillion

The state's top chess players descend upon Vermillion this weekend when the 2014 South Dakota Chess Championships will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Holiday Inn Express, 1200 North Dakota Street.

Action will take place in the meeting room at the Holiday Inn Express meeting room and there is no entry fee to observe the tournament considered the official state tournament

Competition will take

place all day Saturday starting at 9 a.m. while Sunday's contests should go from approximately from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Seniors (ages 20-and-up) and Juniors (under-20) with both champions being awarded a trophy. This is the first time

There are two classes:

since 2005 that the tournament will be held in Vermillion. For more information

contact Charles Dibley at 605-624-1054.

- The Plain Talk

### Food pantry changes time

The Vermillion Food Pantry's hours will change

effective on Wednesday. Their new hours are: Monday 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuesday 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Wednesday 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Thursday 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Fridays 2:00 p.m.-

4:30 p.m. The Vermillion Food Pantry is located inside of Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 East Clark Street, and can be reached at 624-4442 or via email at vermillionfoodpantry@gmail.com.

# **Heartland Humane Society shelter faces feline influx**

YANKTON — Heartland Humane Society's cat intake numbers have risen considerably and the shelter is asking the general public to

help find adopters. Since June 1, the shelter has taken in 70 felines due to a summer increase of requests for kitten litter surrenders. In total, over 230 animals have entered the facility in 2014 and one cat

has been in house since 2013.

The shelter is making the request that anyone considering adopting a cat visit with staff about opportunities. "We have a wonderful

variety of cats in house that are healthy and vetted," said Christa Kranig, HHS Shelter Coordinator. "Some have been here longer than others. A cat named Wylie has been with us since December and

he is a perfect blend of play and cuddle but has been often overlooked.

Heartland Humane Society has exceeded their kennel space and many cats and kittens that need to come in are being referred elsewhere. Since HHS is a limited admissions shelter, they are only able to take in animals they have space and resources for and rely on adoptions to create more space on the adoption floor.

are these people – who find these strays - able to do with them if we can't help them?" Kranig said. "It makes you feel paranoid and makes you feel bad." Currently, 23 cats are being housed in foster homes

and an additional 32 are

awaiting adoption at the

shelter facility.

"It makes you think what

"This doesn't count the endless number of felines we've had to refer to other shelters because we have no room;" said Kerry Hacecky, HHS Executive Director. "We currently have a waiting list with 30 more animals on it and are not accepting any more cats onto that list.'

Schmidt said the shelter is proud to be known as the first resource for animal surrenders and hopes families in the service area will look to them first for adoption options when they begin to consider adding a new pet.

"We can only take in what we can adopt," Schmidt said. "Before going to another shelter or breeder, before collecting an animal off Craigslist or Facebook, we hope people look at our selection and contact us first."

Specials will be ongoing for cat adoptions through the winter. If you know anyone that

has been thinking about adopting a feline friend refer them to Heartland Humane Society. All of their cats/kittens are spayed/neutered (if old enough), tested for Feline Leukemia, fully vaccinated

All cats and kittens available for adoption can be found at www.heartlandhumanesociet y.net. For more information, contact Heartland Humane Society at 605-664-4244.

and micro-chipped.

"We are just not able to help the ones on the waiting list to come in," Kranig said. "Then we have to refer them to other shelters or the pound and we would like to help them come in."

Pet party fundraiser scheduled for Sunday

Join Heartland Humane Society and the University of South Dakota Greek Life Sunday, for their annual Tails & Trails in Vermillion's Prentis Park.

The event will run from noon to 3 p.m. and include food, games, contests, a dog walk, and more.

Admission is free. All ages are welcome.

"This event is about celebrating pet ownership and having some fun," said HHS Executive Director Kerry Schmidt. "We encourage those with pets and those without to join us for a fun afternoon outside."

Students and youth will be able to make a free-will donation and "rent" a dog for the event's "Art Dog Walk" scheduled to leave Prentis

Park around 12:30 p.m. Participating in the walk is free for both people and pets.

Hot dogs and walking tacos will be available for purchase from noon to 3 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the animal shelter.

Pet contests will include an Instagram challenge taking place at the event and three judged contests at 2 p.m. for "Best Dog Costume," "Pet vs. Owner look-a-like challenge," and "Best Pet Selfie." Winners will receive gift baskets from Heartland Humane Society.

All pets attending Tails & Trails must be on leash and up-to-date on vaccinations.

For more information, contact HHS at 605.664.4244.

- Alan Dale, The Plain Talk, contributed to this story.