COMMUNITY CALENDAR

• National Music Museum (NMM) Brown Bag Lunch Program at 12:05 p.m. featuring "Wonderful, Sweet Music," on The Musical Saw with Janis Andol performing in the Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the NMM located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale St. "Free Fridays" April sponsor is Sanford at Vermillion.

• USD Jazz Ensembles with special guest, Scotty Barnhart, trumpet soloist with the Count Basie Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. at Colton Recital Hall, Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.

• Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: 20 S. Plum St, Administration entrance, board room. Overeasters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles.

• ACT Test at 8 a.m. at Vermillion High School.

• Heartland Humane Society (HHS) Meet and Greet from 10 a.m.-1 p.m at Campbell Supply, 1108 W. Cherry St., Vermillion. HHS invites the public to meet the nearly 20 dogs looking for homes. If interested in adopting an animal, applications can be filled out prior to the Meet and Greet, as the applications must be reviewed and approved prior to adoption. Applications are available at the shelter at 601 1/2 Burleigh St., Yankton, or online at www.heartlandhumanesociety.net. You can view all animals up for adoption on the shelter's website or on Petfinder.com Call (605) 664-4244 or e-mail hhs@midconetwork.com for addi-

• Music Recital: Benjamin Mauritz, baritone, presents his senior voice recital at 1 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall, Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.

• Music Recital: Kristin Edwards, soprano, preseents her senior voice recital at 5 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall, Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.

• RED Steakhouse will be preparing a prime rib/chicken dinner with all the trimmings for the 11th annual St. Agnes School Classic. The dinner and dance will be held from 6 p.m.-midnight in the St. Agnes School Auditorium. Please join this major fundraiser for the school. Dinner tickets are on sale now after Mass or at the school office for \$40 per person. Along with fine food and dancing there will be silent auction and raffle. Trip raffle tickets are available for \$50 each. The big winners of the trip raffle will be announced at 9 p.m. We will honor the 2011-12 Friends of St. Agnes School, John and Margie Schissel, for their years of service and dedication to the church and school.

• "Catch Me If You Can," will be screened at 7 p.m. in Room 133, Beacom Hall on the USD campus. Free and open to the public.

• Sioux City Symphony presents, "The Power of Music-American Celebrations," at 7:30 p.m. at the Orpheum Theatre. Ride a shuttle departing at 6:20 p.m. from Cedar County Vet parking lot, 906 E. Cherry St., Vermillion. For a ticket and transportation, call (712) 277-2111.

• Music Recital: Rachel Poss presents a junior percussion recital, 1 p.m. at Colton Recital Hall, Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.

• Gesteland Studio Showcase: USD Professor of Voice, Dr. Tracelyn Gesteland, presents her students in a voice recital at 4 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall, Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

• Al-anon meeting, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Linden. For more information, call 624-9764.

• "Catch Me If You Can": The USD Beacom School of Business and Office of Student Life hosts Frank Abagnale, acclaimed subject of the book, movie and Broadway play "Cath Me If You Can," at 7 p.m. in Aalfs Auditorium (Slagle Hall) on the USD campus. Abagnale is one of the world's most respected authorities on forgery, embezzlement and secure documents. His rare blend of knowledge and expertise began more than 40 years ago when he was known as one of the world's most famous con men. He has now been associated with the FBI for more than 30 years. More than 14,000 financial institutions, corporations and law enforcement agencies use his fraud prevention programs. Free and open to the public.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

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

• All School Band Extravaganza at 7:30 p.m. at Vermillion High School.

• The Abu Bekr Shrine Circus will be at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City. Tickets are \$17 (reserved), \$14 (reserved) and \$10 (general admission). There are complimentary tickets for groups of 20 or more. You'll get 10 percent of your tickets at no charge in multiples of 10 after 20 or more are purchased. Group orders need to be purchased directly through Melissa Lanzourakis-Joens at (712) 224-6423. If you are buying individual tickets, please come to the Tyson Box Office, log-on to www.ticketmaster.com or call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-

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• "End-of-Life Ethics": 19th annual Hospice Foundation of American Living with Grief Video Education Program from 12:30-3:50 p.m. on USD campus, Lee Medical Bldg., Room #107. Program is free of charge. However, the Hospice Foundation of American is charging a \$30 online processing fee for Continuing Education Credits. Local discussion for CE credit from 3:20-3:50 p.m. Brown bag lunches welcome. Pre-registration requested. Call Julie at 605-638-8484.

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PLANNING AHEAD:

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• APRIL 20 — Come celebrate the University's 150th Anniversary at 12:30 p.m. at USD Muenster University Center, 401 E. Cherry St. The USD Alumni Association invites you to join us for USD Day to hear the governor's official proclamation, enjoy birthday cake and sing "Happy Birthday" to Charlie Coyote,

• APRIL 21 — Vermillion Area Farmer's Market from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. at the Clay County Extension Building, 515 High St.

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.

CHAMBER CHAT

Announcements:

Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce & Development Company 116 Market Street, Suite 103 Vermillion, SD 57069 605-624-5571 vcdc@vermillionchamber.com www.vermillionchamber.com

Chamber Business:

Congratulations to Jerad Higman, who was named Small Business Exporter of the Year by the South Dakota Small **Business Administration** District Office. Higman, president of Masaba Mining Equipment, was also named Regional Award Winner and will represent Region Eight during National Small Business

Business After Hours cohosted by Davis Design and Bank of the West, 15 East Main Street, is Wednesday, April 25 from 5:30-7 p.m. Please join us to make new contacts, socialize and find out what Davis Design and Bank of the West have to offer! Appetizers and refreshments will be served. The Vermillion Area

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 email annb@vermillionchamber.com to register your team, be a hole sponsor or donate a pin or door

prize. Please register soon!

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Golf Tournament will begin

Golf Course at 11:45 a.m.,

begin at 1 p.m. The buffet

with team sign-in at The Bluffs

followed by team pictures. The

open format shot gun start will

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.

Russell Kieffer with the U.S. Army

Corp of Engineers at (605) 487-

7845 extension 3006.

Company (VCDC) Annual Golf Social is Tuesday, June 26! The 4-Person Best Ball Scramble

• USD Libraries are displaying a series of artistic exhibitions exploring skateboard designs, graphic novels and tapestries now through May 4. Corroborations 2012, which pairs visual arts students with poetry majors, is in the I.D. Weeks Library second floor exhibition cases. Tapestry weavings by awardwinning South Dakota tapestry artist Grete Bodogaard are in the USD Libraries Gallery in the Academic Commons. Getting Graphic by USD Education Librarian Abby Moore is an exhibit of graphic novels on the west side of the second floor of the University Libraries Gallery. SkateCreate is an exhibition of skateboard designs created by

seminar class. It's featured in the student gallery on the west side of the second floor.

• 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 willygsaunders@gmail.com for more information.

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Work to resume on spillway bridge

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers is scheduled to resume work repainting the U.S. Highway 18/ Highway 281 Fort Randall Spillway bridge on Wednesday, April 11.

One lane of the bridge will be closed to complete the painting in phases. Traffic will be required to stop and take turns going over the structure. A 12-foot width restriction will be in place. Overwidth traffic will have to take an alternate route.

All work is scheduled to be completed by August 31.

The Prime Contractor for this project is EVCO National, Inc. For more information, contact

Mentors needed

The Clay-Union Foundation matches youth age 5-17 years old, and is seeking more mentors. The program has a 16-year-old girl and a 14-year-old boy who would like to have an adult friend to spend time with them. A 12-yearold boy near Jefferson is also seeking an adult male to be outdoors with fishing, learning sports, etc,

Contact John Gille at 605-421-5050 or email jgille60@yahoo.com for more information. The Clay-Union Foundation is funded in part by the United Way of Vermillion, and local donations. Be a mentor-make a difference in



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