

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

Business After Hours co-hosted by Davis Design and Bank of the West, 15 E. Main St., 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 Chamber and Development Company (VCDC) Annual Golf Social is Tuesday, June 26! The 4-Person Best Ball Scramble Golf Tournament will begin with team sign-in at The Bluffs Golf Course at 11:45 a.m., followed by team pictures. The open format shotgun start will begin at 1 p.m. The buffet 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 e-mail annb@vermillionchamber.com to register your team, be a hole sponsor or donate a pin or door prize. Please register soon!

Business After Hours: Are you looking for an



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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, contact Ann at: annb@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

Announcements:

- 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 award-winning 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 students in the first-year 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 website (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.

Community Calendar:

TUESDAY, APRIL 24
 • Vermillion Rotary Club Meeting from 12-1

p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.

- Informational Seminar at Prairie Eye Clinic: "Allergy and Your Eyes," from 12:15-1 p.m. Itchy, watery eyes driving you crazy? Don't let your allergies keep you stuck inside this spring! No registration needed! Light lunch and refreshments provided.

- Seventh/Eighth Grade Track Meet vs. Yankton (home) at 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

- Preschool Round-Up for all children currently ages 3 and 4 (who will not be age-eligible for kindergarten in 2012), from 4-6:30 p.m. at Vermillion Austin Elementary School, 300 High St. (use east doors of building on High St.) To schedule an appointment, call Austin Elementary at 677-7010. Children will receive a free book. Community Showcase from 4-6:30 p.m. Receive information on preschool services and information for preschool age children.

- Book Club discussion on "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese will be held from 6-8 p.m. in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation

Desk. Norma Wilson, USD professor emeritus, and Harry Freeman, USD professor, will be facilitating this discussion.

- The Clay County Historical Society will host a potluck at 6:05 at the Austin-Whittemore House. At 7 p.m. Joe Hoffman's "Antique Appraiser Show" will be presented followed by the annual meeting.

- Evening Open Dress Rehearsal: The USD Honors Gamelan Class joins USD's Tatag Gamelan Ensemble for the dress rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. at the National Music Museum, corner of Clark and Yale streets on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

- National Music Museum (NMM) Brown Bag Lunch Program at 12:05 p.m. featuring "The Kyai Rengga Manis Everist Gamelan" performing in the Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the NMM located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. "Free Fridays" April sponsor is Sanford at Vermillion. Open to the public at no charge.

- Preschool Round-Up for all children currently ages 3 and 4 (who will not be age-eligible for kindergarten in 2012) from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Vermillion

Austin Elementary School, 300 High St. (use east doors of building on High St.) To schedule an appointment, call Austin Elementary at 677-7010. Children will receive a free book.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

- Crime Prevention Class from 9-11 a.m. at the Fire Station, 820 N. Dakota St. Public welcome to attend.

- Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 20 S. Plum St., Administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the board room.

- Certified BBQ Judging class from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Armory. Cost \$75 - this includes a one year membership to Kansas City BBQ Society. This will certify you to judge any Kansas City BBQ Society BBQ Contest (www.kcbs.us) including Ribs, Rods and Rock 'n' Roll. Registration www.sdbbq.us or call Jenny French 670-9688.

Does your business or organization have an event you would like included in the Chamber Chat? If you do please call us at 624-5571 or email us at vcdc@vermillionchamber.com.

City approves Shakespeare Festival requests

By Travis Gulbrandson
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The Vermillion City Council approved two motions in preparation for the first annual South Dakota Shakespeare Festival at its regular meeting Monday night.

The first of these was a permit to exceed permissible sound levels by no more than 50 percent in the band shell area of Prentis Park June 5-10.

"The actual festival is on June 8-11, but they'll be doing some rehearsals (starting) on the fifth with the testing of the sound equipment and such," explained finance officer Mike Carlson.

The increased sound level permit will cover 6 to 10 p.m. on all of the affected days.

The council also approved a motion to close east Main Street from Plum Street to Sycamore Street the night of the performances, so the sound of passing vehicles will not interfere with the production.

The streets will be closed

from 7 to 9:30 p.m. - the approximate length of the show - each production night.

According to Assistant City Manager Andy Colvin, a request also was submitted to remove parking on east Main Street along Prentis Park from 5 to 9:30 p.m., as well.

While the intersection of east Main and Plum will remain open

during the production, barricades will be used to close the street, which will be monitored by staff members.

"All of the emergency departments have been notified that they're going to be allowed to pass through," Colvin said.

All the motions were met with unanimous approval by the council.

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