

## CHAMBER CHAT

**Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce & Development Company**  
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**Chamber Business:**  
 Welding Boot Camp offered beginning April 22 through May 23, 2013 at Vermillion High School. Total of 35-hour course. Class size limited to first 10 applicants. Call VCDC at (605) 624-5571 to register. Tuition: \$250. Sponsored by VCDC, in partnership with Masaba Mining Equipment and the Vermillion School District.

Open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony at Meridian Title of Clay County, 100 E. Main St., is Tuesday, April 23. The open house will be from 5-7 p.m. with the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Please join us to welcome Meridian Title to Vermillion, make new contacts, and find out what they have to offer. Refreshments will be served, plus a take-home gift for everyone!

David Owen, president of the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce, will give a legislative session update at the Rotary Club meeting at the Neuharth Media Center on Tuesday, April 30 at noon.

Everyone welcome: lunch is \$6.50. Non-Rotary members please call the VCDC to register (605) 624-5571. Sponsored by the VCDC Legislative Affairs Committee.

Save the date: The 2013 VCDC Annual Golf Social is Monday, June 24 at The Bluffs Golf Course. More information available in the near future.

**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.

**Announcements:**  
 "April Showers Bring May Flowers": The Main Street Center Nutrition Board has asked the kitchen staff to compile a "wish list" - another attempt to make the Main Street Center noon meal, "Meals on Wheels" and Town Square program survive. We're asking for your help. It's an "April Shower" of kitchen/office supplies you may donate to help keep expenses down. Thank you for any donation.

Folgers Classic Coffee Regular, laundry detergent

and Dawn dish soap, white paper towels, reams of printing paper (8 1/2 by 11), 40-50 gallon garbage bags, first-class stamps, black pepper and HP office jet 4500 ink are among the items being accepted.

Foundation drive begins: The Clay-Union Foundation is in its 16th year as a mentoring program, and has begun several different drives. There are two boys and two girls who would like to have a mentor in Elk Point. Mentors must be at least 18 years old, and will be in the area at least a year. Current EPJ seniors who will be in the area are eligible for mentoring. The volunteers spend two hours per week with their matches, and are able to build a relationship with each other. An application is pending for an adult mentor from Gayville as well.

The program also would like to recruit an educator from EPJ, who is willing to serve on the board of directors. The board reviews applications for mentors, and assists with the scholarship program.

A fund drive has begun to assist with the community service scholarship and community fund. The program will award its second \$500 scholarship later this month. Donations from current

and former residents in Clay and Union County are always welcome. Donations may be sent to John Gille, 31911 3rd Ave., Elk Point, SD, 57025. The scholarship is available to graduating seniors from Elk Point-Jefferson or Vermillion High School, who are pursuing a four-year college education. Donations will help the program continue to offer its scholarship and help local programs in need of assistance, as funds allow. For more information, contact John Gille at (605) 421-5050, or e-mail jgillerrsd60@yahoo.com/

Meals on Wheels needs your help. Vermillion Meals on Wheels, like other towns participating in the nutrition project of Dakota Senior Meals, is struggling to survive. The state and federal government provide approximately 40 percent of the actual cost to prepare each meal. The rest of the cost comes from local sources. You can help make a difference. Make a donation or enjoy a nutritional, "home-cooked" meal by the Vermillion Dakota Senior Meals at the Main Street Center. Meals can also be delivered to individuals and couples that are unable to leave their home. To make a donation or for more information, call the Nutrition Kitchen at 624-7868.

### 2000 Notices

**Vermillion Anonymous Group:** A fellowship of men and women banded together to help each other recover from alcoholism. Meetings are held in the Post Office basement. Closed AA on Tuesday, 8 p.m. Closed AA on Friday, 8 p.m.

**Vermillion Food Pantry** is located at 816 E. Clark Street. Check our website to see if your family would be eligible for food assistance this month. www.vermillionfoodpantry.org

**VISUALLY IMPAIRED** meeting, 1:00 every second Monday of the month. For information 605-624-4063 or 605-653-1000.

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