

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

- Brown Bag Lunch Program: "The National Music Museum's Kyai Rengga Manis Everist Gamelan," at 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale St. April's Free Friday Sponsor is Sanford Health of Vermillion. Free and open to the public.
- The annual Bike Helmet Day, sponsored by the Vermillion Medical Clinic and The Vermillion Rotary Club, will be at 2 p.m. at Jolley School. Helmets are provided to each second-grader in the Vermillion Community.
- Boys Tennis: Sioux Falls Roosevelt at 4 p.m. (T)
- USD's Symphony Orchestra presents their spring concert at 7:30 p.m., Slagle Hall AalFs Auditorium located on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. at Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 20 S. Plum St., administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the board room. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles.
- USD Women's Softball host University of Missouri-Kansas City, April 27-28, DakotaDome Softball Complex (all day)
- The Civic Council will be celebrating Customer Appreciation Day from 10 a.m. to noon. Come and enjoy refreshments; there will be drawings at noon. Stop in and see the newly created "furniture room. For the past 90+ years, the Civic Council has been part of the Vermillion community and its longevity is due to community support.
- The Eagles Auxiliary and Eagles Aerie #2421 in Vermillion to host a fun-filled day trip to the Grand Falls Casino and Resort in Larchwood, IA. Depart from Eagles Club at 114 W. Main St. at 10 am on charter bus; return to Vermillion at 6 p.m. Seating limited to 56 people - to reserve a spot, sign up at the Eagles Club. Cost to ride bus is \$20 due when reservation is made. Deadline to sign up is April 20. Nonmembers welcome. Questions, call 624-9934. Attendees receive \$10 in free slot play, \$5 off lunch buffet and those with an April birthday receive bonuses. Please bring a photo ID/drivers license.
- Heartland Humane Society to host "Meet and Greet" at Tractor Supply Co., 2908 Broadway Ave., Yankton, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. If interested in adopting an animal, application forms are available at www.heartlandhumanesociety.net or call (605) 664-4244 prior to "Meet and Greet."
- Donation/Benefit Drive at Alleviant, 907 N. Norbeck, 1-3 p.m. (Look for Balloons!) Collecting items for: Food Pantry (i.e., chunky soup, tuna, canned fruit and veggies, pasta, rice, hygiene items, non-perishable foods); Backpack Program (i.e., dry cereals/instant oatmeal, canned meals, peanut butter, mac and cheese, microwave popcorn); Women's Shelter (i.e., diapers, wipes, infant supplies, kids' dental products, bandages, hair brushes, feminine products, pain relievers/ibuprofen, etc., paper towels, cleaning supplies, shopping gift cards for gas, phone, groceries, etc.)
- Music Recital: Kevin Sparks presents his senior clarinet recital at 2 p.m., Colton Recital Hall located in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- Music Recital: Rachel Poss presents her senior percussion recital at 4:30 p.m., Colton Recital Hall located in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- Music Concert: USD's Caribbean Coyotes Steel Band presents its spring concert at 7:30 p.m., Colton Recital Hall located in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- Music Recital: Michael Wilbur presents a Junior Trombone Recital at 1 p.m., Colton Recital Hall located in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- Music Recital: Qiao Zheng Goh presents her graduate piano recital at 3 p.m., Colton Recital Hall located in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- Music Recital: Lacey Semansky presents her junior oboe recital at 5:30 p.m., Colton Recital Hall located in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- Music Concert: The Bea Arthur Memorial Clarinet Quartet and USD Howling Winds in Concert at 7:30 p.m., Farber Hall located in Old Main on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

- Final exams at USD, Monday-Friday, April 29-May 3.
- Girls Golf: Invite at 10 a.m. (H)
- 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.
- Music Concert: The South Dakota Brass Quintet presents this concert to the public at no charge at 7:30 p.m., Farber Hall located in Old Main on USD campus. SDBQ is made up of USD music faculty Rolf Olson, trumpet; Gary Reeves, horn; and Jonathan Alvis, trombone. Local musicians Chuck Dibley and Clayton Lehmann will join music faculty.
- Music Concert: USD's Percussion Ensemble plays at Raziels in downtown Vermillion at 7:30 p.m. No Cover. Must be 21.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- We would like to invite you to an Open House to welcome the new Park and Recreation Director, Jim Goblirsch, to the community from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Bluffs Clubhouse. This is a great opportunity for the public to meet Jim and also check out the renovations to the Clubhouse since last fall.

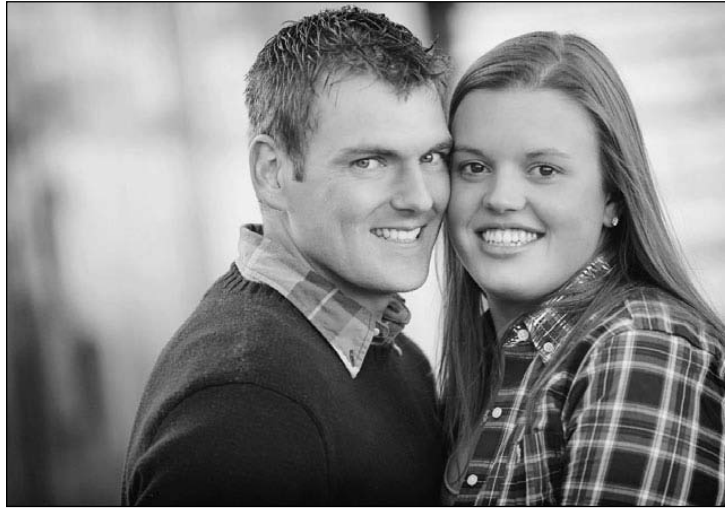
THURSDAY, MAY 2

- Vermillion Lions Club meeting at 6 p.m., W. H. Over Museum, Sletwold Hall.

PLANNING AHEAD:

- MAY 3 - A free, public preview of a new documentary film on pioneer 19th Century South Dakota architect Wallace Dow is scheduled at 2:30 p.m., Room 216A of the Muenster University Center (MUC) on USD campus. Dow designed Old Main and East Hall on the USD campus, the Baptist Church and other downtown Vermillion buildings. The film's producers Brad and Jennifer Dumke of Sioux Falls will be present for a discussion of the 56-minute film. Refreshments will be served; visitor parking is located on the west side of the MUC. The film will be shown later on South Dakota Public Broadcasting. The event is sponsored by several community and USD related organizations.
- May 3-4 - The National Music Museum is unveiling new, celebrity guitar acquisitions, including one played by Elvis Presley, at the museum's Open House on Friday, May 3 (4-8 p.m.) and Saturday, May 4 (9 a.m.-5 p.m.). Friday visitors will also get a rare look at the Elvis motorcycle from the Pioneer Auto Show (Murdo SD). Heck's BBQ will serve "Memphis-style Barbecue" both Friday and Saturday Vouchers for free food will be available through the NMM Facebook page, through local radio promotions, and on the NMM premises, Friday afternoon. Come on over to the National Music Museum at the corner of Clark and Yale streets and enjoy the fun!

ENGAGEMENTS



Lucas Manning and Nicole Bruns

Nicole Ann Bruns and Lucas James Manning, both of Vermillion, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Randall and Elizabeth Bruns of Sheldon, IA. She graduated from Sheldon High School in Sheldon, IA in 2007, and attended the University of South Dakota. She graduated from USD in 2012 with a Bachelor in Business Administration and a Master of Professional Accountancy.

She is employed at Quam & Berglin, P.C., CPAs in Elk Point.

The future groom is the son of David and Kathleen Manning of Burbank. He graduated from Vermillion High School in 1999, and is employed as a rural carrier for the United States Postal Service in Elk Point.

The couple will exchange vows in a wedding ceremony that begins at 3:30 p.m. June 1, 2013, at the Bethel Reformed Church in Sheldon, IA. in Sheldon, IA.

BIRTHS



Sam Kendell Leffers

Jon and Jennifer (Mollet) Leffers of Norwalk, CT, are delighted to announce the birth of their third son, Sam Kendell Leffers. Sam was born on April 14, 2013, at 11:13 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long. He joins big brothers, Gus and Max.

Maternal grandparents are Ken and Janna Mollet of Beresford and Kazy Mollet of Vermillion. Paternal grandparents are Dave and Cindy Leffers of Vermillion.

USD to confer degrees Saturday, May 4

Michael M. Vekich, CPA, CEO of Vekich Chartered of Minneapolis, MN, will be the keynote speaker as the University of South Dakota confers degrees to more than 1,400 students at the 126th Spring Commencement at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 4.

Vekich, a candidate for the nomination for governor of Minnesota in 2002, serves as chair of HF Financial Corp and Home Federal Bank, South Dakota's largest publicly-traded savings bank. Previously, he was owner and CEO of Vekich Arkema & Company, a public accounting firm servicing clients in nine countries worldwide. Additional public service positions include chair of the Board of Trustees, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; chair of the Minnesota State Board of Accountancy; and a former member of the Rochester, Minn. Higher Education Development Committee.

In 2008, Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty appointed Vekich chair of the Governor's 21st Century Tax Reform Commission. The commission provided advice and

recommendations on reforming the state's tax laws with the goal of making long-term improvements in the revenue system. Four years earlier, Pawlenty appointed Vekich acting director of the Minnesota State Lottery. During his eight-month tenure, he created the organization's first strategic plan and increased profits by 26 percent to \$100 million, the largest return to the state in the Lottery's history. Vekich received a B.A. in accounting and business administration from the University of Minnesota.

In addition to a keynote address by Vekich and conferring of degrees, USD's Spring Commencement will honor distinguished faculty from the 2012-13 academic year, including recipients of the Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching; the Richard and Sharon Cutler Awards in Liberal Arts; the John Wesley Jackson Memorial Award presented to the outstanding professor of law; and the College of Fine Arts Distinguished Professor Award.

Student papers score top honors at conference

Creighton University student Alexander Sniffen and Kurt Frisch, a student at Dordt College, received awards during the 48th annual Student History Conference held recently at the University of South Dakota.

Sniffen's paper, "Japanese-Latin American Internment: An Untold History," received the Phi Alpha Theta award while Frisch's paper, "The Trent Affair: A Diplomatic Success," received the best-of-conference award.

Twenty-six graduate and undergraduate students from seven colleges and universities throughout the region presented or commented on papers.

The winning authors earned certificates and book awards.

The conference was sponsored by the USD Department of History and the local chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the national honor society in history.

Professor Robert Carriker of Gonzaga University, President of Phi Alpha Theta, delivered the plenary address, "Subs & Shells, Bombs & Balloons: Japanese Attacks on the Pacific Northwest in World War II."

For more information, contact Clayton Lehmann, Ph.D., professor of history at USD, at (605) 677-5573 or e-mail clehmann@usd.edu.

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Chamber Business:

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.

Business After Hours and open house at Vermillion Ace Hardware, 812 Cottage Ave., Thursday, May 9 from 5-8 p.m. Please join us to make new contacts, socialize and find out what Ace Hardware has to offer! Appetizers and refreshments will be served.

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.

Don Gagnon's 75th Birthday Party Open House!

Saturday May 4th, 2013 • 1:00 - 4:00PM
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