

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:
 Attention Chamber Members! If you serve the USD student community please join us for the Coyote Bash Thursday, Sept. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Downtown Vermillion at Ratingen Platz. The Coyote Bash is a partnership between the Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce and the University of South Dakota which welcomes back USD students and introduces incoming freshmen to the product and service offerings of the community. This year, it is being held in conjunction with Thursdays on the Platz. Making the students aware of all we have to offer improves retention, maintains a strong customer base and keeps retail spending local. Don't miss this great opportunity to build loyalty and a relationship with your customers from day one by setting up a table to introduce and promote your business to the new students. For more information or if interested in setting up a table, please contact Ann at the Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Co. at 624-5571 or annb@vermillionchamber.com
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 to 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.

This Weeks Happenings:

Cancer Support Group, Thursday, Aug. 11, Sletwold Room at Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark St., at 2:30 p.m. For additional information, call Marcy at 624-8706.
Vermillion Area Farmers Market, Thursday, Aug. 11 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds.
Ice Cream Social, Thursday, Aug. 11 at The Main Street Center, 320 W Main from 5 to 6:30 p.m. (includes a meal and homemade desserts).
Clay County Fair, Aug. 11, 12, & 13. Demolition Derby, Dog Obedience, Community BBQ, Horse Obstacle Course, 4-H Livestock Shows, Live Music, Fair Princess Pageant, and much more.
South Dakota Public Broadcasting Anniversary Open House: SDPB is hosting an Open House celebrating 50 years of Public TV and 90 years of Public Radio in South Dakota, Friday, Aug. 12 from 1 to 5 p.m. Join us at the Martin Busch Studio, Al Neuharth Media Center on USD campus for photos, memorabilia and memories.
Second Annual Clay County 4-H 5K Run/Walk, Saturday,

Aug. 13 at Clay County Fairgrounds, 515 High St. Pre-registration at 7:30 a.m.; event begins at 8 a.m. No bikes, roller blades, or pets. Entry fee of \$20 due by Monday, Aug. 2; \$25 after that date. For every single Vermillion Food Pantry item donated, names will be entered into a drawing for local prizes! For additional information, visit: www.claycountyfair.net or call 624-4747

Vermillion Area Farmers Market, Saturday, Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon, downtown Vermillion at Ratingen Platz, Market & Main St.

The Hay Country Jamboree at Gayville Hall, 502 Washington St., Gayville, Saturday, Aug. 13 at 8 p.m. Starring John and Susan McNeill, Dan Kilbride, Jami Lynn and guests. Call 605-267-2859 for reservations.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

Hy-Vee's Fourth Annual Scramble for SESDAC is Monday, August 15. **Four-Person Scramble,** 12 p.m. registration, 1 p.m. shot gun start, prime rib dinner following golf. Sign up at The Bluffs 605-677-7058. All proceeds raised go to benefit the SESDAC Foundation.

Community Celebration: At Sanford Health we are pioneering the future of health care and we think it's something to celebrate. To show our thanks, Sanford Vermillion invites you to come and enjoy a picnic, music, games and ice cream, Thursday, Aug. 18 at Vermillion High School Commons, 1001 E. Main St. from 5 to 7 p.m.

Heritage Ride 2011: Big Friend-Little Friend of Union County Heritage Ride, Saturday, Aug. 20. Registration at Cody's Homestead, west side of Main St in Elk Point,



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(Exit 18 off I-29) beginning at 8 a.m.; bike ride begins at 9 a.m. Routes from 8 to 58 miles, all on blacktop; ride is open to any level of rider 10 years and older. All proceeds support BF-LF, Inc. youth mentoring in Clay & Union counties. **Lewis & Clark Heritage Days Festival** will also be taking place at the City Park. Bicycle helmets required. www.bffmentoring.org for application or call 605-421-5050 or jgille60@yahoo.com for details. Come and join in the fun.

Thursdays on the Platz and United Way Kick-Off, Thursday, Aug 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the corner of Market & Main St. Live music outdoors on Ratingen Platz featuring "Old Funk Riot." Sponsored by First Dakota National Bank, Cor-Trust, Bank of the West, First Bank & Trust, and Vermillion Credit Union; hosted by United Way. Food is available at every event, as well as water, pop, wine, and beer. It's a great chance to sit outdoors with friends and family, listen to music, and enjoy the great outdoors. Bring the family, have some food and enjoy some local entertainment! Due to limited seating, please bring your own chair.

Clay County Historical Society Potluck, Thursday, Aug. 25 at 6:05 p.m. at the Austin Whittemore House, 15 Austin St. Program by Daniel Daily, archivist/special collections librarian and

Sarah Hanson from the USD Library.

Bull-A-Rama at Clay County Rodeo Grounds, two miles west of Vermillion on Timber Road, Aug. 26-27.

Move-In Day at USD, Saturday, Aug. 27.

Great Dakota Wine Fest at Valiant Vineyards/Buffalo Run Resort, 1500 W. Main St., Aug. 27-28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free to come; \$15 for tasting ticket. Live music by T. Wilson King and others. Wine tasting, cooking demonstrations, winery tours, and local craft and food vendors. www.greatdakotawinefest.com

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Ribs, Rods & Rock 'n Roll, Sept. 9 & 10! Come enjoy the seventh annual event in historic downtown Vermillion. For details go to website at www.sdbbq.us. This is a KCBS Sanctioned BBQ Contest and activities include:

- Award Winning BBQ Competition
- Food Vendors, Arts & Craft Vendors
- Family Fun Area
- Classic Car & Motorcycle Show and Shine
- Live Music
- Beer Garden
- People's Choice Public BBQ Judging
- Two Nights of Street Dances
- Charity Poker Run
- Motorcycle Fun Run
- Kory & The Fireflies, Saturday at 9 p.m.

Historic Vermillion Walk hosted by Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club, Saturday, Sept. 17. Start times: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - finish by 3 p.m. Distance: 5KM/10KM. Start at

W. H. Over Museum - trail to go through historic downtown, bike path along Vermillion River and through the USD campus. Pets not permitted in the start point. No "A" award for this event. IVV Credit \$3; Fun Walkers \$2. For more information contact Duane Neugebauer at 605-734-0115.

Invitation to community organizations to join in the 2011 Tanager Volunteer Day, Tuesday, Sept. 20. Students will be participating in a full day of work from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students will work in groups of 14-17, but the groups can be adjusted if needed. Please dare to challenge Vermillion students - many things can be accomplished in a short time. The students enjoy cleaning, painting, vacuuming, planting trees, scraping paint, or almost any task you need completed. Last year one group was solely committed to assisting elderly and homebound individuals in our community. If you know anyone that could use a little help with gardens, windows, or just a visit please contact Lenni Billberg at lenni.billberg@k12.sd.us.

Reba McEntire along with The Band Perry, Steel Magnolia and Edens Edge to perform at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City on Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets now on sale at the Tyson Events Center box office, all Ticketmaster outlets, online at Ticketmaster.com, or by calling 800-745-3000. Group orders of 20 or more can be taken for this event - call 712-224-6423 or e-mail mlanzourakis@sioux-city.org

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.

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