



Welcome

The Vermillion Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors officially welcomed Randy and Juli Huber to the Vermillion business community Tuesday with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The Hubers purchased the hotel portion of the Prairie Inn on July 17. Since purchasing the hotel, the Hubers have invested over \$100,000 to refurbish the hotel. The Prairie Inn is managed by Della Thompson. (Photo by David Lias)



Strong reception

The Vermillion Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors welcome Alltel, Your Wireless Store, to the Vermillion business community with a ribbon cutting Dec. 11. Alltel's office is located at 916 E. Cherry Street. Cutting the ribbon are Becky Leapley and Jim Bacorn. (Photo by David Lias)

October students of the month named

Emma Getzin and Nick Mart have been named as the October Students of the Month at Vermillion High School. Through their academic and extra-curricular efforts, they have demonstrated leadership at VHS. Each will receive a \$100 scholarship from First Bank & Trust-Vermillion.

Getzin "is a leader and helps other students who do not catch on as quickly. She exemplifies a model student," according to her faculty endorsement. She plans to attend the University of South Dakota majoring in Biology and Pre-med.

Her activities have included band, track, tutoring, book club and National Honor Society. She was a delegate to Girls State and she attended the Youth Business Adventure. Her parents are Richard and Lois Getzin.



Emma Getzin



Nick Mart

Mart has been active in wrestling, football, reading club and the St. Agnes Youth Group. He has been Big 8 All-Conference four times in wrestling and once in football. "Nick is an outstanding mentor for the underclassmen

as I have observed in the halls, at school convocations, and at community functions," as noted by his faculty recommendation. He is always upbeat and willing to help whenever asked." His parents are Jeff and Julie Mart.

Yarbrough work premieres this week

A composition from Dr. Stephen Yarbrough, D.M.A., composer-in-residence at The University of South Dakota, will premiere this Christmas season.

Yarbrough's "The Joys of Mary," will premiere during "Christmas at the Cathedral" in Sioux Falls, Dec. 17-20.

"The Joys of Mary," a composition piece for chamber orchestra, will also be part of "Christmas at the Cathedral's" national re-broadcast on CBS at 10:35 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Additionally, viewers will hear Yarbrough's "Angel's Dances" during Welch's Purple Grape Juice commercials for another year. According to Yarbrough, Welch's Purple

Grape Juice said they will continue to use his composition in association with the company's Alton Brown TV ads. "The Powerful Polyphenol" commercial along with other videos featuring Brown and "Angel's Dances" began airing nationally last fall.

Yarbrough will pen the music for "State of Wonder," an upcoming South Dakota Public Broadcasting documentary featuring the work of Paul Schiller, a South Dakota photographer whose exhibition, also entitled "State of Wonder," is currently on dis-

play at the Al Neuharth Media Center at USD.

Yarbrough also plans to write a symphony based on the music from the documentary, which will be premiered by the South Dakota Symphony at a later date. In addition to "State of Wonder," Yarbrough is working on a commissioned cantata, "Everlasting Is His Love," for Mount Marty College's 75th Anniversary celebration. The composition will make its debut at the Bishop Marty Chapel at the Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton.

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:
Pictures with Santa - Bring your children to Hy-Vee on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for pictures with Santa! Pictures will be taken in the Hy-Vee café area. Complimentary photos by Peterman Photography in conjunction with Hy-Vee.

The VCDC will have a Vermillion Area Information Booth in the DakotaDome lobby during the 27th Annual Dakota Farm Show on Jan. 5, 6 and 7. If you have a brochure, menu, coupons, etc., that you would like available for the Farm Show exhibitors and visitors please drop them off at the VCDC office at 116 Market Street, Suite 103 or call Ann at 624-5571 by Dec. 30. This is a perfect opportunity to let visitors know about your business!

The Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company office has relocated to the Market Street Professional Building at 116 Market Street in Suite 103. Please stop by and see us at our new location. Look for us under the water tower!

This Weeks Happenings!
• Vermillion Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner and Music, Friday, Dec. 18 begin-

ning at 5:15 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, dinner at 5:45 p.m. and dessert and entertainment at 6:30 p.m. Advance tickets \$12 or \$15 at the door.

• High School Boy's Basketball at South Sioux City, Friday, Dec. 18 at 4:30 p.m.
• High School Bowling vs. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, Friday, Dec. 18 at Sport Bowl.

• "Nativities Around The World" at the Cramer Kenyon Home, 509 Pine St., Yankton, Dec. 19-20 from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5.

• USD Winter Commencement, Saturday, Dec. 19 at 10 a.m. at DakotaDome.

Next Week's Happenings!

• USD Women's Basketball host Mt. Marty College, Sunday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. at the DakotaDome.

• USD Men's Basketball vs. University of Wyoming, Sunday, Dec. 20 in Laramie, WY at 6:30 p.m.

Doug Hanson Benefit Fund

The Hanson family of Meckling lost their home in a fire last Wednesday morning. No one was injured but the Hanson family lost most of their possessions. Doug serves the Yankton Community on the Yankton Police Department and one of his sons works for McDonald's in Vermillion. He has four children and one grandchild at home.

Please help us make their holiday season a little brighter! Cash Donations Can Be Made At:

First Dakota National Bank
111 Court Street, Vermillion, SD 57069

- OR -

225 Cedar Street, Yankton, SD 57078

- OR -

2105 Broadway Ave., Yankton, SD 57078

Checks must be made to Doug Hanson due to how the fund is setup.

Gift Cards Are Being Accepted

and will be delivered to the Hanson family by the Yankton Police Department,
410 Walnut St., Yankton, SD 57078

Vermillion Police Dept. 15 Washington St., Vermillion, SD 57069

Clothing Donations Are Being Accepted
Please Contact Rena Brunick 605-624-9214 for sizes and items needed.

Thank you to the Yankton Police Department, Vermillion Police Department, McDonald's of Vermillion, Vermillion Chamber of Commerce, First Dakota National Bank of Yankton and Vermillion, *Broadcaster Press* and *Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan*.

Sally Slama is December Employee of the Month at USD

Sally Slama, a senior secretary in the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, is the December 2009 Career Services Employee of the Month at The University of South Dakota.

Slama, a secretary in Academic Affairs for a little more than three years, was surprised with the honor by USD President James W. Abbott and several coworkers during a ceremony at Slagle Hall 104. It was also Slama's coworkers who nominated her for the honor.

"Sally excels at the duties of her position," noted Sally Wheelock, Slama's supervisor. "She is the frontline person in our office and handles a great variety of tasks effectively and in a timely matter."

It's that diversity of activities that Slama enjoys on a day-to-day basis whether it's coordinating the provost's schedule or doubling her duties to help out a fellow coworker who took ill recently.

"It was not an easy task," Wheelock stated in her nomination of Slama, "but Sally did so with ease while main-



Sally Slama is honored as the December 2009 Career Services Employee of the Month by USD President James W. Abbott.

taining a positive outlook for the office."

Prior to working at USD, the Goshen, IN, native worked in the School of Education at Concordia University in Chicago, IL. She enjoys the daily challenges of higher education but also likes to see the end results - students seeking a better life. As for receiving the attention for a "job well done," Slama was humbled by the

honor. "The best part about my job is, it's never the same," said Slama, who lives in Yankton with her husband, Michael, a former school administrator who also worked for the State Education Department in Pierre at one time. "I like being in higher education. It's a variety and something a little different every day."

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New Years
Deadline, Wednesday, Dec. 30 at Noon

Happy Holidays!