

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

- USD Theatre Dept. presents "Avenue Q" at 7:30 p.m. at Knutson Theatre, USD Fine Arts Building. For ticket information, call 677-5418 or visit: [www.usd.edu/theatre](http://www.usd.edu/theatre).
- National Music Museum (NMM) Brown Bag Lunch Program: "Dizi, Xiao, Shinobue or Shakahachi?" at 12:05 p.m. in the Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the NMM located on USD campus, corner of Clark & Yale St. Free and open to the public. December's Free Friday sponsor is CorTrust Bank.
- Hospital Auxiliary Meeting, 2 p.m. at Care Center Dining Room, 125 Walker Street.
- USD Symphony Orchestra presents their winter concert, 7:30 p.m. in the Slagle Hall AalFs Auditorium. Open to the public at no charge.
- Third annual Parade of Lights, 6:30 p.m. in downtown Vermillion.
- Vermillion High School Dance Inferno Holiday Recital presents, "A Night at the Movies!" at 7:30 p.m. at the VHS Auditorium. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Starring: Large and small dance ensembles from the Vermillion High School Dance Inferno and guest performers.
- State Oral Interp Festival in Pierre.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

- Overeaters Anonymous, 9 a.m. at Sanford Vermillion Hospital, 20 S. Plum - Administration entrance across from the Vermillion Clinic - take a right to the end of the hall - board room on the left.
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- Tour of Homes sponsored by Clay County Historical Society, from 3-7 p.m. Reception at the Austin Whittemore House, 15 Austin St. starting at 4 p.m. This year's theme: "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas."
- Candy Cane Market, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Armory in Vermillion. Many vendors to shop from! Crafts for kids! Bake Sale! Hosted by the Vermillion chapter of Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS).
- Second Annual Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m.-noon at St. Agnes School Gym, 909 E. Lewis St. Admission \$5. Enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast, vendor tables, poinsettia sales, kids crafts and pictures with Santa.
- "Lunch with Santa," Christmas Coloring Contest! One winner in each age category will have lunch with Santa at Hy-Vee. Age categories: 4 and under; 5-6 year olds; 7-8 year olds; 9-12 year olds. Coloring page is available at Hy-Vee. Contest ends Nov. 28. Sponsored by the VCDC Special Events Committee.
- "Pictures with Santa," from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Hy-Vee. Bring your children to Hy-Vee for a FREE picture with Santa by Peterman Photography. Sponsored by the VCDC Special Events Committee.
- The USD Dept. of Music shares their talents and the product of their work at this holiday concert at 3 p.m. in Slagle Hall AalFs Auditorium. Goodwill donation at the door would be appreciated.
- "A Poker Alice Christmas" with the Poker Alice Band & Brenda George, 8 p.m. in Gayville Hall, 502 Washington St., Gayville. Call 605-267-2859 for ticket information.
- State Oral Interp Festival in Pierre.
- Winter Formal, 8:30-11 p.m. at Vermillion High School.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

- USD Theatre Dept. presents "Avenue Q" at 2 p.m. at Knutson Theatre, USD Fine Arts Building. For ticket information, call 677-5418 or visit: [www.usd.edu/theatre](http://www.usd.edu/theatre).
- Annual Holiday Festival at the W.H. Over Museum. Santa, food, bake sale, vendors, from 1-4:30 p.m.
- Russ Garry presents his senior tuba recital at 1 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall at the Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- Kristin Edwards, soprano, presents her senior recital, 4 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall at the Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

- Al-anon meeting, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Main & Linden. For more information, call 624-9764.
- Cody Knott presents his graduate trombone recital, 7:30 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall. Open to the public at no charge.
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), "Shakespeare's Henry the Fifth," course with USD English Dept., 3-5 p.m. at the W.H. Over Museum, Sletswold Hall. Limit 30. Call 605-367-5226 or visit <https://www.olluc.org> for more information.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- Vermillion Rotary Club Meeting, Noon-1 p.m., in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.
- Classes in Drawing, Painting & Printmaking for children K-6, 4:15-5:15 p.m. at Washington Street Arts Center. Emphasis on the fundamentals of art form composition and color. For more information, contact Nancy Losacker (nlosacker@gmail.com), 605-659-5632 or Beth Knedler (bethsamk@hotmail.com), 605-670-7940.
- Vermillion Rotary Club meeting, Noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.
- Seventh and Eighth grades Winter Concert, 7 p.m. at VHS.

### PLANNING AHEAD:

- DEC. 9 — National Music Museum (NMM) Brown Bag Lunch Program, 12:05 p.m. featuring S.D. Holiday Brass Quintet at the Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the NMM located on the USD campus, corner of Clark & Yale St. Free and open to the public.
- DEC. 9 — Music Recital with USD Composer's Forum: USD student and faculty composers share their creations in an evening of music, 7:30 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall at the Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts. This event is open to the public at no charge.
- DEC. 10 — Overeaters Anonymous, 9 a.m. at Sanford Vermillion Hospital, 20 S. Plum - Administration entrance across from the Vermillion Clinic - take a right to the end of the hall - board room on the left.
- DEC. 10 — "Sweets & Treats," sponsored by Clay County Historical Society, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Austin Whittemore House. Select Christmas treats from a large selection of homemade desserts.
- DEC. 10 — The Yankton Area Literacy Council will host children readings by Ms. Santa at the Vermillion Public Library from 1:30-3 p.m. The children will also be receiving free story books compliments of the YACL.
- DEC. 10 — The 34th Annual Celebration of the St. Lucia Tradition in Dalesburg at 3 p.m. at Dalesburg Lutheran Church.
- DEC. 10 — Music Recital: USD's Truran Scholars present a recital, 7:30 p.m. in the Colton Recital Hall at the Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts. This event is open to the public at no charge.
- DEC. 10 — USD Theatre Department's End of Term Showcase: A Showcase of student work from performance classes, featuring musical theatre songs, dances and scenes in the format of a delightful variety show, 7:30 p.m. in Slagle Hall AalFs Auditorium. No admission, but donations will help support student research and participation in a New York Showcase.

Does your business or organization have an event you would like included in the Community Calendar? If you do please call the Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce and Development Company at 605-624-5571 or e-mail [vcdc@vermillionchamber.com](mailto:vcdc@vermillionchamber.com) or contact the Plain Talk at 605-624-2695 or e-mail [david.lias@plaintalk.net](mailto:david.lias@plaintalk.net).

## FSA Notes:

# Disaster Assist. Sign-up for '10 Crop Losses

By Keith L. Zanter  
Clay County FSA Office

Sign-up for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program for 2010 crop year losses began on Nov. 14. Clay County experienced severe flooding and other natural disasters in crop year 2010, therefore, producers who have suffered a 2010 crop loss may want to contact our office to schedule an appointment by calling 605-624-7060 #2.

Clay County received a Disaster Declaration in 2010; therefore, Producers who operated in Clay County will only need to have at least a 10 percent production loss from one crop of economic significance on all acres to qualify for a SURE payment. Producers with agricultural operations located totally outside a disaster county are eligible for SURE benefits if they had a production loss greater or equal to 50 percent of the normal production on the farm.

To meet program eligibility requirements, producers must have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for all insurable crops through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and obtained Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on non-insurable crops, from FSA. Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource or beginning farmer or rancher do not have to meet this requirement. Forage crops intended for grazing are not eligible for SURE benefits.

Please contact our office when changes in ownership or operation take place because it may be necessary for the office to complete a reconstitution. The reconstitution process is the combining or dividing of Farm(s) or Tract(s) of land based on the farm operation. As these changes occur for the 2012 crop year, please notify our office to start the process for reconstitutions.

## SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Cleo Erickson

Excerpts from the Plain Talk

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Mr. Ted Grier has sold his car dealership to Mr. Robert Dayhuff, Ron Cleaver and Bill Dayhuff the new owners will continue to sell Pontiac, Chevrolet and Cadillac cars. Control of the business will take place in June.

122 Vermillion High School students received their high school diplomas on Monday night. Dr. Richard Bowen was the commencement speaker.

Construction of the new Continuing Education Center building at USD was officially started this week with a "Hammerfest" ceremony which replaced the traditional ground breaking custom.

City Manager Duane Wroe, who was to begin his duties on May 1, then again on May 22, then on June 1, then on June 8, etc. etc...has been asked to be removed from consideration for the local post. Wroe, who was selected by the City Council by secret ballot, cited family problems as a reason for not being able to accept the post. The Council instructed Ida Millette to place advertisements once again for candidates for the post.

The Grand Opening of the Jiffy Food Market will be held on July 9, 10 and 11. A black and white portable TV and a boys or girls bicycle will be given away. The market is located at the corner of Main and Dakota just north of the Standard station. A luscious 11 inch Sammy's Pizza will be given with each fill of gas.

Plan to attend the catfish supper and dance to the Country Men at Whimpy's on Friday, July 17th.

There are plans to open a Gibson Discount Store at 7 Court Street. A grand opening date will be announced at a later date.

Clay County became infested with salesmen this week as three

groups of unregistered magazine salesmen began peddling their goods in the Vermillion area after being kicked out of Union County for the same illegal action. Sheriff Nelson reported there were no arrests made but the salesmen were no longer in Clay County, they had moved on to Yankton County!

The Charcoal Lounge has something new on their menu. Stop in and try some of their great chicken. You will get "red carpet" treatment.

Mrs. Arnold Stensaas was the lucky winner of a car load of groceries given away during the grand opening of the Day huff-Cleaver Auto Agency.

Crazy days were a huge success. The merchants were pleased with the sales and the customers thought the bargains were real good.

Gibson Discount Center, a subsidiary of Pamida Inc., will hold their Grand Opening at 15 Court Street across from the Post Office on August 9th.

The 73rd Old Settlers Reunion will be held on Sunday. The Old Settlers is the oldest continuous organization in Clay County.

SENIOR CITIZENS: Topeka Kansas.

Police were called today to help restore order at Methodist home for the aged, scene of a weeklong revolt. Three militant octogenarians were arrested after a scuffle in the North Parlor. They were identified as leaders of an activist group that seized control of said parlor three days ago, and locked Mrs. Norman Sunderland, matron, in the closet. George Whitlock, 84 year old spokesman for "The Activists", told reporters the demonstration was staged to enforce demands that the old folks be given more role in management. "We have a bunch of young whippersnappers running things around here" he said, waving his cane indignantly. "We don't trust anybody under 65," he added, proudly

displaying his "Senility Power" button pinned on his shawl. Two officers suffered minor injuries during the disturbance. One was hit by a runaway wheelchair and the other was jabbed by a knitting needle. The revolt began last week when a small group of hardnosed superannuates held a "dodder-in" at which some burned their Social Security cards. Although peaceable in early phrases, the protest movement took a violent turn when someone hit "Emery Dains, home administration, with a bottle of Geritol. Dr. Dains blamed the trouble on a misunderstanding caused by difficulties in communicating with the militarists. "Some turn off their hearing aids when administrative personnel seek to explain policies," he explained. Mr. Whitlock reacted, "What is the sense of living a long time if some kid who's 45 or 50 years old can tell you what you have to do."

The Clay County Historical Society will hold its second Annual Old Time Ice Cream Social on August 27. The event will be held once again on the grounds of the historic Christol home at 305 Forest Avenue in Vermillion. The public is invited.

The rural teachers of Clay County held a reunion at the Meckling School Friday afternoon to show their appreciation for Mrs. Elvira Bliss who has served so faithfully as County Superintendent of Schools for 32 years.

James Watson, 32, presently serving as City Manager of Prineville, OR, has been hired by the Vermillion City Council to fill the existing vacancy.

Because of the new consolidation program, the Count School enrollment now stands at 1771 students. Burbank and Meckling have been added to the system this year.

## CHAMBER CHAT

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### Chamber Business:

A holiday gift from the Chamber members to the community. The VCDC is conducting a Vermillion Bucks sale. We are offering \$10,000 in Vermillion Bucks available for purchase in \$100 bundles of \$20 denominations at the discounted rate of \$85 per bundle. This equates to an immediate discount of 15 percent off on all products and services in Vermillion. They can be purchased at the VCDC office at 116 Market Street. Limited to two bundles per person.

The third Annual Parade of Lights is Friday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in Downtown Vermillion celebrating "The Spirit of Christmas." At the end of the parade please join Santa & Mrs. Claus as they light the Community Christmas Tree at Ratingen Platz on the corner of Market & Main St. After the tree lighting, children and parents are invited to the Vermillion Public Library for "Stockings for Soldiers," an opportunity to make an ornament to take home and to decorate a stocking for a soldier serving overseas. If you would like to submit an entry into the Parade of Lights, entry forms are available at

[www.vermillionchamber.com](http://www.vermillionchamber.com) or at the VCDC office at 116 Market Street. There will be a trophy and a prize of \$25 in Vermillion Bucks for the best entry! Inverters to plug lights into your vehicles are available at Dakota PC Warehouse. Sponsored by the VCDC Special Events Committee.

Dakota Roots Program: Is your family traveling home to Vermillion for the holidays? Would they like to be in South Dakota year round, if only they could find the right career opportunity? In an effort to bring more of that great South Dakota talent back home, the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation created the Dakota Roots program. Dakota Roots joins citizens, business leaders, and state government in a successful, on-going initiative to grow the South Dakota workforce.

Dakota Roots is the largest state job search database where both the workers and employers can reach out to one another to fill great jobs right here in South Dakota. Since its inception in 2006, nearly 2,000 people have come back to work in South Dakota through this program, so while you're catching up with

your family this holiday season tell them about Dakota Roots.

Visit [www.dakotaroots.com](http://www.dakotaroots.com) for the information you need to list a job, search for a job, refer a family member or friend for a job, and learn about how South Dakota can help in the relocation process back home. In the coming weeks the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation with assistance from the Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company will be hosting informational meetings so businesses and workers can learn more about the Dakota Roots program.

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](mailto:annb@vermillionchamber.com) or at 624-5571.

### Announcement:

• "\$5 Felines Adoption Event" – Want a warm, fuzzy feeling this holiday season that can be yours for years to come? Adopt a cat or kitten from Heartland Humane Society during the special "\$5 Felines," adoption event. For more information visit [www.heartlandhumanesociety.net](http://www.heartlandhumanesociety.net)

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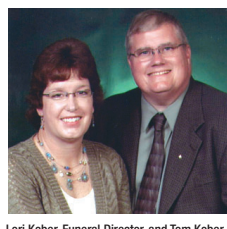
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