

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 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



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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 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 or at 624-5571.

This Week's Happenings:

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 or call 605-664-4244

- Vermillion Rotary Club Meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.

- Seventh & Eighth Grade Winter Concert at VHS, Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

- Seventh & Eighth Grade Girls Basketball vs. Elk Point-Jefferson, Thursday, Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. (H).

- National Music Museum (NMM) Brown Bag Lunch Program, Friday, Dec. 9 at 12:05 p.m. featuring SD Holiday Brass Quintet. Location: Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the NMM located on USD campus, corner of Clark & Yale St. Free and open to the public.

- Music Recital with USD Composer's Forum: USD student and faculty composers share their creations in an evening of music, Friday, Dec. 9 at 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.

- Overeaters Anonymous meet Saturday, Dec. 10 at 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.

- "Sweets & Treats" sponsored by Clay County Historical Society, Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Austin Whittemore House. Select Christmas treats from a large selection of home made desserts.

- Seventh & Eighth Grade Girls Basketball at Harrisburg, Saturday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. (T)

- The Yankton Area Literacy Council will be holding children readings by Ms. Santa at the Vermillion Public Library on December 10 from 1:30 until 3 p.m. The children will also be receiving free story books compliments of the Yankton Area Literacy Council.

- "The 34th Annual Celebration of the St. Lucia Tradition in Dalesburg, Saturday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. at Dalesburg Lutheran Church.

- SD Women's Basketball host University of Northern Colorado at the DakotaDome in Vermillion, SD, Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

- Music Recital: USD's Truran Scholars present a recital, Saturday, Dec. 10 at 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.

- 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, Saturday, Dec. 10 at 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.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

- First Dakota National Bank wants to invite you to their Holiday Open House on Thursday, Dec. 15. Come and enjoy hot apple cider, coffee and holiday treats throughout the day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 111 Court St. Vermillion. To celebrate the season we will be giving away \$100 of Vermillion Bucks! Stop in to register and enjoy the treats! It will make your holidays a "Ho Ho" lot merrier!

- Preservation Wednesdays presented by Clay County Historic Preservation Commission & Clay County Historical Society, Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. with John Erikson, "Picture Framing" at the Vermillion Public Library. Free and open to the public.

- Dakota Farm Show, Jan. 4, 5, 6, 2012 at USD DakotaDome.

- Schmeckfest in Freeman, March 23 & 24 and March 30 & 31, 2012. For more information, visit www.schmeckfest.com, e-mail schmeckfest@gmail.com or call 605-925-4542.

- Olympic/Educational Tour, July 16 – Aug. 1, 2012. A once in a lifetime trip to Ireland, Great Britain and the Summer 2012 Olympics in London. For more information on this 17 day trip please contact Lenni Billberg at lenni.billberg@k12.sd.us or 605-670-2717.

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.

Millage graduates from Air Force basic training

Air Force Airman Michael J. Millage graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Millage is the son of Kevin and Teresa Millage of Greenfield Road, Vermillion.

He is a 2010 graduate of Vermillion High School.

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