

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

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



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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.

The Vermillion Area Community Foundation is accepting proposals for projects to improve our community. Forms for submitting proposals by groups or organizations are available at the Chamber of Commerce office. While funds available are limited we can fully fund small one time requests or partially fund larger projects. Your annual donations to our Foundation will provide us

with increasing funds each year for worthwhile projects.

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 5:00-7:00 pm 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. 13 from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.
- Sixth Grade winter concert, Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at Vermillion High School.
- Heartland Humane Society "Meet & Greet" dogs up for adoption. Join HHS on Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. near the Santa Pictures station at the

Yankton Mall. Families will be able to do animal photo's with Santa that night from 6 to 8 p.m., and HHS will be there showcasing some of their animals. Proceeds from the pictures that night will benefit HHS. For more information contact Heartland Humane Society 605-664-4244 or email hhs@midconetwork.com. You can check all the animals up for adoption at www.heartlandhumanesociety.net.

- 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!
- 7th & 8th Grade girls basketball vs. Lennox, Thursday, Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. (H).

• Music Recital: Kate Mathews presents her senior double bass recital, Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall at USD Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.

• National Music Museum (NMM) Brown Bag Lunch Program, Friday, Dec. 16 at 12:05 p.m.

featuring Christmas with The Polka Professor. Audience favorites, Prof. John F. Check, concertina (Vermillion); Prof. John D. Check, tuba (University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg); Prof. Deborah Check Reeves, clarinet (USD); and, Prof. Gary L. Reeves, horn (USD), return to center stage to ring in the season with a joyful Christmas polka-fest!

Location: 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!!

• Annual Christmas Dinner at Main Street Center, 320 W. Main St., Friday, Dec. 16 beginning at 5:15 p.m. Volunteers for serving the meal will be Friends & Supporters from Polaris. Advance tickets available by calling the Main Street Center at 605-624-8072.

- Overeaters Anonymous

meet Saturday, Dec. 17 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.

• Winter Commencement: USD's 36th Winter Commencement, Saturday, Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. in the DakotaDome.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars:

• 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.

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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