

## CHAMBER CHAT

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**Chamber Business:**

Dakota Roots: Are you an employer with workforce needs? Have you considered Dakota Roots as a way to help recruit new employees? The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation with assistance from the Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company is hosting an informational meeting so businesses and workers can learn more about the Dakota Roots program. The meeting will be Friday, Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. at the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation office at 1024 West Cherry Street, Vermillion.

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.

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.

**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.

**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](http://www.heartlandhumanesociety.net) or call 605-664-4244

- **Vermillion Rotary Club Meeting**, Tuesday, Dec. 20 from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.

- **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.

- **South Dakota Men's Basketball** host Peru State University, Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. in the DakotaDome.

**Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!:**

- Dakota Farm Show,

Jan. 4, 5, 6, 2012 at USD DakotaDome.

- **Pancake Sunday** at the Main Street Center, 320 W. Main St., Sunday, Jan. 8, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- **Vermillion Community Martin Luther King Day of Service**, Monday, Jan. 16, 2012. USD students will finish over 20 projects for non-profits and individuals with the help of community volunteers. To help provide supplies, offer monetary donations, or to send employees to help with the MLK Day of Service, visit <http://tinyurl.com/USDM>

LK to pre-register. At this site, one has the option of taking part in service, a hunger banquet, or both. Event check-in begins at 12 p.m. and participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Vermillion Food Pantry. Service projects begin at 1 p.m.; Hunger Banquet at 5:30 p.m.

- **Martin Luther King Day** keynote speaker, Bryant Terry, Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. in MUC Ballroom.

- **Schmeckfest** in Freeman, March 23 & 24 and March 30 & 31, 2012. For more information, visit



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- **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](mailto: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](mailto:vcdc@vermillionchamber.com)*

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