

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

- Parade of Lights, Downtown Vermillion at 6:30 p.m.
- Brown Bag Lunch program, "Holiday Brass," at 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. Free and open to the public.
- Hospital Auxiliary Meeting at 1:30 p.m. at Sanford Vermillion Board Room, 20 S. Plum (administrative entrance).
- Holiday Open House at LumoStudios & Gallery, 2 East Main Street, from 12:30-9 p.m. Check us out at [www.lumostudios.com](http://www.lumostudios.com).
- Music Recital: USD's Truran piano scholars present a fall recital at 7:30 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall, Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

- Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 20 S. Plum St., administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the board room. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles.
- 35th annual Celebration of the St. Lucia Tradition at Dalesburg Lutheran Church, at 3 p.m. Located north of Vermillion at 30595 University Rd.
- Clay County Historical Society is sponsoring "Sweets 'n Treats Cookie Walk" at the Austin-Whittemore House, 15 Austin St., from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Choose your holiday treats from a multitude of selections. House will be decorated for your pleasure.
- Holiday Open House at LumoStudios & Gallery, 2 East Main Street, from 12:30-5:30 p.m. Check us out at [www.lumostudios.com](http://www.lumostudios.com).
- ACT Test, at Vermillion High School.
- Debate: Central Forensics Conference at Sioux Falls Roosevelt.
- Music Recital: Russ Garry presents his senior tuba recital, at 2 p.m. at Colton Recital Hall, Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- Music Recital: Kiley Coyne, Senior Clarinet and Nicole Chlipala, Junior Flute, presents a public recital, at 4 p.m. at Colton Recital Hall, Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- Music Recital: USD senior Devin Patrick, mezzo soprano and junior Jared Mogen, baritone, present their voice recital, at 7 p.m. at Colton Recital Hall, Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

- Holiday Concert: USD's Department of Music presents their annual Holiday Concert, at 3 p.m. at Slagle Hall Aalfs Auditorium. The \$5 price for adults support USD Music Scholarships Funds. Free to children under 12 and any student with an ID from their school.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

- Al-anon meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Linden. For more information, call 624-9764.
- Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m. at Vermillion High School
- USD Woodwind Ensembles Concert: The Bea Arthur Memorial Clarinet Quartet & the Howling Winds Woodwind Quintet, both USD ensembles, join together for this concert in the Danforth Chapel, at 7:30 p.m. Open to the public at no charge.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- Vermillion Rotary Club Meeting from noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.

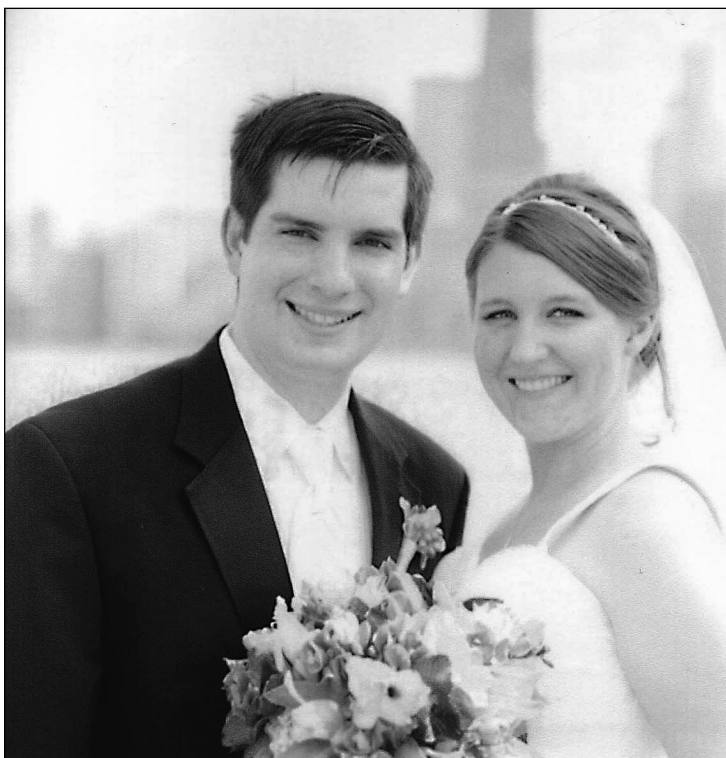
### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- The Department of Labor and Regulation will be hosting a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 504 River Dr., N. Sioux City. The JSAP is a free workshop for people recovering from job loss or enhancing their job search skills. Trained instructors speak on moder-day techniques used to successfully find employment. Topics covered are: resumé and cover letter writing, interviewing etiquette, networking effectively, using social media and much more. Parties interested in attending should register by calling (605) 242-5445 before 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

- Cancer Support Group meeting at 2:30 p.m. in Sletwold Room at Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark St. Call Marcy at 624-8706 for additional information.
- Sixth grade winter concert, 7 p.m. at Vermillion High School Auditorium.

## WEDDINGS



### Anderson-Foote

Sarah Ellen Anderson and Thomas Layton Foote were married on June 30, 2012, at Saint Clement Catholic Church, Chicago, IL. Father Ken Simpson, St. Clements pastor, and Father George Rozum, uncle of the bride concelebrated the wedding mass.

Parents of the couple are Kent and Mary Anderson of Vermillion, SD and Jim and Gail Foote of Barrington, IL.

Maid of Honor was Rosalie Mueller Lammers. Bridesmaids were Brittany Cofell-Dwyer, Theresa Dendinger Bunkers and Catherine Johnson.

Dan Foote, brother of the groom, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Michael Garrison, Jason Hensler and Cameron Muhlenkamp.

Following the wedding

ceremony, a reception was held at the Donovan Reading room at the library on the campus of Loyola University, Chicago, IL.

The couple met at the University of Notre Dame. The bride is a 2009 graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a degree in accounting, Cum Laude and in 2010 a Masters degree in accounting, Magna Cum Laude. She is a CPA and is working as an associate specializing in taxation for high net worth individuals in the Chicago office of WTAS.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame 2009, with a dual degree in economics, Magna Cum Laude, and in finance, Summa Cum Laude. The groom works as an associate specializing in mergers and acquisitions in the investment banking division of BMO Capital Markets in the Chicago office.

# City approves emergency to replace damaged landfill building

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The Vermillion City Council has declared another emergency relating to the fire at the Vermillion Landfill – this time so the damaged building can be removed.

The decision was made at the council's regular meeting on Monday.

City Finance Officer Mike Carlson pointed to state statute 5-18A-9, which says a purchasing agency may make an emergency procurement without advertising the procurement if there is a threat to public safety.

Carlson said landfill manager Bob Iverson has stated his concerns about the building being able to handle any snow, ice or wind this winter, and poses a threat to the landfill's offices.

A state building inspector had the same concerns, Carlson said.

"We don't know what the cost of (removal) is going to be," Carlson said. "The insurance company provides coverage up to \$250,000 for debris removal, which they would be reimbursing."

"The insurance company will want to review any of the bids that we get to determine if they feel that they're reasonable before we go forward," he said.

Specifications for the building removal will be developed, after which time they need to be approved by the insurance company.

Following this, the specifications will be used to solicit quotes from contractors.

Carlson said the city will try to get "at least two quotes" for the project.

The building itself will be considered "debris" and the metal will go to scrap, he said.

"The idea would be to bid for removal, but also to salvage all the metals," Carlson said. "The bailer has a lot of metal and iron in it. All the metal from the beams and such is to be removed and recycled, sold, reused – just not as building (material)."

The new building will not be built on the old concrete where the former building stood.

At the same meeting, Carlson gave the first reading of supplemental appropriations for the revised city budget

for 2012. Included in this were several increases to the Landfill Utility Fund, some of which were necessitated by the fire.

The first was an increased \$200,000 for the purchase of a wheel loader approved by the city council at \$170,000 and the replacement of other items.

The second related to the removal of the baler building, and the third is the balance of the insurance proceeds received to date that were not appropriated in the previous two items.

According to a memo given to the city council members, these proceeds will be reserved for building, equipment and contents replacement next year.

The fire at the Vermillion Landfill occurred the morning of Oct. 22, and was discovered by employees arriving to work. Among the equipment lost in the fire were a small loader, a truck and the bailer.

At the city council meeting held Nov. 19, another emergency was declared to make it easier for the city to replace some fire department gear that was damaged in the fire.

## Vermillion Guard unit has new senior enlisted leader

The South Dakota Army National Guard's 730th Area Support Medical Company has a new first sergeant following a Change of Responsibility ceremony Saturday, Dec. 1, in Vermillion. Outgoing 1st Sgt. Douglas Mahoney passed responsibility to Sgt. 1st Class Michael Rath.

Rath is now the senior non-commissioned officer for the 730th and will advise the unit's commander, Capt. Zachary Hauge, on all enlisted matters.

Rath, who has served in the 730th for 33 years, deployed twice with the 730th (Desert Storm, 1990-1991 and Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2003-2004). He has also served as a medic and overseen missions in places that include: Germany, Honduras, Jamaica, Hurricane Katrina and Suriname. His

promotion to first sergeant is scheduled to be held during January drill.

Rath, lives in Vermillion, with his wife, Corinne. He recently retired from his civilian career as a mechanical supervisor for the University of South Dakota after 34 years.

South Dakota Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Michael Rath (left) accepts a ceremonial sword from Capt. Zach Hauge, 730th Area Support Medical Company commander, during a Change of Responsibility ceremony in Vermillion, S.D., Dec. 1, 2012. The passing of the sword signifies the passing of responsibility from the outgoing senior noncommissioned officer to the incoming. Rath assumed the responsibility of first sergeant from 1st Sgt. Douglas Mahoney.

(SDNG photo by Sgt. Jess Myers)



## CHAMBER CHAT

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### Chamber Business:

Announcement: 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 family.

Friday, December 7  
"The Spirit of Christmas"  
The Special Events Committee for the Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company (VCDC) is sponsoring the 4th Annual "Parade of Lights" in Downtown Vermillion on Fri., Dec. 7 at 6:30 pm. Vermillion area merchants, businesses, schools and organizations are encouraged to put together a float for the parade. The theme is "The Spirit of Christmas", so get your creativity flowing and enter! Entry forms can be found on the VCDC website, [www.vermillionchamber.com](http://www.vermillionchamber.com), or at the Chamber office at 116 Market St. A trophy and \$25 in Vermillion Bucks will be awarded to the winner. Inverters to plug lights into your vehicles are available at Dakota PC Warehouse.

At the end of the parade, Santa and Mrs. Claus will light the community Christmas Tree at Ratingen Platz on Market and Main Streets. After the tree lighting, children and parents are

invited to the Clay County Court House basement for "Stockings for Soldiers", an opportunity to make a FREE ornament to take home, and to decorate a stocking for a soldier serving overseas, sponsored by the Vermillion Public Library. (Due to the Library renovation, the craft will be held in the Court House basement.)

Also on Saturday, December 8, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., FREE pictures with Santa will be available at HyVee.

Monday, December 10  
Please join Best Western Vermillion Inn (former Comfort Inn) for a Grand Re-Opening Celebration and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the completion of their renovation and 20th Anniversary in business on Monday, Dec. 10 at 701 W Cherry St. The celebration with snacks, treats, refreshments and door prizes will be from 5 to 7 p.m. and the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be at 5:30 p.m.

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 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.



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