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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 St. Limited to two bundles per family.

Business After Hours hosted by USD Alumni Association at Carey's, 18 West Main St., Thursday, will be Dec. 6 from 5:30-7 p.m. Please join us to make new contacts, socialize, find out what the USD Alumni Association is all about, and view 'Pride, Persistence and Progress' the 150-year history of The University of South Dakota by Ann Grauvogl. Cold refreshments and a slice of R-Pizza will be served. RSVP at www.usdalumni.com or call 677-6734 by Nov. 30.



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The Special Events Committee for the Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company is sponsoring the fourth annual "Parade of Lights" in Downtown Vermillion on Friday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m. 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.c om, or at the Chamber office at 116 Market St. A trophy and \$25 in Vermillion Bucks will be awarded to the winner. Deadline to enter is Dec. 3. 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, Dec. 8, from 12:30-2:30 p.m., free pictures with Santa will be available at HyVee.

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 5-7 p.m. on a weeknight and the hosting business provides hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. If interested, contact Ann at annb@vermillionchamber. com or at 624-5571.

Announcements: Volunteers are needed

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to help deliver meals for Dakota Senior Meals on an ongoing basis. If you are interested in volunteering or if you are with a community organization that might be interested in supplying volunteers, call Verna at Dakota Senior Meals at 624-7868.

Dakota Hospital Foundation (DHF) Wreath Decorating Contest. Participants may submit a live or artificial wreath up to 26 inches in diameter decorated to your personal style or theme of choice. Vermillion Bucks prizes for Individual, Business and Best of Show. Decorated wreaths with completed Wreath Contest registration form must be submitted on Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (If earlier drop-off is needed, call ahead for



arrangements). All wreaths entered will be auctioned at the DHF Tree of Lights Open House and Wreath Auction on Thursday, Dec. 6. Social hour at 5 p.m., auction at 6 p.m. at the Al Neuharth Media Center on USD campus. Registration form and other details can be found at sanfordvermillion.org. All proceeds will assist in funding the new Sanford Arts program at Sanford Vermillion.

Wed, Dec. 12 - St. Agnus Catholic School, Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. at School gym.

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