# 4-H Club To Liven Up W.H. Over Museum Christmas Festival

For the Plain Talk

The W.H. Over Museum in Vermillion is once again ready to kick-off the holiday season with their annual Christmas festival Sunday from 1-4:30

The experience is free and open to the public.

The festival includes a variety of unique vendors, bake sale, hospitality table and entertainment by various groups such as the Vermillion Area Dance Organization.

"The vendors are really neat," said Julie Fallan, leader of the Meckling Livestock 4-H club. "Our club provides a couple of kid's activities in the Discovery Room.

The 4-H club has provided activities for children at the museum's Christmas festival for several years and should be fun for all ages.

"They're some simple Christmas decorations and cookies they can frost and put lots of sprinkles on because they always need sprinkles. Our members come and help the kids do this. We've been helping Maxine with that for quite a few years now. The kids are fun to work with."

Along with spreading Christmas cheer, Fallan hopes to kindle some interest in 4-H.

"We haven't been able to get to quite as many activities now that we've lost some of our kids to Shooting Sports," she said. "That's a very active club too so they do a lot of community service and they meet very often because they're shooting, doing archery and rifles and BB so it's really neat that they can provide that

According to the official 4-H website, 4-H is a global program aimed at youth development and meeting community needs around the world.

'4-H is a really well-rounded activity for kids," Fallan said. "They can join a traditional club like we have in Meckling Livestock or Jolley JJ's or Coyote Cubs in Beresford or Young Producers in Wakonda or they could get into the specialty clubs. Shooting Sports is more of a specialty club although they do all the traditional things like the record books and every kid has to do a presentation, things like that. They have become more of



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Various clubs and organizations decorate special Christmas trees for the W.H. Over Museum's Christmas Festival to take place Sunday including the 4H club who's tree can be seen here on the left.

a traditional club but they have that kind of specialty lean with the Shooting Sports.'

The drop in enrollment is not too alarming for Fallan.

"Our total enrollment went down for a while, but now with shooting sports becoming popular it's getting back up there," she said. "Sports are definitely something that takes away from our enrollment as the kids get older and involved in sports they kind of fall out of the 4-H program.

The requirements we want the kids to meet is getting to four meetings a year in different months and then doing a presentation for their club, participating in some county event which may be doing an exhibit at the fair or even just helping with the fruit sales that we do in February and March. That's our big fundraiser for the year."

According to Fallan who has had her children participate in 4-H, sports interest is no reason to leave the club

"It can fit in with your sports life," she said. "You don't have to give it up. I think it's a good thing because a lot of 4-H is stressing community service. We want the kids to learn that service is good for the community but it also

makes you feel good when you do things like that. Us being able to set up different activities in that community service idea can get them involved in little ways and then when they go off to college they can get into some kind of club that does more or maybe volunteer at their local food pantry or something because they have seen how this helps the community over these 4-H years and makes them feel good about themselves that they're helping somebody else.

Regular community service activities for the 4-H include participating in Meals on Wheels twice a year, an annual food drive in October and donating from their fruit sales.

Eligibility for 4-H is determined by age not grade and there is no cost to

"You need to be eight years old by January 1 to join 4-H.," Fallan said.
"Then you go until 19 by January 1. Erika is in her 11th year of 4-H. She just turned 18 in August so she actually can be in it this year even though she's in her first year of college.'

For more information on this particular chapter of 4-H, contact Colleen at the Clay County Extension office at

COURTESY PHOTO

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At the Campaign Kick Off held in August, Collier-Wise shared information with staff regarding all the organizations that benefit from United Way funding and the impact these dollars make within the community.

Olson, chair for the Sanford Vermillion United Way campaign set several goals including a total campaign of \$18,601 and 90 employee donations. The campaign well exceeded goal and employee participation came very close with 87 pledges.

"We continue to encourage United Way pledges from staff. I am so proud of the commitment from our staff every year. Beyond the financial support, we also have many individuals who share their time and talents through volunteering at many of the local organizations supported by United Way of Vermillion," said Olson.
"Every year, we're overwhelmed by the generosity of

Sanford and its employees. Thousands of people in our area will benefit because of their commitment to giving back to the community," said Collier-Wise.

#### **Celebration Of St. Lucia Planned**

Dalesburg Scandinavian Association welcomes you to its 38th Celebration of the St. Lucia Tradition on Saturday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m. at Dalesburg Lutheran Church, 30595 University Road, north of Vermillion. The celebration will feature a Lucia Court with one girl being crowned Lucia for the event. There will be a program with a Scandinavian theme and a buffet of Scandinavian food. A freewill collection will be received for area food pantries. The celebration remembers the generosity and commitment of St. Lucia to those in need and to her faith. For information or in case of inclement weather, call 605-253-2575.

#### **CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT**

SUNDAY, NOV. 22 10:00 a.m. - A deputy responded to a report of a vehicle sliding off a minimum maintenance road and damaging a fence. The driver left the scene but the vehicle was left behind. The driver was located the following day and was cited for failure to report an

10:08 p.m. - A caller reported being stuck on a minimum maintenance road. He was unable to get a tow service to pull the car out since they could not get to the vehicle without also become stuck. A deputy responded and gave the man a ride to a motel and gave him information to assist in finding a tow service to get the vehicle out.

MONDAY, NOV. 23
4:16 p.m. - A deputy mediated a neighbor dispute south of Vermillion where one neighbor threatened to shoot another's dog. Both parties were cautioned to resolve the matter as peacefully as possible. The dog owner indicated he intends to move away as soon as possible. The other neighbor was discouraged from shoot-

ing the dog in the meantime.
4:19 p.m. - A deputy responded to a report of horses out south of Wakonne owner could not be l a neighbor agreed to help corral the horses. 4:34 p.m. - A deputy investigated a

report of a parking complaint in Bur-

bank. The vehicle was no longer in the area upon the deputy's arrival

5:28 p.m. - A deputy investigated a minor non-injury two vehicle crash north of Vermillion. 7:19 p.m. - A deputy responded to a car vs deer crash on Hwy 46.

#### TUESDAY, NOV. 24 9:39 a.m. - A deputy transported an

inmate to the hospital for a scheduled appointment. 12:31 p.m. - A deputy transported an inmate from the Clay County Jail to the SD State Penitentiary in Sioux

Falls to serve a prison sentence. 7:36 p.m. - A deputy and a SDHP trooper responded to a car vs deer crash on Hwy 19. The deer was severely injured and had to be eutha-

### **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25**

8:43 a.m. - An inmate was transported to the dentist for a scheduled appointment.

6:34 p.m. - A deputy responded to a report of debris in the roadway on Hwy 50. The debris was located and removed. THURSDAY, NOV. 26

8:13 p.m. - A deputy responded to a car vs deer crash on Hwy 19.
10:48 p.m. - A deputy responded to

a domestic dispute that was occurring at a residence north of Vermillion. was discovered that the man called 911 after his girlfriend threatened to

damage his vehicles. No physical violence or threat of physical violence had occurred. The man eventually agreed to leave the house for the night to deescalate the situation.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 27

1:37 p.m. - An inmate with two Clay County warrants was transported from the Yankton County Jail to the Clay 5:36 p.m. - A caller requested infor-

mation about obtaining a protection order. A deputy provided information about a protection order and other options such as temporary lodging.

### CHAMBER CHAT

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS** You can now go to: www

LiveVermillion.com and click on the tab "Things to Do" in the center of the page. It takes you directly to the community calendar of events listing all of the area's posted events. If your event is not listed, this page will allow you to submit an event to be included.

• Prairie Business magazine announces "40 Under 40" list: The Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company is proud to congratulate our own, Gerry Tracy, for being named to the Prairie Business "40 Under 40" honoree list. Gerry has served on the VCDC Board of Directors since 2010 and currently serves as the Past President for the VCDC's Board of Directors' Executive Committee.

 The kettles have arrived! Keep an eye out and change handy as the Salvation Army bell ringers start appearing around our community this weekend. Consider signing up to help:

http://www.signupgenius.com/ go/20f0f4ba8a722abf94-2015 Hundreds of hats and scarves have been spotted in cities that are going to experience freezing temps this year. Do you have a few scarves that you don't use anymore? Vermillion has started hanging scarves, hats or mittens in Prentis Park on the corner of Plum and Main (across from Sanford) for those people that may need extra warmth this winter. The message attached to one of the scarves says: ' am not lost! If you are stuck out in the cold, please take this to keep warm!" Please put a nice note on your scarf to give away. Let's see if we can fill the trees Please be respectful of the

• Veteran's Holiday Relief Drive: hosted in partnership with S.D. American Legion Aux-

greeting tag

hold and essential items welcome: bed sheets, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags, small appliances, alarm clock, hygiene products, warm apparel

-Monetary Donations: checks payable and mailed to: Donations: American Legion Auxiliary Unit Attn: Vets Relief Drive, c/o Marie Anne Ben, 16 E. Bloomingdale St., Vermillion, SD 57069. For more information: autumn.simunek@misssd.org; 605-890-3093. Vermillion dropoff locations: Broadcaster/Plain Talk, 201 W. Cherry St.; Main Street Center, 320 W. Main St.

• The Vermillion Public Library is offering amnesty to patrons owing fines in the month of December in exchange for donations of personal care items to the Vermillion Food Pantry and the Domestic Violence Safe Options Services.

### **EVENTS**

Redeemable anywhere in the U.S. at supermarkets, meat markets & restaurants for American Beef

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iliary and Autumn Šimunek, Miss South Dakota, to benefit homeless and at-risk Veterans and Military Families. Contrib-

ute "Buddy Basket(s)": -Home-warming welcome recipe: assemble a laundry basket/waste basket filled with paper towels, laundry deterhousehold cleaners, rubber gloves light bulbs, dust pan w/hand brush, flashlight/ batteries, shower curtain w/ rings, bath towel set, bathroom tissue, dishes, eating utensils, dish soap, dish towel set-frosted with clear wrap/bow and

-Substitute or single houseand socks, shopping gift cards

FRIDAY, Dec. 4
• Parade Of Lights: "Light Up Vermillion" - 6:30 p.m., Down-

town Vermillion

The Special Events Committee for the Vermillion Area and Development Company (VCDC) is sponsoring the 7th Annual "Parade of Lights. CorTrust will be serving hot cocoa again this year, before and after the parade. At the end of the parade, Santa and Mrs. Claus will light the community Christmas Tree at Ratingen Platz on the corner of Market and Main Streets. After the tree lighting, children and parents are invited to the Edith B. Siegrist Public Library for an opportunity to make a holiday craft. Please bring a donation for the Vermillion Food Pantry.

Oral Interpretation State Contest - Sturgis, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4-5, 8 a.m. • Holiday show! NMM Live! -

Noon, National Music Museum The National Music Museum presents the South Dakota Brass Quintet. Free and open to the public
• Clay County Historical So-

ciety Tour of Homes – Friday, Dec. 4, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets available at Austin-

Whittemore House, Nook n Cranny and Vermillion Beauty Shop. Tour of Homes includes: Lindsey and Doug Jennewein-322 Forest; Jessica and Tyler Messersmith-24 S. Harvard; Carrie and Tony Roerig-19 S. University; and Teresa Stephenson-323 Crawford Rd. Refreshments served at Austin-Whittemore House following the tour.

USD Theatre presents "Young Frankenstein" - 7:30 p.m., Wayne S. Knutson Theatre, Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts. For ticket information, call 677-5418 USD Symphony Orchestra

in Concert, Friday, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m., Aalfs Auditorium in Slagle

SATURDAY, Dec. 5

• "Lunch With Santa" – 12:30-2:30 p.m., Vermillion HyVee Children 11 and under are encouraged to enter a coloring contest for a chance to have "Lunch with Santa", sponsored by HyVee, on Saturday, Dec. 5 at HyVee and to meet him before Christmas. Also on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 12:30 to 2:30, bring the children for FREE pictures with Santa at HyVee by Peterman Photography. For more information please call the VCDC office at 605-624-

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tion, call 677-5418 USD Women's Basketball vs Portland State, 2 p.m. @S.F. VHS Wrestling:

Roosevelt Invite, 9 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous 9 a.m., Newman Center-USD Campus, 320 E. Cherry Street

Across from the MUC at the corner of Rose and Cherry St. (West Door-straight through double glass doors on left and first door on left; North Door-down hall to left and first door on left). Description: Overeaters Anonymous is a 12 step program for people with eating

disorders and struggles.

• Essential Oils Workshop – 2-4 p.m., Edith B. Siegrist Ver-

million Public Library
Participants will be introduced to common essential oils and their uses. Registration encouraged. Stop by the Circulation Desk, or call the 677-7060 to register and for more information.

 "A Poker Alice Christmas" – 8 p.m., Gayville Hall, Gayville

For ticket information, call

**SUNDAY, DEC. 6** • USD Theatre presents "Young Frankenstein" –2 p.m., S. Knutson Theatre, Wayne Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts. For ticket information, call 677-5418. Annual Christmas Festival

 1-4:30 p.m., Sponsored by Friends of the W. H. Over Mu-seum. Decorated trees, vendor fair and entertainment.

 USD Music Department Annual Holiday Concert – 2 p.m., Wayne S. Knutson Theare, Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts.

MONDAY, DEC. 7
• Welcome Table – 5:30-7
p.m., First United Methodist Church, 16 N. Dakota St. A free meal on Mondays. The

public is invited to enjoy fellowship and food prepared and served by volunteer groups. Groups interested in volunteering to serve at the Welcome Table can contact John Lushbough at 605-670-0958 or email: jlushbough@gmail.com. For more information, visit:

www.welcometable.org • Rymma Maslova Senior Piano Recital – 7:30 p.m., Colton Recital Hall, Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts

 Al-anon meeting – 7:30 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church. For more information, call 624-9764

#### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9 Downtown Holiday Stroll 5-8 p.m., Downtown Vermil-

Merchants will have sales and specials for the 'wish-list' shopping. Buy that night, fill out a wish-list and get what you really want for the Holidays...or both! Everyone is welcome and invited to enjoy all Downtown Vermillion has to offer! https:// www.facebook.com/downtownholidaystroll/

### THURSDAY, DEC. 10

• CorTrust Bank Holiday Open House – 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., CorTrust Bank

Please join us on Thursday, Dec. 10 for our 2015 Holiday Open House. We look forward to seeing our friends and customers while enjoying Hot Cider and Holiday Treats.

# **Holiday Deadlines**

Plain Talk deadline for December 25 issue will be Monday, December 21 at 3 p.m. for all display, classified ads & news articles.

Plain Talk deadline for the January 1 issue will be Monday, December 28 at 3 p.m. for all display, classified ads & news articles.

Our offices will close at noon on December 24 and be closed all day on December 25.

Our offices will close at 3 p.m. on December 31 and be closed all day on January 1.



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