



Pictured are Nancy Ellison, lab manager, Cheryl Rusher, January Employee of the Month, and Veronica Schmidt, director of ancillary services, Sanford Vermillion.

Rusher is Sanford Vermillion January 2010 PRIDE employee

Cheryl Rusher, medical technologist, Sanford Vermillion, was selected as the January 2010 PRIDE Employee of the Month. Cheryl has been employed at Sanford Vermillion since February 2008.

The following comments were shared in nominations for Rusher. "Cheryl is a great asset to Sanford Vermillion. She is a very dedicated employee. Cheryl will always take extra time with patients to help them with any concerns they may have. She is always on top of any new procedure, equipment or service that will improve patient care. Cheryl is fairly new to SVMC but she has brought many new ideas to improve things in the facility."

"Cheryl is a kind and conscientious employee. We are fortunate to have her as a member of the lab team," said Nancy Ellison, laboratory department manager, Sanford Vermillion Medical Center.

Cheryl is a native of Ramona. She is married to Ryan Rusher and they reside in Yankton.

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Chamber Business

Ribbon Cutting at the W.H. Over Museum on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. for a new exhibit of pastel renderings of Spearfish Canyon by Yankton artist Janet Jensen.

VCDC Annual Banquet will be held Friday, Feb. 19 at the Eagles Club, Vermillion. Social from 5 to 6 p.m. with dinner and program to follow. Featured speaker is Cinda Baxter, founder of the 3/50 Project. Visit www.the350project.net for more information. Cost is \$30/person. Contact Carly at 624-5571 or carlyh@vermillionchamber.com.

Business After Hours: Are you looking for an opportunity to show off 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 Carly at: carlyh@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

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VCDC Committees: Are you interested in becoming more active with the VCDC and in the community? Join one of our new committees! We currently have two new committees that we are searching for great volunteers. These committees are the Special Events Committee and the Legisla-

tive Affairs Committee. If you love event planning, the Special Events Committee is for you! This committee will work to plan and promote special events that the VCDC hosts such as the Annual Fourth of July Celebration, the Annual Golf Social, and the Annual Banquet. Are you interested in the legislative issues that affect Clay County and local businesses? The Legislative Affairs Committee will work to stay up to date on such issues and keep the VCDC membership informed. If you are interested in either of these committees or would like more information, please contact Carly at carlyh@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

This Weeks Happenings!

- Hospital Auxiliary Meetings held first Friday of every month at Care Center Dining Room, 125 Walker Street at 2 p.m. The February meeting will be held Friday, Feb. 5.
- USD Men's Basketball at SIU-Edwardsville in Edwardsville, IL, Friday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.
- High school boy's basketball vs. Madison Friday, Feb. 5 at 4:45 p.m.
- High School Wrestling at Crofton, NE Friday, Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m.
- USD Track & Field - John Dalton Invite Saturday, Feb. 6 at the DakotaDome - all day.
- JH Wrestling at Bon Homme Saturday, Feb. 6 at 10 a.m.
- Gamelan workshop for Tatag (USD Gamelan Ensemble) with Joko Sutrisno, music director, Indonesian Performing Arts Association of Minnesota on Saturday, Feb. 6 at National Music Museum, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Open to the public.
- USD Women's Basketball vs. Seattle University, Saturday, Feb. 6 in Seattle, WA at 4 p.m.
- Sanford Vermillion Medical Center Community Health & Wellness Fair in collaboration with USD Health Professions program students on Sat., Feb. 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lee Medicine Building, corner of Dakota & Clark St. Screenings/vendor booths and information displays, and much, much more. Drawing to win a Wii Station and Wii Fit Program. Healthy Cooking Demo at 11 a.m. Win 10-piece cookware set.

Next Weeks Happenings!

- High School Girl's Basketball vs. West Central Monday, Feb. 8 at 5 p.m.
- USD Women's Basketball vs. University of Sioux Falls, Monday, Feb. 8 in DakotaDome at 7 p.m. (rescheduled from Jan. 25).
- JH Wrestling at Yankton Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 4 p.m.
- High School Boy's/Girl's Basketball at Dakota Valley Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 4 p.m.
- February Film Festival at Vermillion Public Library Wednesday, Feb. 10 in the Community Room at 6:30 p.m. featuring Akeelah and the Bee. Free and open to the public. Hot drinks/popcorn provided.
- Seventh/Eighth Grade Boy's Basketball at Yankton Thursday, Feb. 11 at 4:15 p.m.
- High School Wrestling at Sioux Falls Washington Thursday, Feb. 11 at 5:15 p.m.
- USD Women's Basketball vs. Chicago State Thursday, Feb. 11 in the DakotaDome at 6 p.m.
- USD Men's Basketball vs. Chicago State Thursday, Feb. 11 in DakotaDome at 8 p.m.
- Music Concert - USD's Symphonic Band and Percussion Ensembles join forces for a spring concert Thursday, Feb. 11 at Vermillion High School at 7:30 p.m. Open to the public at no charge.
- High School Boy's/Girl's Basketball vs. Harrisburg Friday, Feb. 12, 4 p.m.

- High School Gymnastics Region at Mitchell Friday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
- Harrisonville Show Choir Invitational at Harrisonville, MO, Saturday, Feb. 13 (TBA).
- Cedar River second annual Valentine Round Dance Contest 2010 Saturday, Feb. 13, 1 p.m. registration, 5 p.m. meal at Vermillion National Guard Armory, 603 Princeton St. Call 605-638-6302 for more information. \$4 cover charge. Proceeds will go in part for urban teen H.I.V. prevention & education.
- USD Women's Tennis vs. University of Missouri-Kansas City in Kansas City, MO, Saturday, Feb. 13 at 3 p.m.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

- Preservation Wednesdays - The Clay County Historic Preservation Commission and the Clay County Historical Society are presenting the second Annual Series of Historic Presentations. A presentation by Tom Reasoner entitled "Additions to Historic Buildings, Threat or Menace?" will be Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. Meeting place has been changed to the conference room at the Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company located at 116 Market Street.
- A Chorus Line - a heartfelt salute to the Broadway gypsy with music and lyrics by Marvin Hamlisch and Edward Kleban playing Feb. 26, 27, March 1, 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Wayne S. Knutson Theatre, USD. Admission: \$12 adults; \$8 youth (K-12); \$5 USD students with ID. Call 677-5400 for reservations.

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.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Rotary learns of AWOL program

The Vermillion Rotary Club met for its weekly meeting on Tuesday at noon in its usual venue, the Freedom Forum on the USD campus. After a noon meal of meatloaf and the trimmings, the meeting was opened by President David Lorenz, who led in reciting the Boy Scout prayer and the Rotary Four-Way Test, which is a Rotary list of moral standards for our professional and personal lives.

Our opening songs of "You're a Grand Old Flag," and "Vive Le Rotary" were led by Joe Edelen and were sung acapella.

President Lorenz also welcomed four Vermillion High School seniors to our meeting, who introduced themselves and spoke about their plans for the future. After some good-natured ribbing, for which fines were levied by Sergeant-at-Arms Al Pravecsek, Barry Vickery introduced our program.

This week's program was presented by the A.W.O.L. program at the University of South Dakota, a program that quite unlike the military acronym meaning "Absent With-Out Leave," provides an "Alternate Week of Off-campus Learning" for students by providing educational opportunities to travel to different cultural areas of the world and of the United States.

The purpose is for the students to learn to interact with these different cultures and cultural situations while seeking to provide some help to the folks living in those situations. Our program was introduced by Jacquie Lonning, who serves as the coordinator for academic engagement in the university's Center for Academic

Engagement, and as advisor for the A.W.O.L. program which also has its own executive board made up of interested students. Donielle Gustafson, Americorps Vista member and staff advisor for the AWOL program, assisted in the presentation.

The center of the AWOL presentation on Tuesday were reports from students who participated in the program over the Christmas break. Eric Wiedenman spent Jan. 3-11 working in inner-city Chicago, learning to work with inner-city poverty and gang issues in the Chicago community. Eric spoke of several programs seeking to reach inner-city youth and how the experience was life-changing for him with respect to what he plans to do with the rest of his own life.

Jessica Kokesh spent the same dates in the Central American country of Belize, in the area of San Ignacio. Here she and the other 15 members of the USD AWOL group spent their days in hard labor as they cleaned up and painted school buildings, worked to plaster a building made of sandbags, helped lay irrigation pipe, and helped build a road to a new orphanage being run on very limited funds. She felt that her contributions were worthwhile and found much to learn in the culture of the area.

After the presentation of this interesting program, which gave new meaning to "AWOL" to many of our Rotary members, we closed with the usual singing of the first stanza of "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

By Rev. Robert Grossman Providence Reformed Church

There are several important lessons to learn from the recent disaster in Haiti, lessons that actually are common to the series of disasters that seem continuously to plague mankind, but to which most of us just seem to close our eyes and minds. The first of these lessons is humility. We simply do not run the world, and it is foolish arrogance to think otherwise. We have no more power to stop earthquakes than have previous generations. Yet, we live in a part of the world where things go the way we want them to go so much of the time that we begin to think that we are the cause of our own success. How ironic! We hunker down helplessly one day under an ice storm, not able to stop one raindrop, and the next day we are deciding to spend billions on manmade "climate control."

The fact is that God controls the world, and He not only does not consult with us, He tells us why things hap-

pen the way they do. Jesus specifically tells us that the age in which we live will be characterized by "wars and rumors of wars," "because 'nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines, pestilences and earthquakes in various places' (Mat. 24:6-7). This is exactly what has been happening the last 2,000 years and yet many of us tend to look down upon those who take the Bible to be true in what it says. This is the second lesson; we have no means to understanding history if we do not listen to the God who rules it.

Well then, why do these bad things happen? I'm glad you asked, because God tells us that He brings these disasters upon the earth to wake us all up to the fact that we are sinners who need to repent and seek forgiveness from Him. Jesus said, "Those 18 upon up the tower in Siloam fell and killed them,

do you think they were sinners more than all men who dwell in Jerusalem, I tell you. No, but unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:4-5). In verse 1-3 of the same chapter He says the same thing about people who were cruelly murdered by Pontius Pilate. In other words, "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23), and there is no human being, man, woman or child who will escape it, because we are all sinners. Some would like to tell us that death is normal, but the vast outpouring of sympathy for victims of disasters tell us that this is poppycock. None of us like the idea of dying.

These verses in Luke 13 also tell us that folks who suffer disasters are not worse than the rest of us. Are they sinners, worse than the rest of you? Jesus asks, and answers His own question with "No way." Another time His disciples asked, "Who sinned, this man or his parents, because

he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither one but that the works of God might be displayed clearly." Not only are these things under God's control, God's purpose is that by knowing this we will have real comfort in the face of our own uncertainty. Image the difference between Daniel going into the lion's den, or David going into battle with the sure knowledge that God is with him, compared to the terror of believing that this is just a roll of the dice.

The fact is that we do have the comfort of God's presence no matter whether we survive great danger, or we die, as we all will some day. This is because while the "wages of sin is death," Romans 6:23 goes on to say, "but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." You and I can go through life knowing and believing the real God, or we can make life a roll of the dice. This choice is ours, but reality isn't. Haiti did happen.

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