



Card shower

Helen Brown will be celebrating her 80th birthday on Feb. 24. Her family is requesting a card shower in her honor. Cards may be sent to 221 Walker Street, Vermillion, SD 57069.



Serving at Welcome Table

The staff at Dakota Realty recently helped serve visitors to the weekly Welcome Table in Vermillion. Pictured are Barb Inacio, Melvin Waltz, Tonya Madsen, Kris O'Connor, Glynis Erickson, Brenda Job, Crystal McGuire and Hazen Bye.

Crazy Horse Journalism Workshop set for April 19-23

Native American high school students planning to attend college and curious about media careers will learn firsthand about higher education opportunities and journalism during a week-long workshop this April at Crazy Horse Memorial in South Dakota's Black Hills.

Journalists and educators from around the country will volunteer their time to teach a condensed course about the fundamentals of journalism at the Crazy Horse Journalism Workshop, April 19-23, 2010. Students will attend for free and will be selected through an application process. High school juniors and seniors, regardless of where they live, will be given preference.

Students, under the guidance of experienced mentors, will report and write articles, take photographs and produce multimedia projects that will be published online and printed in a newspaper. They also will learn about preparing for success in college and opportunities in the news and information industry.

The conference was created by the South Dakota Newspaper Association and is funded primarily by the Freedom Forum. Co-sponsors include Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation and journalism programs at South Dakota State University and the University of South Dakota.

The April 2010 workshop

will be the 11th annual journalism program held at Crazy Horse Memorial and will replace the Native American Journalism Career Conference, which attracted 1,169 high school and college students since 2000 and was designed to inspire Native American students to dream about the future and consider journalism as a career.

This year's workshop will focus on Native American high school students who want to continue their education and be equipped for success in college and in careers that follow. Students will receive classroom instruction, attend presentations and be put to work in a functioning newsroom, set up temporarily at the Crazy Horse facility.

"More American Indians are needed in journalism to improve the accuracy, breadth and depth of media coverage about Native people and issues," said Jack Marsh, vice president of the Freedom Forum. "The workshop organizers are committed to guiding and inspiring young people to continue their education and pursue journalism as a fulfilling and important career."

Students interested in attending the workshop, or schools interested in nominating students, should contact Janine Harris at 605/677-5424 or jharris@freedomforum.org by Feb. 26 for application information.

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Chamber Business:

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 @ 624-5571 or carlyh@vermillionchamber.com

Cracker Barrel Sessions will be held on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Vermillion Public Library and on Saturday, March 6 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Vermillion Fire Hall Station conference room. Sponsors include VCDC, VFW Auxiliary, Delta Kappa Gamma, Clay County Democrats & Clay County Republicans

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.

Did you know VCDC members can receive a discount if they already use or start using Constant Contact to help you keep in touch with your customers through email marketing? Contact us at 624-5571 or go to: <http://www.constantcontact.com/chambermembers/index.jsp?pn=vermchamber>

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 Legislative 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

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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 Week's Happenings

- High School Boy's/Girl's Basketball vs. Harrisburg Friday, Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. (H)
- High School Bowling vs. Brandon Friday, Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. (H)
- High School Gymnastics Region at Mitchell Friday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. (T)
- Harrisonville Show Choir Invitational at Harrisonville, MO, Saturday, Feb. 13 (TBA) (T)
- 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.
- Heartland Humane Society Hosts Meet & Greet with Shelter Animals Saturday, Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at shelter office, 601 ? Burleigh St., Yankton. Animals will be available for adoption. Call 605-664-4244 for more information.
- USD Women's Tennis vs. University of Missouri-Kansas City in Kansas City, MO, Saturday, Feb. 13 at 3 p.m. (T)

Next Week's Happenings

- USD Women's Tennis vs. University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS, Sunday, Feb. 14 at 3 p.m. (T)
- USD Women's Basketball vs SDSU Monday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. (T)
- Seventh/Eighth Grade Boy's Basketball vs. Elk Point-Jefferson Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 4 p.m. (H)
- Film Festival at the Vermillion Public Library Wednesday, Feb. 17 in the Community Room at 6:30 p.m. featuring Tuskegee Airman. Free and open to the public. Hot drinks/popcorn provided.
- Music Recital Wednesday, Feb. 17 at Colton Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. with guest artist Elizabeth Grayson and USD Professor Rick Piersall.
- 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. Meet-

ing place has been changed to the Conference Room at the Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company located at 116 Market Street.

- Seventh/Eighth Grade Boy's Basketball vs. Dakota Valley Thursday, Feb. 18 at 4 p.m. (T)
- USD Women's Basketball vs. Utah Valley Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. at the DakotaDome (H).
- USD Men's Basketball vs. Utah Valley Thursday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. at the DakotaDome (H).
- Brown Bag Lunch at National Music Museum Friday, Feb. 19 at 12:05 p.m. featuring P.D.Q. Bach's Lunch: A Quodlibet of Treats. The program includes an unusual combination of instruments combining elements from Western musical traditions, popular culture, and slapstick. Free and open to the public.
- Fun & Games at the Vermillion Public Library will be held in the Community Room on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. Adults and youth ages 12 and up will play board games and put jigsaw puzzles together. Challenging and interesting games and puzzles available. Drinks and snacks will be provided.
- USD Women's Tennis vs. SW Minnesota State University Saturday, Feb. 20 in Sioux City, IA at 2 p.m. (T)

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars

- Spagetti Benefit Dinner for Big Friend-Little Friend, Inc. of Clay & Union County Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the Eagles Club in Vermillion. Social 5 to 6 p.m.; meal 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets: \$5; available in Vermillion at Hy-Vee, Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company, PrintSource, Eagles Club, Civic Council and in Elk Point at Pioneer Drug/Edgar's. All proceeds go to Big Friend-Little Friend, Inc.
- 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.

Herseth Sandlin accepting summer intern applications

U.S. Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin is accepting applications for summer internships in her Washington DC, Aberdeen, Rapid City and Sioux Falls offices. South Dakota natives who are current college students are strongly encouraged to apply. Rep. Herseth Sandlin said, "Any young South Dakotan interested in public policy or government is encouraged to apply for an internship with my office. In addition to a firsthand look at the workings of the federal government, interns will learn how my office works to meet the needs of South Dakotans."

The Washington DC internship will offer direct exposure to a wide range of duties in a Congressional office, including firsthand experience with many aspects of the federal government. The state office internships include involvement in day-to-day contact with and outreach to South

Dakotans who need assistance with a federal government program. Interns can work full or part-time and academic credit is available. A housing stipend is provided to Washington DC interns. The deadline to apply is March 19.

To download an application, visit: http://hersethsandlin.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=51&Itemid=73 Interested individuals can also contact: Erika Hoxeng, U.S. Representative Stephanie Herseth Sandlin; Email: Erika.Hoxeng@mail.house.gov; Phone: (202) 225-2801.

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