

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

Cracker Barrel Session will be held Saturday, March 6, 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 at Raziels on Tuesday, March 9 from 5 to 7 p.m.

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.

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 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!

Press Release: Vermillion Police Caution Drivers About Pedestrian Crosswalks: By law, an operator of a vehicle is required to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing a highway within any clearly marked crosswalk. According to Art Mabry, Vermillion Police Chief, "although this is a dangerous situation at any crosswalk, the crosswalk on Cherry Street at the intersection of Norbeck St. is especially dangerous and is the focus of many complaints." The crosswalk is heavily used by pedestrians with physical disabilities that tend to increase the amount of time they need to cross Cherry St. which was recently widened. Any observed violations will be strictly enforced. The Department will also follow up on complaints from pedestrians who witness vio-

lations. Contact Art Mabry, 677-7070

- High School Boy's Basketball vs Canton Friday, Feb. 26 at 4:30 p.m.
- High School State "A" Wrestling Friday, Feb. 26 and Saturday, Feb. 27 in Rapid City.

- A Chorus Line—a heartfelt salute to the Broadway gypsy with music & lyrics by Marvin Hamlisch & 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.

- USD Track & Field-Great West Conference Saturday, Feb. 27 at DakotaDome. All day.

- USD Women's Tennis Northern Illinois University and University of Northern Iowa Saturday, Feb. 27 all day.

- USD Women's/Men's Basketball vs. Chicago State Saturday, Feb. 27 in Chicago, IL at 2 and 4:30 p.m.

- Schedule: Vermillion Show Choir Invitational, Saturday, Feb. 27 at Vermillion High School Auditorium: Sioux City East, Impulse – 9 a.m.; SF O'Gorman, Knightlights – 9:30 a.m.; SF Washington, Stagelights – 10 a.m.; Aberdeen Central, Special Request – 10:30 a.m.; Sioux City East, New Sound – 11 a.m.; Ruthven-Ayrshire, Raider Rhythm – 11:30 a.m.; Lunch Break; Elk Point Jefferson, SshhaaBAM – 1 p.m.; SF Roosevelt, Executive Suite – 1:30 p.m.; Sioux City East, Headliners – 2 p.m. Aberdeen Central, Eagle Express – 2:30 p.m.; SF O'Gorman, Ovation; 3 p.m.; SF Washington, Classic Connection – 3:30 p.m.; Vermillion MS, Music In Motion – 4 p.m.; Paradise Fears – 4:15 p.m. (in Gym); Announce Finals – 4:40 p.m. (in Gym) Dinner Break; Finalist #1 – 6:30 p.m.; Finalist #2 – 7 p.m.; Finalist #3 – 7:30 p.m.; Finalist #4 – 8 p.m.; Finalist #5 – 8:30 p.m.; Rhythm in Red – 9 p.m.; Announce Awards – 9:25 p.m. \$8/wristband (kindergarten & up), all day entrance.

- Music Recital: Truran Guest Pianist Assaff Weisman who has performed in some of the major venues in Europe, the Middle East and the Americas will perform Sunday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall.

- Public School Early Dismissal Monday, March 1 at 2 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30 to 8 p.m.
- USD Brass Choir & Bon Voyage Jazz Ensembles Concert Wednesday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall. Open to the public at no charge.
- SDHSA Region I Instrumental Concert Wednesday, March 3 at Vermillion High School (TBA).
- High School Boy's Basketball District 8A Thursday, March 4 at 6 p.m. (TBA)
- USD Women's Basketball vs. Texas-Pan American Thursday, March 4 at 6 p.m. in DakotaDome.
- USD Symphony Orchestra in Concert Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Wayne S. Knutson Theatre. Open to the public at no charge.
- USD Men's Basketball vs. Texas-Pan American Thursday, March 4 at 8 p.m. in DakotaDome.
- Hospital Auxiliary Meeting Friday, March 5 at Care Center Dining Room, 125 Walker St., at 2 p.m.
- Middle School All-State Band Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6 in Pierre.
- High School Debate and IE Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6 in Watertown.
- USD Women's Basketball vs. Houston Baptist Saturday, March 6 at 6 p.m. in DakotaDome.
- High School Boy's Basketball District 8A Championship Saturday, March 6 at 7 p.m. (TBA)
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Members of the USD Theatre Department have been busy this week, making final preparations during rehearsal for their upcoming presentation of "A Chorus Line." The show opens Friday, Feb. 26 at the Wayne S. Knutson Theatre on the university campus, with performances at 7:30 p.m. continuing Feb. 27, and March 1 and 2. There is a 2 p.m. matinee on Feb. 28. Pictured are Nichole Jorgensen, Natalie Polisson, and Rebecca Barczak.

Master Gardener training will be offered

South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service will offer Master Gardener training in Vermillion.

The Master Gardener Program is designed for people interested in gardening, and most participants take part to both hone their gardening skills and find ways to contribute to their communities.

The program costs \$160 for an individual or \$210 for two individuals sharing the South Dakota Master Gardener resource manual. Participants attend nine class sessions encompassing more than 60 hours of study. Graduates must complete 50 hours of volunteer service to their county Extension program in order to earn the title Master Gardener. Participants can pay \$500 for the course without the volunteer requirement.

Vermillion training dates will be April 29; May 6, 13, 20, and 27; June 3, 10, 17, and 24. The training sessions will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To register for the Master Gardener training program, call the Yankton County Extension office at (605) 665-3387.

The South Dakota Master Gardener pro-

gram covers lawn care, selection and care of ornamental trees and shrubs, insect, disease, and weed control. The course also addresses the safe use of pesticides, soils and plant nutrition, vegetable, fruit, and flower gardening, plant propagation, and herbaceous plants.

Training includes classroom instruction as well as outdoor learning. Trainees are encouraged to bring plant, insect, and disease samples to share with the class. Participants are encouraged to relate their own gardening experiences with the group so everyone learns from individual experiences.

Participants complete 10 hours of volunteer work each year after graduating the basic course. Volunteer service ranges from answering telephone requests for information, hosting plant clinics, or speaking to groups. Other Master Gardeners assist with demonstration gardens, farmers markets, youth gardens, 4-H activities, or write articles for local newspapers.

Additional application information is available at the Master Gardener Web site at this link: <http://hortmg.sdstate.edu>.

Compiled by Nancy Nelson.
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.

NOTICE
Annual Meeting
of Pleasant Valley Township
will be at Clay Rural Water Plant at 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 2, 2010
Election of officers and discussion of other business
that may come before the forum.
Orin Abild, clerk

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