CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

Cracker Barrel sessions with our Legislators will be:

- Saturday, Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon at the City Hall Council Chambers at 25 Center Street
- Saturday, Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon at the City Hall Council Chambers at 25 Center Street

Please join us for some great discussion. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary, Clay County Democrats, Clay County Republicans and the VCDC Legislative Affairs Committee.

Attention Vermillion Area Businesses: Support the Academic Awards Night for Greek Academics at the USD Women vs. University of Nebraska-Omaha basketball game on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the DakotaDome. The VCDC will be presenting Coyote Basketball cinch bags to USD Greek Academics students who have achieved perfect 4.0 grades at halftime of the game. The VCDC is filling the bags with coupons and/or items from area businesses. Please show your support of the students' accomplishment. Drop off coupons and/or items at the VCDC office at 116 Market St., or contact the VCDC at (605) 624-5571 or annb@vermillionchamber.co m by Wednesday, Feb. 1. Approximately 80 bags will be distributed to the 4.0 Greek Academic students.

Attention Vermillion Area Businesses: Support the Academic Awards Night for Student-Athletes at the USD Women vs. IPFW basketball game on Monday, Feb. 27, at the DakotaDome. The VCDC will be presenting Coyote Basketball cinch bags to USD student-athletes who have achieved perfect 4.0 grades at halftime of the game. The VCDC is once again filling the bags with

coupons and/or items from area businesses. Please show your support of the student's accomplishment by dropping off coupons and/or items at the VCDC office at 116 Market St., or contact the VCDC at (605) 624-5571

annb@vermillionchamber.co m by Thursday, Feb. 23. Approximately 50 bags will be distributed to the 4.0 student-athletes.

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, please contact annb@vermillionchamber.co m or at 624-5571.

This Week's Happenings:

- Vermillion Rotary Club Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 7, from noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.
- Cancer Support Group meeting: Thursday, Feb. 9, at 2:30 p.m. in Sletwold Room at Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark St. For more information, call Marcy at
- National Music Museum (NMM) Brown Bag Lunch Program: "Black Elk Sings," Friday, Feb. 10, at 12:05 p.m. February program sponsor: Clay County. Location: Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the NMM, located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. Free and open to the public.
- National Music Museum (NMM) all-day Gamelan Workshop: Saturday, Feb. 11, at NMM, located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets.
- Overeaters Anonymous: Saturday, Feb. 11, at 9 a.m. Location: Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 20 S Plum Street -Administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the board room. Description: Overeaters

Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles. The group meets each Saturday at 9 a.m.

- Community Health and Wellness Fair sponsored by Sanford Health in collaboration with USD Health Professional students, Saturday Feb. 11, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Location: Lee Medicine Building, USD campus. Take part in:
- Shake the Shaker cooking demonstrations 10 a.m. and noon.
- Learn to reduce your
- sodium todav. • Know your numbers.
- Blood pressure, blood sugar, body mass index. Many screenings available throughout the day.
- Gather health information throughout the
- Kids take part, too! Supervised activity room is available during the fair. • National Music
- Museum (NMM) Evening Concert: "The Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps Baroque Trumpet Ensemble," Sunday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. Location: Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the NMM located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets.
- South Dakota Shakespeare Festival auditions: Monday, Feb. 13, 6-9 p.m. at USD Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts, Arena Theatre. The festival is seeking professional actors, actor/musicians and teaching artists from the Great Plains region to form an ensemblebased Shakespeare company for a four-week contract in Vermillion. Performances: June 8-10. All positions are paid. To schedule an appointment, call (605) 622-0423 or visit www.sdshakespearefestival.org

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!:

• South Dakota Shakespeare Festival auditions, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Augustana College Theater, Sioux Falls. The festival is seeking professional actors, actor/musicians and teaching artists from the Great Plains region to form

an ensemble-based Shakespeare company for a four-week contract in Vermillion. Performances: June 8-10. All positions are paid. To schedule an appointment, call (605) 274-5065, e-mail dworkman@blackhillsplayh ouse.com or visit www.sdshakespearefestival.o

- American Legion Wallace Post & Auxiliary meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Main Street Center at 320 W. Main St.
- Vermillion Garden Club: Please join us for Gardening Month by Month in 2012. February Meeting: Attracting birds in the winter, what to plant in February for the summer garden and cold frame construction. Open to all, snacks and coffee available. No dues. Thursday, Feb. 16, Vermillion Public Library, 7 p.m. Call 624-3520 for more information.
- Vermillion Area Farmers Market, Saturday, Feb. 18, at Clay County Extension Building, 515 High St., 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- USD Theatre presents "Top Girls": Wednesday, Feb. 22-25, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 26, at 2 p.m. in the Knutson Theatre at the USD Fine Arts Building. Ticket information is available at www.usd.edu/theatre or call 677-5400.
- Fun and Games will be held in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 1-4 p.m. Adults and youths ages 12 and up will play board games and put together jigsaw puzzles. A wide variety of challenging and interesting games and puzzles will be available to provide mental stimulation. Learn or show others how to play Blurt, a popular vocabulary-building game. Drinks and snacks will be provided.
- The Alzheimer and Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group sponsored by the SD Alzheimer's Association will meet Monday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. at the Vermillion Public Library. Contact persons: Fern Kaufman, (605) 624-

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4898, or Marilyn Abraham, (605) 934-2534.

 Celebrity Chef Robert Hesse, as seen on "Hell's Kitchen," & Café Brulé serve a world-class six-course dinner with wine, Wednesday, Feb. 29, at Café Brulé. Two seatings at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Proceeds to benefit Domestic Violence Safe Options Services. Call (605) 659-4933 for tickets.

• Schmeckfest in Freeman: March 23-24 and March 30-31. For more information, visit www.schmeckfest.com, email schmeckfest@gmail.com or call (605) 925-4542

• First annual Shakespeare Festival, June 8-10 in Prentis Park, Vermillion. Event sponsored by Coyoteopoly and is free and open to the public.

• Dalesburg Midsummer Festival – A Celebration of Scandinavian and Rural Heritage: Friday, June 22. For More Information, e-mail rjohnson@bmtc.net or call (605) 253-2575

• Olympic/Educational Tour: July 16 - Aug. 1, 2012. A once-in-a-lifetime trip to Ireland, Great Britain and the Summer 2012 Olympics in London. For more information on this 17 day trip please contact Lenni Billberg at lenni.billberg@k12.sd.us or (605) 670-2717.

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

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