

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

2012 Vermillion Area Community Leader Award & 2012 Vermillion Area Family Business Award Nominations: The Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company (VCDC) is seeking nominations for the 2012 Vermillion Community Leader Award and the 2012 Vermillion Area Family Business Award.

The VCDC is looking for a Vermillion area individual with a strong record of success, community involvement, and community service. This award recognizes the accomplishments of a Vermillion area individual and his/her contributions to our community.

The VCDC is also looking for a family business with a strong record of success, family involvement, community service, multi-generational culture, and a positive family business structure. This award recognizes the accomplishments of a Vermillion area family business and their contributions to our community.

The VCDC invites you to nominate your choice for one or both awards. The winners will be presented their awards at the Annual Vermillion Area Chamber & Community Awards Banquet on March 20, 2012 at Pro's Bar & Grill. Nomination forms are available at www.vermillionchamber.com or at the VCDC office at 116 Market Street, phone 624-5571. The nomination deadline is February 20, 2012.

Thursday, Feb. 23 Business After Hours and Open House hosted by the Center for Children and Families, 505 Stanford Street, is Thursday, Feb. 23 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Their on-site chef is preparing tasty home-made

WANTED

Junk cars, trucks, semi trucks, & trailers, plows, construction equipment, dozers, scrapers, trackhoes, backhoes, etc., misc. irons and metals. Also wanted: Batteries.

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appetizers and refreshments will be served. Please join us to make new contacts, socialize, and find out what the Center for Children and Families has to offer!

• Saturday, Feb. 25 Cracker Barrel session with our Legislators will be 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.

• Monday, Feb. 27 USD Women vs. IPFW basketball game Monday, Feb. 27 at the Dakota Dome. 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.

Attention Vermillion Area Businesses: Support the Academic Awards Night for Student-Athletes at the USD 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 or annb@vermillionchamber.com by Thursday, Feb. 23. Approximately 50 bags will be distributed to the 4.0 student-athletes.

• Tuesday, March 20 -

Save the Date:

What: 2012 Annual Vermillion Area Chamber & Community Awards Banquet
 When: Tuesday, March 20th - 5:30 pm

Where: Pro's Bar & Grill
 Guest Speaker: Joe Glenn - USD Head Football Coach
 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 to 7 p.m. on a weeknight and the hosting business provides hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. If interested, please contact Ann at: annb@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

This Week's Happenings:

• Announcement: USD Libraries are displaying a series of artistic exhibitions exploring skateboard designs, graphic novels & tapestries through May 4.

— Corroborations 2012, which pairs visual arts students with poetry majors, is in the I.D. Weeks Library 2nd floor exhibition cases

— Tapestry weavings by award-winning SD tapestry artist Grete Bodogaard are in the USD Libraries Gallery in the Academic Commons

— Getting Graphic by USD Education Librarian Abby Moore is an exhibit of graphic novels on the west side of the 2nd floor of the University Libraries Gallery

— SkateCreate is an exhibition of skateboard designs created by students in the first-year seminar class. It's featured in the student gallery on the west side of the second floor

Announcement: Volunteer income tax assistance sponsored by USD Law School:

• Sunday, Feb. 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Vermillion Public Library, 18 Church St.

• Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Vermillion Public Library, 18

Church St.

Call 677-7060 or visit vpl.sdlm.net for complete listing of services.

Tuesday, Feb. 14
 • Vermillion Rotary Club Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 14 from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.

• 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Elk Point-Jefferson, Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 4 p.m.(H)

• South Dakota Shakespeare Festival auditions, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Augustana College Theater, Sioux Falls. The festival is seeking professional actors,

actor/musicians & 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@blackhillplayhouse.com or visit: www.sdsdshakespearefestival.org.

• American Legion Wallace Post & Auxiliary meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Main Street Center at 320 W. Main St.

• Tom Kramer: Bass Trombone Recital, Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts.

Thursday, February 16
 • 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball vs Dakota Valley, Thursday, Feb. 16 at 4 p.m. (T)

• 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.

Friday, February 17
 • National Music Museum (NMM) Brown Bag Lunch Program, "Woody Music," Friday, Feb. 17, 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 & Yale St. Free & open to the public.

Saturday, February 18
 • 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball at Yankton Tournament, Saturday, Feb. 18 (Times TBA).

• Overeaters Anonymous: Saturday, Feb. 18 at 9 a.m. Location: 20 S Plum Street Administration entrance - board room. Description: Overeaters Anonymous is a 12 step program for people with eating disorders and struggles. The group meets every Saturday at 9 a.m. at Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 20 S. Plum - Administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the board room.

• Vermillion Area Farmers Market, Saturday, Feb. 18 at Clay County Extension Building, 515 High St., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday, February 20
 • No School: President's Day.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!
 Tuesday, February 21
 • Spring 2012 Citizens Academy (February - March)
 The City of Vermillion will be hosting a Citizens Academy in February-March for citizens over the age of 18. This is an exciting opportunity

for you to learn more about the City of Vermillion and its government. There will be five weekly sessions followed by Graduation. The sessions will be 3 hours long on Tuesday nights with a half hour meal break. Class size is limited, so apply today. Applications are available via the "Inside Vermillion Links" on our homepage or available for pickup at City Hall. Class size is limited, so apply today by submitting your application to: jordanm@cityofvermillion.com or drop it off at City Hall, 25 Center Street.

The dates of the program are: February 21 - 5 p.m.; February 28 - 5 p.m.; March 13 - 5 p.m.; March 20 - 5 p.m.; March 27 - 5 p.m.

For a Citizens Academy Application visit: http://vermillion.us/document/home_links/2012%20Citizens%20Academy%20Application.doc

Wednesday, February 22
 • 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: www.usd.edu/theatre or call 677-5400.

Saturday, February 25
 • Fun and Games will be held in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. Adults and youth ages 12 and up will play board games and put jigsaw puzzles together. 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.

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Ends Feb. 23rd

NOTICE

THE ANNUAL SPRING LOAD LIMITS will go into effect in the near future on Clay County roads. Limits will be enforced as posted. We ask for your cooperation at this critical time of the year. Studies show that roads lose over 60 % of their strength during the spring thaw. Research by the South Dakota D.O.T. claims road damage by one legally loaded truck causes as much damage as 9,600 cars. One truck with 20% overload causes as much damage as 19,200 cars. You can be assured, we will not have the load restrictions in effect any longer than necessary to protect the large investment you have in your County Highway System.

There will be no over-width or over-weight permits issued during this period.

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Thank You!

The family of Darrel Christopherson wishes to express our heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness, messages of sympathy and visits during our recent loss.

We are especially grateful for the extraordinary compassion extended by the Rev. Elmer "Sandy" Aakre, the VFW, the Patriot Guard, the Oddfellows, the Vermillion Police Department, Hy-Vee, employees of Sanford Hospital & Dakota Gardens, the outstanding staff of the Kober Funeral Home and all the people who made it possible for him to visit Pearl Harbor in January.

The lowering of community flags to half-mast was an incredibly thoughtful tribute to the man who was a hero not only to his family, but to our country as well.