

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

2012 Vermillion Area Community Leader Award and 2012 Vermillion Area Family Business Award nominations

The Vermillion Area Chamber & Develop.m.ent 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 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 Feb. 20.

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 home-made 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!

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.

USD Women vs. IPFW basketball game 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.

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



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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.

Save the Date:

What: 2012 Annual Vermillion Area Chamber & Community Awards Banquet

When: Tuesday, March 20, 5:30 p.m.

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 5-7 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.

Announcements:

USD Libraries are displaying a series of artistic exhibitions exploring

skateboard designs, graphic novels and tapestries through May 4.

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

Tapestry weavings by award-winning south dakota 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.

This Week's Happenings:

- Vermillion Rotary Club Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 12-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.

- Spring 2012 Citizens Academy (February-March)

The City of Vermillion will be hosting a Citizens Academy in February and 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 three 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: Feb. 21 - 5; Feb. 28 - 5; March 13 - 5; March 20 - 5; March 27 - 5

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

- 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.

- National Music Museum (NMM) Brown Bag Lunch Program, "A Touch of Brass", Friday, Feb. 24, 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.

- Overeaters Anonymous: Saturday, Feb. 25 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 every Saturday at 9 a.m.

- 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.

- 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. Call 677-7060 or

visit vpl.sdn.net for complete listing of services.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!:

- 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) 624-4898 or Marilyn Abraham (605) 934-2534.

- The Department of Labor and Regulation will be hosting a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) at 1024 West Cherry Street, Wednesday, Feb. 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The JSAP is a free workshop for people recovering from job loss or enhancing their job search skills. Trained instructors speak on modern-day techniques used to successfully find employment. Topics covered are: résumé and cover letter writing, interviewing etiquette, networking effectively, using social media and much more. Parties interested in attending should register by calling 605.677.6900 before 5 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING

Prairie Center Township

will be held in the Township Hall

Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 7-9 p.m.

Hearing of reports, election of officers and any other business.

Matt Olson, Township Clerk

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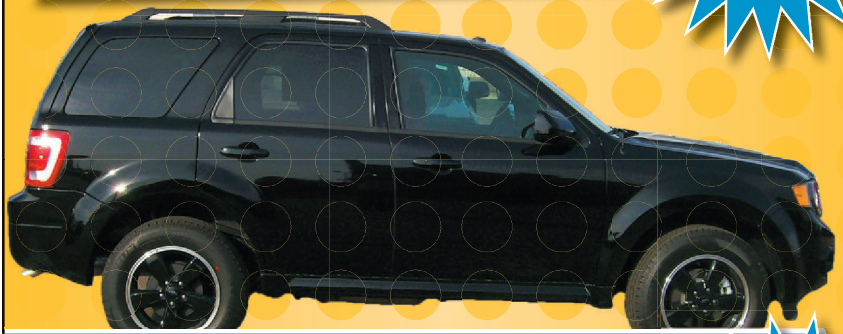
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