

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- USD Theatre presents, "Top Girls," 7:30 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," 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.
- Music Recital: Guest Pianist Ksenia Nosikova, 7:30 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- USD Theatre presents, "Top Girls," 7:30 p.m. in the Knutson Theatre at the USD Fine Arts Building. Ticket information: www.usd.edu/theatre or call 677-5400.
- Overeaters Anonymous, 9 a.m., 20 S. Plum St., administration entrance - board room. Description: Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles. The group meets every Saturday.
- Fun and Games from 1-4 p.m. in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library. Adults and youth 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.
- Cracker Barrel Session, 10 a.m.-noon at the City Hall Council Chambers at 25 Center Street, Vermillion.
- Rhythm in Red Show Choir Invite at Vermillion High School.
- Music Competition: Truran Piano Competition. Piano teachers are encouraged to enter their grade 8-12 students in this annual competition from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall in the Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts on USD campus. For more information, e-mail: susan.gray@usd.edu.
- Music Concert: Spring Choral Showcase: USD's Choral Ensemble join to present an afternoon of music at 3 p.m. in Slagle Hall Aalfs Auditorium on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- USD Theatre presents, "Top Girls," 2 p.m. in the Knutson Theatre at the USD Fine Arts Building. Ticket information: www.usd.edu/theatre or call 677-5400.
- Volunteer income tax assistance sponsored by USD Law School, 1-4 p.m. at the Vermillion Public Library, 18 Church St. Call 677-7060 or visit vpl.sdn.net for complete listing of services.
- Benjamin Mauritz presents his senior trombone recital at 3 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall in the Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- The Alzheimer and Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group sponsored by the S.D. Alzheimer's Association will meet at 7 p.m. at the Vermillion Public Library. Contact persons: Fern Kaufman, 605-624-4898 or Marilyn Abraham, 605-934-2534.
- Al-anon meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Linden. For more information, call 624-9764.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- Vermillion Rotary Club Meeting, noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

- Celebrity Chef Robert Hesse (as seen on "Hell's Kitchen") and Café Brulé serve a world-class six-course dinner with wine at Café Brulé. Two seatings at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Proceeds go to benefit Domestic Violence Safe Options Services. Call 605-659-4933 for tickets.
- The Department of Labor and Regulation will be hosting a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) at 1024 West Cherry Street, from 9 a.m.-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: resume 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.
- Evening Lecture: "Strings, Pipes & Commerce: The Historical Economics of Musical Instrument Making," featuring John Koster, National Music Museum (NMM) conservator, at 7:30 p.m. in the Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the NMM.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

- March Movies Film Festival: "The Notebook," is featured in March Movies at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library. In this film, an elderly man reads a love story to his wife who is in a nursing home with Alzheimer's. Hot drinks and popcorn will be provided. Free and open to the public.

Does your business or organization have an event you would like included in the Community Calendar? If you do please call the Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce and Development Company at 605-624-5571 or e-mail vcdc@vermillionchamber.com or contact the Plain Talk at 605-624-2695 or e-mail david.lias@plaintalk.net.

Coyote Village evacuation investigation continues

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There's still no word as to when or if charges will be filed against a former University of South Dakota student whose room contents led to a partial evacuation of Coyote Village.

Calls made to Clay County State's Attorney Teddi Gertsema were not returned as of press time, but she had said last week that she was waiting on information from the Division of Criminal Investigation, which is conducting the investigation.

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, Coyote village staff members were checking a room that had been vacated by a former student when they uncovered items "possibly considered explosive in nature," said Phil Carter, manager of media relations for USD.

According to a story filed Feb. 14 by The Volante - the USD student newspaper - the student's former roommate

described seeing a jar containing "some kind of liquid" during the search.

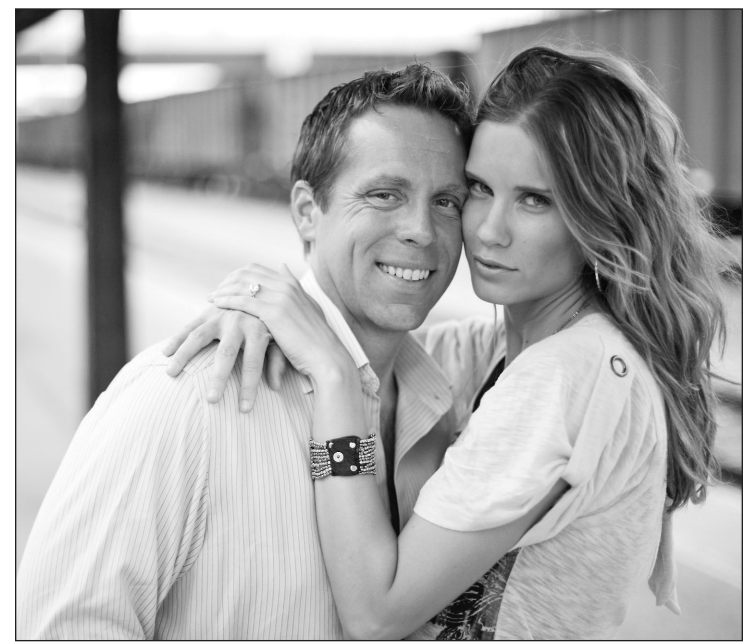
Campus police and the Vermillion Police Department were notified, and authorities from Sioux Falls - along with a "bomb squad" vehicle - appeared on the scene that same night.

Approximately 20 students were evacuated from Coyote Village as a safety precaution, Carter said.

Elan Haba, a 19-year-old sophomore from the Rutgers-Newark campus in Newark, NJ, was arrested later that night after he was connected with the USD student by officials.

Haba was arrested on charges that include theft, and possession of fireworks and a prohibited weapon. He was released on a summons by Feb. 8.

The name of the USD student has not been released to the public.



Ristic-Clanton

Mira Ristic of Largo, FL, is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Maya, to Brian Allen Clanton, son of Will and Geri Clanton, of Lincoln, NE. Maya's father was the late Dr. Zoran Ristic, a renowned scientist at the University of South Dakota who later became a plant physiologist with the USDA. The couple will marry in

Lincoln, NE on March 31 at 4 p.m.

Maya is a graduate of Kansas State University, and works as client marketing manager at National Research Corporation, a large healthcare research company.

Brian is a graduate of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, and works as director of operations for the Lincoln Financial Group.

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, 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. For banquet ticket information, contact the VCDC office.

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 5:30-7 p.m. Their on-site chef is preparing home-made appetizers and refreshments. 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 St. 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 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.

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.

•Feb. 6-May 4: USD Libraries are displaying a series of artistic exhibitions exploring skateboard designs, graphic novels and tapestries: 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 second 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.

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