

## 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



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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.

**This Week's Happenings:**

• 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.

Tuesday, February 28  
 • 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. 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. 28, March 13, March 20 and March 27 at 5 p.m. all days. For a Citizens Academy Application visit: http://vermillion.us/document/s/home\_links/2012%20Citizens%20Academy%20Application.doc.

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

Wednesday, February 29  
 • The Department of Labor and Regulation will be hosting a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) at 1024 West Cherry St. 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: 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.

• 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 to benefit Domestic Violence Safe Options Services. Call (605) 659-4933 for tickets.  
 • 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.

Planning Ahead:  
 • March 2: Hospital Auxiliary Meeting at 2 p.m. at Sanford Vermillion Board room, 20 S. Plum, administrative entrance.

• March 3: Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: 20 S. Plum St, administrative entrance - board room. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12 step program for people with eating disorders and struggles. The group meets every Saturday.

• March 17: Spring Salad Luncheon & Style Show sponsored by the Catholic Daughters at 11:30 a.m. at St. Agnes School Auditorium. For ticket information, contact Linda at 624-4419, ext. 107.

• March 23-24, 30-31:

Schmeckfest in Freeman. For more information, visit www.schmeckfest.com, e-mail schmeckfest@gmail.com or call (605) 925-4542.

• April 7: Volunteer income tax assistance sponsored by USD Law School from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Vermillion Public Library, 18 Church St. Call 677-7060 or visit vpl.sdln.net for complete listing of services.

• April 28: Certified BBQ Judging class from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Armory. Cost \$75 – this includes a one-year membership to Kansas City BBQ Society. This will certify you to judge any Kansas City BBQ Society BBQ Contest (www.kcbs.us) including Ribs, Rods and Rock 'n Roll.

Registration www.sdbbq.us or call Jenny French 670-9688.

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

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

• July 16: Dakota Hospital Foundation sixth annual Sheri Ellis Golf Social. Contact Jill Christopherson for more information at (605) 638-8465 or jill.christopherson@sanfordhealth.org.

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FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

WELCOME

Registration/Orientation Meeting for 2012-2013

Vermillion High School Freshman & Parents

Tuesday, March 13th  
6:30pm  
VHS Auditorium

Registration booklets will go home with 8th graders Wednesday, March 7th

Orientation session on March 13th will include:

- Q&A Session on registration process
- Overview of high school policies, etc.

'12-13 Freshman will register on-line at the middle school on March 15th, 2012

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Kindergarten Round-Up  
 Vermillion Public Schools

Who: Any child who will have their 5th birthday on or before Sept. 1, 2012 and their parents

When: Wednesday, March 28th  
 Thursday, March 29th  
 Friday, March 30th

Where: Austin Elementary School, 300 High Street

Parents, if your child is going to be 5 on or before September 1st, 2012, please call Kazy at 677-7010 to register for a Round-Up session. Parents will have a question and answer time with school personnel while the incoming students will be screened. Please plan to spend the morning or afternoon with us.

PLEASE BRING A CERTIFIED COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE TO ROUND-UP. IF YOUR CHILD WAS BORN IN SOUTH DAKOTA, YOU MAY PURCHASE A CERTIFIED COPY FROM THE CLAY COUNTY COURT HOUSE FOR \$15.00.  
 HOSPITAL CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.  
 IF YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORDS INCLUDE THE KINDERGARTEN SHOTS, PLEASE BRING THE COMPLETED IMMUNIZATION RECORD TO ROUND-UP.