

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, FEB. 8

- Brown Bag Lunch Program featuring USD Opera Quartet, with Susan Keith Gray, piano, at 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. Free and open to the public.
- Debate at Harrisburg at 3 p.m.
- Boys/Girls Basketball: Harrisburg at 4 p.m. (T)
- Bowling at Harrisburg at 4 p.m.
- Wrestling: Elk Point/Jefferson at 6:30 p.m. (H)

### SATURDAY, FEB. 9

- ACT Test at Vermillion High School at 8 a.m.
- Debate at Harrisburg at 8 a.m.
- Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. at Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 20 S. Plum St., administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the board room. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles.
- ACT Test at Vermillion High School.
- Heartland Humane Society to host Meet and Greet from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Yankton Bomgaars, 2300 Broadway Ave. If interested in adopting an animal, applications are available at the shelter, 601 1/2 Burleigh St., Yankton or visit [www.heartlandhumanesociety.net](http://www.heartlandhumanesociety.net). For more information, call (605) 664-4244.
- USD women's basketball host University of Missouri-Kansas City at the DakotaDome at 2 p.m.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 10

- Clay County Relay for Life from 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m. at the DakotaDome. To register or create a team visit [www.relay.org/USD](http://www.relay.org/USD). Suggested donation: \$10/person. Fundraiser for fight against cancer.

### MONDAY, FEB. 11

- International Forum: "Are We Losing Africa to Al-Qaeda?" at noon in Farber Hall located, in Old Main on USD campus. Panel discussion with Dr. Moses Ikiugu and Dr. Isaac Joslin Moderator: Dr. Benno Wymar. The event is sponsored by the USD Beacom School of Business. Open to the public at no charge.
- 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, FEB. 12

- Vermillion Rotary Club meeting from noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuarth Media Center.
- Boys/Girls basketball: Wagner, at 4 p.m. (H). Sanford Vermillion will be sponsoring free popcorn night for the Vermillion High School Boys and Girls Basketball games. Also, watch for the basketball shoot-out at halftime of the boys' varsity game.
- 7/8th grade boys basketball vs. Elk Point-Jefferson at 4 p.m. (T)
- American Legion Wallace Post and Auxiliary meeting at 7 p.m. at the Main Street Center located at 320 W. Main St.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 14

- 7/8th grade boys basketball vs. Dakota Valley at 4 p.m. (H)

# Group aims to attract new residents

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The Vermillion City Council has pledged to put one of its members on a committee that aims to attract new residents to town and improve its housing market, as well as other areas of community advancement.

The Integrated Community Advancement Program (ICAP) was one of the recommendations brought by the Workforce Housing Analysis commissioned by the city last year.

Steve Howe, executive director of the Vermillion Chamber of Commerce & Development Company (VCDC), said he would like the committee to consist of people including officials from city and county government, the

school district, USD and regular citizens.

"I'm not talking about a huge group, but enough of a representation with which to go through the housing and talent attraction study, go through the recommendations and (choose) which items we can focus on," he said.

The ICAP itself would be aimed at elevating and integrating community civic program efforts in the areas of economic development, community development and talent attraction, according to last year's report, which was completed by Community Housing Laboratory of New Mexico.

"The ICAP should serve as the community's central clearinghouse for prioritizing,

planning, managing and measuring of discretionary investment in areas strategic to the advancement of the community," the report said.

"There are a lot of recommendations in this study, and we need to make some educated decisions on what pieces of it we want to offer," Howe told the council Monday afternoon.

Mayor Jack Powell said that a committee would be beneficial in outlining what should be the main focuses drawn from the study.

"There's so much in that study that we need to whittle it down and put some priority on this together so that we don't just throw a shotgun at it," he said.

Council member John Grayson agreed, adding, "Let's

pick a few so we can do a few things really well instead of lots of things poorly."

Howe said he hopes all the committee members will be in place by the end of the month, and it will have a list of recommendations within "a month or two."

He added that funding eventually will be needed, as well, both in the short- and long-term.

"We think we've identified at least in general where we can get some of those funds," Howe said. "The long-term funding will likely require some allocation of taxpayer dollars."

No action was taken on the matter, and the committee member representing the city council has not yet been announced.

## CHAMBER CHAT

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### Chamber Business:

David Owen, SD Chamber and Industry President is hosting a weekly conference call during the legislative session with local chamber and economic development groups. This is a good way to keep informed as to what's happening during the 2013 session. The calls are on Fridays at noon during the legislative session at the VCDC office at 116 Market St. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by the VCDC Legislative Affairs Committee. Please note: There will be no call on Friday, Feb. 22.

The new 2013 Vermillion Visitor Guides have arrived. Copies can be picked up at the VCDC, 116 Market St. or call 624-5571.

2013 Vermillion Area Community Leader Award and 2013 Vermillion Area Family Business Award Nominations: The Vermillion Area Chamber

and Development Company (VCDC) is seeking nominations for the 2013 Vermillion Community Leader Award and the 2013 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 and Community Awards Banquet on March 14. Nomination forms are available at [www.vermillionchamber.com](http://www.vermillionchamber.com) or at the VCDC office at 116 Market St., phone 624-5571. The

nomination deadline is Feb. 18.

The Vermillion Area Community Foundation is accepting proposals for projects to improve our community. Forms for submitting proposals by groups or organizations are available at the Chamber of Commerce office. While funds available are limited we can fully fund small one time requests or partially fund larger projects. Your annual donations to our Foundation will provide us with increasing funds each year for worthwhile projects.

Business After Hours and ribbon-cutting celebration at HeartPrint Home Care, 2610 East SD Highway 50 (across the hwy from New 2 You), is Wednesday, Feb. 13. Business After Hours will be from 5-7 p.m. with the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Please join us to help HeartPrint Home Care celebrate their new location, make new contacts, socialize, and find out what they have to offer. Appetizers and refreshments will be served, plus a take-home gift for everyone.

Cracker Barrel session with our Legislators will be Saturday,

March 2 from 10 a.m. to noon at the City Hall Council Chambers at 25 Center St. Please join District 17 Legislators, Sen. Tom Jones and House representatives Nancy Rasmussen and Ray Ring for an update on the 88th Legislative Session. Open to the public and everyone is encouraged to 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.

Save the Date: The Annual Vermillion Area Chamber and Community Awards Banquet will be Thursday, March 14, at The Eagles. More information will be available soon.

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

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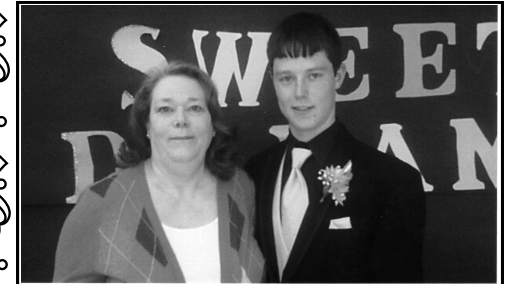
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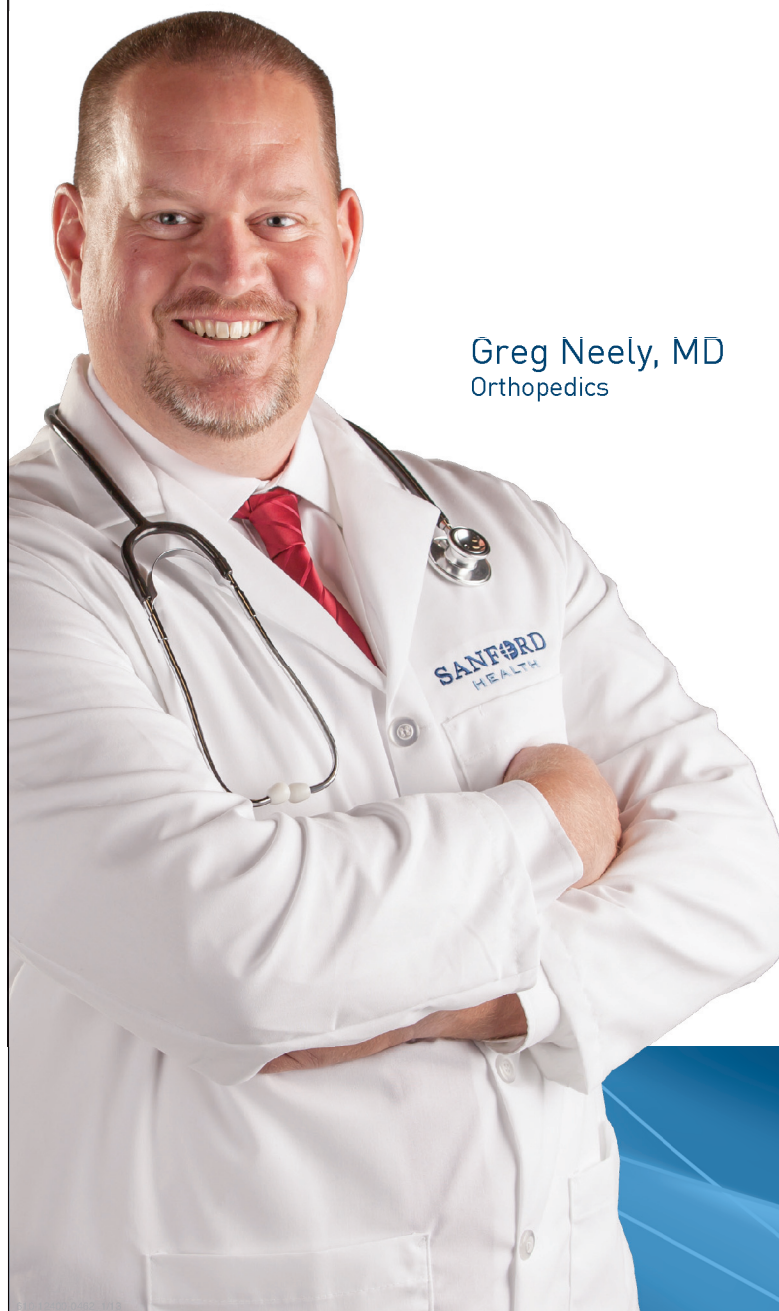
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