COMMUNITY CALENDAR

• The Department of Labor and Regulation will be hosting a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) at 1024 W. Cherry St., Friday, Feb. 15 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., Wednesday, Feb.13.

• State "A" Gymnastics at Rapid City at 11 a.m.

• Brown Bag Lunch Program featuring Gail Dooley from Sioux City: Appalachian folk songs and dulcimer at 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. February's Free Friday Sponsor is Lawrence and Schiller. Free and open to the public.

• Bowling: Roosevelt at 4 p.m. (H)

• Wrestling: Region 2A Tournament at Sioux Falls Lincoln at 6

• Vermillion Middle School Dance for seventh and eighth grades only from 7-9 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

• 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.

• Vermillion Area Farmers Market from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Clay County Extension Building, 515 High St. If interested in becoming a vendor for winter market, call Amy, (605) 659-3399.

• State "A" Gymnastics at Rapid City at 11 a.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 18

• President's Day: No School at USD and Vermillion Public

• Al-anon meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Linden. For more information, call 624-

TUESDAY, FEB. 19

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

• USD Theatre Department presents "Silent Laughter" from Feb. 20-23 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. at Wayne S. Knutson Theatre, Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Visit www.usd.edu/theatre for ticket information.

• "Shrek the Musical" at the Orpheum in Sioux City. Call (712) 224-6423 or e-mail mlanzourakis@sioux-city.org for ticket information.

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

• Cancer Support Group meeting at 2:30 p.m. in Sletwold Room at Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark. For more information, call Marcy at 624-8706.

PLANNING AHEAD:

• FEB. 22 – Brown Bag Lunch Program featuring "A Touch of Brass," brass quintet from Nebraska at 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. February's Free Friday Sponsor is Lawrence & Schiller. Free and open to the public.

• FEB. 23 – 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

• FEB. 26 – Wind and Solar Energy Conference, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Sioux City Convention Center, 801 4th St. For more information or to register: ISU Extension and Outreach-Woodbury Co., (712) 276-2157 or visit www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury. (Note: registration fee paid by Feb. 15 is \$35 or \$45 after that date.)

Does your business or organization have an event you would like included in the Community Calendar? If you do, call the Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce & 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.

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our name out there," he said. Based in the United Kingdom, DK specializes in illustrated reference books for people of all ages, including the Eyewitness Travel series.

"Their books kind of center around the images ... so you really go from image to image, and you have very informative, easy-to-read captions," Johnson said. "They're not academic in any sense. They're really for a general audience.'

The relationship between the NMM and DK began through an e-mail exchange with the museum's senior curator, Dr. Peggy Banks, when the publisher requested an opportunity to photograph a small set of instruments.

"I was very, very excited when I heard about that," Johnson said. "My kids grew up with the DK Eyewitness books, and I was thinking, 'Wow, how gorgeous our instruments would look in one of their publications.'

"So, it was a no-brainer for us to try to get them here," he

To encourage DK's visit, the reps from the NMM made sure the publisher knew the museum could be a "one-stop shopping" opportunity for their photographers.

"Rather than just these dozen or so instruments that they asked about, we could easily provide basically everything they needed, and

they could just stop looking," Johnson said. "I got the sense that they were looking at different museums and institutions to find the things they needed."

Three photographers arrived from the UK early this month and stayed for the next seven days, taking pictures of everything they could.

Although their schedule was too packed for them to comment, Johnson said the process of photographing items in the NMM's collection was going well.

"They're pretty much working around the clock," he said last week. "They start before we open, and they continue into the evening hours. I'm not around when they finally finish."

The photographs were taken with the assistance of two NMM staff members.

"(The photographers) came with a list that had been worked out in advance with our staff," Johnson said. "They had been combing through our Web site, which has a lot of our stuff in it, but by no means anywhere near all of it.

"So, once they're here in the facility, other things catch their eyes," he said. "They keep finding things they're interested

The instruments were photographed surrounded by a white background in the lower level of the museum.

"What you end up with is just the instrument (in the picture)," Johnson said. Instruments are not easy to photograph because obviously, you need to avoid reflections,

Gary Ombler photographs the Stradivari guitar at the National Music Museum last Friday morning. Many of the museum's holdings were photographed for the upcoming Dorling Kindersley book, "The Story of Music.'

(Photo by Travis Gulbrandson)

you need the detail that really shows them off to their best."

Johnson said he does not know the exact publication date, but guesses the book could hit the shelves – including those at the NMM itself – by the end

of the year.

"I know based on their reputation it's going to be a gorgeous book," he said. There's no doubt about that. I really can't wait to see it."

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. 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-

The Vermillion Area Chamber & 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 www.vermillionchamber.com or at the VCDC office at 116 Market St., phone 624-5571. The

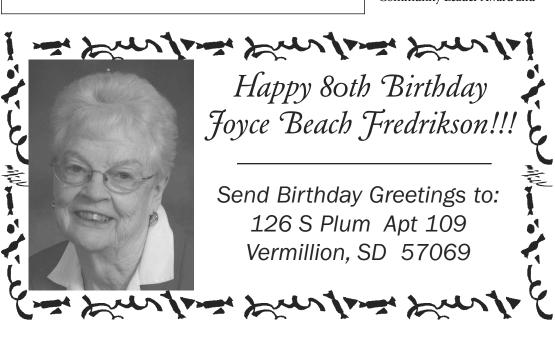
nomination deadline is Feb. 18. The VCDC office will be closed Monday, Feb. 18, for President's Day.

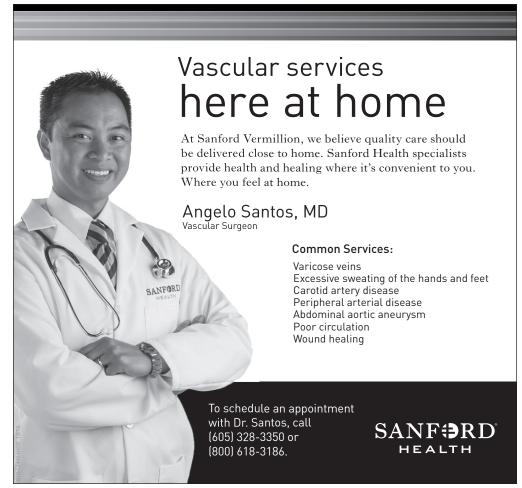
Cracker barrel session with our legislators will be Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to noon at the City Hall Council Chambers at 25 Center St. Join District 17 legislators, Sen. Tom Jones and House Representatives Nancy Rasmussen and Ray Ring for an update on the 88th legislative session. Open to the 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, contact Ann at annb@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.







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