

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, 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 and Schiller. Free and open to the public.
- Boys Basketball: Canton at 5 p.m. (H)
- State "A" Wrestling at Watertown
- "Strollers" variety show at Slagle Hall Aalfs Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- Music recital: Guest Pianist Kevin Ayesh, recipient of the Naftzger Piano Award and Baltimore Music Club Award performing at 7:30 p.m., Colton Recital Hall located in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts on USD campus.
- TBA – Bowling: State Tournament at Sport Bowl Sioux Falls

SATURDAY, 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 room. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles.
- State "A" Wrestling at Watertown, Friday, Feb. 22 and Saturday, Feb. 23
- "Strollers" variety show at Slagle Hall Aalfs Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- The Eagles Auxiliary and Eagles Aerie # 2421 in Vermillion invite you to join us for a fun-filled day trip to the Grand Falls Casino and Resort. A charter bus will depart from the Eagles Club at 114 W. Main St. at 10 a.m. and will return by 5 p.m. The cost to ride the bus is \$20, and each person will receive \$10 in free slot play and \$5 off the buffet lunch. Anyone having a birthday during the month of February will also receive an additional \$10 in free slot play and a free T-shirt. If you are interested, stop by the Eagles to sign up and make payment by Feb. 20.
- Free income tax assistance offered to qualified taxpayers as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). Students at USD Law School and Beta Alpha Psi will be available from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at School of Law. Individuals attending VITA session should bring: Social Security card(s), tax returns and all other tax documents, including W-2 forms, 1099 forms and Social Security statements. Assistance offered on a first come, first serve basis.
- USD Women's Basketball host Western Illinois University at 2 p.m. at the DakotaDome.
- TBA-Rhythm in Red Show Choir Invite (H)
- TBA – Debate: District Qualifier at Sioux Falls

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

- Pleasant Valley Men's Pancake Supper will be held from 5-7 p.m. at the church located at 45918 308th St., rural Vermillion. Serving pancakes, sausage, drinks and ice cream for a free will donation. All proceeds will benefit the Luther Center of Vermillion. Everyone is welcome!
- Summit League Indoor Track and Field Championships at the DakotaDome (all day)

MONDAY, FEB. 25

- Open house for the new fire Chief Richard "Shannon" Draper and his family from 2-3:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers. Cake and coffee will be served.
- Summit League Indoor Track and Field Championships, Sun., Feb. 24 and Monday, Feb. 25 at the DakotaDome (all day)
- Free income tax assistance offered to qualified taxpayers as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Students at USD Law School and Beta Alpha Psi will be available from 4-8 p.m. in room 225A of Muenster University Center. Individuals attending VITA session should bring: Social Security card(s), tax returns and all other tax documents, including W-2 forms, 1099 forms and Social Security statements. Assistance offered on a first come, first serve basis.
- Third Grade Concert at Vermillion High School at 6:30 p.m.
- 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.
- Music Recital: American Art Song: USD Voice Professors Tracelyn Gesteland and Brandon Hendrickson and Guest pianist Laura Loewen present this recital at 7:30 p.m. at Farber Hall located in Old Main on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.
- Fourth Grade Concert at Vermillion High School at 7:30 p.m.

USD students offer tax assistance

Students at the USD School of Law and Beta Alpha Psi are offering free income tax assistance to qualified taxpayers as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) at the University of South Dakota.

"VITA is a free public tax service tool utilized by members of the community. It's a great opportunity for USD student volunteers to give back to the community in such a personable way," said USD second-year law student Trent Arlint, one of three VITA site coordinators that also include Andrew Polzin and Emily Lessin.

Site coordinators are responsible for training volunteers, ensuring that each volunteer has passed a certification test, and assisting at each VITA session.

VITA sessions are offered throughout the spring semester until April 13 with sessions from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 at the School of Law; from 4-8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25 in room

225A of the Muenster University Center; from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, April 6 at the School of Law, and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, April 13 in the Muenster University Center Ballroom.

Individuals and families earning up to \$50,000 are eligible for the free tax preparation assistance. Those attending a VITA session should bring identification, Social Security card(s), tax returns and all other tax documents, including W-2 forms, 1099 forms and Social Security statements. Assistance is offered on a first come, first served basis.

VITA is sponsored by the University of South Dakota and all materials are provided by the IRS. Additional resources and support are provided by the American Bar Association and the Student Services Office.

For more information about VITA, visit www.irs.gov/Individuals/Free-Tax-Return-Preparation-for-You-by-Volunteers.

WEDDING



Shane and Margaret Jensen

Margaret Jones and Shane Jensen were married Aug. 3, 2012 at Tamefish Lake by Aitkin, MN, with Pam Wurst officiating. Maid of Honor was Alex Gabrielson; bridesmaids were Meredith Jones, Jess Lindgren, and Jacinda Weber. Best man was Brad Simons and groomsmen were Nick Olson, Kyle Mollet, and Alex Hofman. Following the ceremony, a reception was at 40 Club Inn in Aitkin.

The parents of the couple are Mark and Deb Jones of Apple Valley, MN, and Dawn Jensen and the late Larry Jensen of Vermillion.

The couple are living in Kalispell, MT. The bride is teaching at Evergreen Elementary School and the groom is an addiction counselor at The Wilderness Treatment Center.

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

David Owen, SD Chamber & 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. There will be no call on Friday, Feb. 22.

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 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 or at the VCDC office at 116 Market St., phone 624-5571.

Cracker barrel session with our legislators will be Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m.-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.

The Annual Vermillion Area Chamber and Community Awards Banquet is Thursday, March 14, at the Eagles Club, 114

E. Main St. The social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and the program. It is a time to thank all of the members, individuals, and volunteers who support and contribute to the success of the chamber and business community.

The banquet also gives us an opportunity to recognize the outstanding achievements of the community's leaders and organizations by presenting the Family Business of the Year Award, the mayor's Community Service Award, the United Way Volunteer of the Year Award, the VCDC Community Leader Award, along with other awards.

The guest speaker is Lt. Gov. Matt Michels. The banquet is open to the public and tickets are on sale for \$30 each at the Chamber office at 116 Market St. or contact us at (605) 624-5571.

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.

Announcements:

The City of Vermillion is hosting a Citizens Academy in spring 2013 for citizens over the age of 18. The Citizens Academy is a free, hands-on, interactive public information program that allows citizens an insight into City services and the functions of city departments. Applications are available at City Hall or online at www.vermillion.us. Vermillion residents are given first consideration. Class size is limited to 20 participants.

The Clay-Union Foundation is offering a \$500 community service scholarship to graduating seniors from Vermillion or Elk Point-Jefferson High School. Applications are available at <http://www.clay-unionfoundation.org/> under the events tab. Students will be able to fill out the application online, and e-mail it directly for consideration. Applications will be accepted until March 1, and then reviewed by the board.

VPD

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In addition to this, the Vermillion police are continuing their participation in the three yearly national campaigns headed up by the Office of Highway Safety, including five other smaller campaigns throughout the year, along with saturation patrols during heavy-traffic events.

Trowbridge said the department hopes these combined efforts will go a long way toward keeping impaired drivers off the streets.

"I'm hoping that we can reduce the amount of traffic violations to include the speeding and accidents," he said. "Our main goal is to have traffic safety awareness for that area so we can reduce accidents."

Thank you

The family of **Tony Kaiser** would like to thank everyone for the many thoughts, prayers, expressions of sympathy and cards following the loss of our son and brother. Our love for him continues on into eternity and he will be greatly missed by our family.

*Lyle Kaiser
Rich and Kim Dale
Gary and Nancy Christensen
Chuck and Cindy Kaiser*



Albrecht-Barari

David Barari and Molly Albrecht of Rapid City, S.D., were married February 14, 2013 at The Hotel Alex Johnson's Vertex Skybar. Their parents are Assad and Rachel Barari

of Hermosa, South Dakota, and Richard and Kaye Linn Albrecht of Kearney, Nebraska. The groom is a 1995 graduate of Vermillion High School and received a B.A. in theater from the University of South Dakota in 1999. He graduated from USD School of Law in 2008 with a Juris Doctorate. He is an attorney at Goodsell Quinn law firm. The bride graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 2006 with a B.A. in journalism and public relations. She works as a receptionist at Westhills Village Retirement Community and as a freelance writer and marketing consultant. The couple reside in Rapid City.

Thanks!

I would like to thank my many friends for their incredible support, generosity and help while I have been laid up the last few months. Thanks so much for my friends and neighbors, the gang at Carey's, Doug, Judy and Reva Sharples, my friends and co-workers at USD, my co-workers at the post office in Irene and the staff, faculty and students at the School of Law.

Again, thanks so much,
Nick Schwebach

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