

## CHAMBER CHAT

**Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce & Development Company**  
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**Chamber Business:**

The Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company office has relocated to the Market Street Professional Building at 116 Market Street in Suite 103. Please stop by and see us at our new location. Look for us under the water tower!

**Business After Hours:** Are you looking for an opportunity to show off your business and network with your peers? Sign up to host a Business After Hours event! These events generally run from 5 to 7 p.m. on a weeknight and the hosting business provides hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. If interested, please contact Carly at: carlyh@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

**Public Service Announcement** Recently revised labor law posters are available at no charge from the SD Dept. of Labor or from any DOL field office. To locate nearest DOL field office or to download the required postings at no charge online, visit [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org). Businesses should beware of companies soliciting unsuspecting individuals and attempting to sell compliance posters. They often use scare tactics about potential fines

and penalties.

The Vermillion Area Community Foundation is accepting proposals for projects to improve our community. Forms for submitting proposals 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.

**This Weeks Happenings!**

• High School Girl's Basketball vs Canton Friday, Jan. 29 at 4:30 p.m. (T)

• Lecture: Arts Advocacy in Higher Education and in the Public Schools Friday, Jan. 29 at Farber Hall with Dr. Andrew Svedlow, dean of the College of Performing & Visual Arts from the University of Northern Colorado. Open to public at no charge at 7 p.m.

• USD Track & Field vs. Univ. of Wisconsin Friday, Jan. 29 at Madison, WI – all day. (T)

• Saturday Workshop: Restoring Double-hung Windows presented by the Clay County Historical Preservation Commission Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. and hosted by Roger Jeck at 320 West National Street. Shane Fry will demonstrate how to properly dismantle a double-hung window, repair the sash, and reassemble the

window with weatherstripping. He has restored all the windows in his own house and understands that traditionally constructed windows are worth the minimal maintenance they require. This is an important workshop – it speaks to the heart of the preservationist's mission.

• USD Track vs. University of Wisconsin-Madison Saturday, Jan. 30 – all day. (T)

• USD Swimming and Diving Saturday, Jan. 30 at UNI in Grand Forks, ND at 1 p.m. (T)

• USD Women's Basketball vs. Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, TX Saturday, Jan. 30 at 2:15 p.m. (T)

• USD Men's Basketball vs. Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, TX Saturday, Jan. 30 at 4:30 p.m. (T)

• Vermillion Eagle Anniversary Party Saturday, Jan. 30 with dinner and program from 6 to 9 p.m. Music by Poker Alice. Open to the public

**Next Weeks Happenings!**

• Clay County ACS Relay for Life, Sunday, Jan. 31 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Dakota Dome. Sponsored by the Clay County ACS and the USD Campus Against Cancer organization. For more information, contact Wess Pravecek at 624-5352.

• USD Joint Recital with USD's Dr. Tracelyn Gesteland and guest pianist Amanda Johnston performing Mon., Feb. 1 in Colton Recital Hall, Vermillion at 7:30 p.m.

• Seventh/Eighth Grade Boy's Basketball vs. Elk Point/Jefferson Monday, Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. (T)

• Masterclass: Guest Artist Amanda Johnston, collaborative pianist Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Colton Recital Hall at 11 to 11:50 a.m. Open to the public at no charge.

• Lecture by Fred Hagstrom – Visiting Artist in Printmaking, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 3, 4, 5 from 2 to 3 p.m. at USD Fine Arts Building.

• USD Faculty Music Recital with Susanne Skyrn in Concert Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Colton Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. Open to the public at no charge.

• February Film Festival at Vermillion Public Library Wednesday, Feb. 3 in the Community Room at 6:30 p.m. The feature film Glory will be shown. Hot drinks and popcorn provided. Free and open to the public.

• Public Interest Network Auction/Open Mic Night Thursday, Feb. 4 at Eagles from 7 to 10 p.m. One of the biggest annual events at USD Law celebrating the public interest community and raising money to fund student public interest grants.

• Hospital Auxiliary Meetings held first Friday of every month at Care Center Dining Room, 125 Walker Street at 2 p.m. February meeting to be held Friday, Feb. 5.

• USD Men's Basketball at SIU-Edwardsville in

Edwardsville, IL, Friday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. (T)

• USD Track & Field-John Dalton Invite Saturday, Feb. 6 at DakotaDome – all day (H).

• Gamelan workshop for Tatag (USD Gamelan Ensemble) with Joko Sutrisno, music director, Indonesian Performing Arts Association of Minnesota on Saturday, Feb. 6 at National Music Museum, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Open to the public.

• USD Women's Basketball vs. Seattle University, Saturday, Feb. 6 in Seattle, WA at 4 p.m. (T)

• Sanford Vermillion Medical Center Community Health & Wellness Fair in collaboration with USD Health Professions program students on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lee Medicine Building, corner of Dakota and Clark streets. Screenings/vendor booths, information displays and much, much more. Drawing to win a Wii Station and Wii Fit program. Healthy Cooking Demo at 11 a.m. Win 10-piece cookware set.

**Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!**

• USD Symphonic Band & Percussion Ensembles in concert Thursday, Feb. 11 at Vermillion High School at 7:30 p.m.

• Cedar River second Annual Valentine Round Dance Contest 2010 Saturday, Feb. 13, 1 p.m. registration, 5 p.m.

meal at Vermillion National Guard Armory, 603 Princeton St. Call 605-638-6302 for more information. \$4 cover charge. Proceeds will go in part for urban teen H.I.V. prevention and education.

• Preservation Wednesdays – The Clay County Historic Preservation Commission and the Clay County Historical Society are presenting the second Annual Series of Historic Presentations. A presentation by Tom Reasoner entitled "Additions to Historic Buildings, Threat or Menace?" will be Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. Meeting place has been changed to the Conference Room at the Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company located at 116 Market Street.

• Heartland Humane Society Offers Humane Education for local schools, civic and professional groups. Topics include function of the humane society in the community, proper animal care, choosing the right pet for your family's lifestyle, and the importance of spaying and neutering to prevent pet overpopulation. A program can be tailored to meet group needs. To schedule a representative, contact Tasha Anderson at 605-664-4244 or email [hhs@midconetwork.com](mailto:hhs@midconetwork.com).

*Does your business or organization have an event you would like included in the Chamber Chat? If you do, please call us at 624-5571 or email us at [vcdc@vermillionchamber.com](mailto:vcdc@vermillionchamber.com).*

## Local Lions Club celebrates 60 years

The W.H. Over Museum was the setting for the Vermillion Lions Club 60th anniversary celebration held on last Thursday, Jan. 21.

The event marking the beginning of a year-long celebration was well attended by local members, spouses, and regional Lions Club dignitaries. A catered meal, followed by award presentations and a business meeting was the agenda for the evening.

"We are truly proud to be a part of a great local organization like Lions Club that serves so many people in our community," remarked Club President Marie Anne Ben. "Our 60th anniversary exhibits the strength and commitment of our membership, as well as the community's continued need for our service over the years."

Established in 1950, the Vermillion Lions Club was sponsored by the Sioux City Lions, and was chartered by Helen Keller to be Knights for the Blind. Sixty years later the Lions Club has expanded its focus to include sight, hearing, diabetes, youth, community, environment and disaster relief.

Two of its charter officers were Cedric Cummins and Phillips Crew. While 60 years have passed, many familiar names remain on the membership roster: Dr. William O. Farber was a charter member and Dr. Charles Estee has been a member for 59 years; Margaret Crew and Gloria Christopherson are second generation members; and Keith Joy's father is a member in another Lions Club.

Although many people recognize the

Lions Club from its fundraising activity of serving pancakes, their motto "We Serve" mainly describes the club's volunteer and financial assistance aspects. "Helping individuals, families, organizations, and even world-wide relief efforts are all part of our 60 year history in Vermillion," remarked Club Secretary Randy Sullivan. "Giving back to those in need is the main reason many join the club."

The current membership roster shows the clubs diversity, consisting of professionals, farmers, business owners, professors, blue collar workers, students, retirees and others.

For more information about the club, please write to Vermillion Lions Club, PO Box 230, Vermillion, SD 57069 or email to [marie.ben@usd.edu](mailto:marie.ben@usd.edu).

## Glory featured at library

Glory will be the first featured selection for the February Film Festival. The free film will be shown on Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Vermillion Public Library. Hot drinks and popcorn will be provided.

This month's film festival provides time for reflection on the significance of Black History Month. In Glory, Robert Gould Shaw leads the U.S. Civil War's first all-black volunteer company, fighting prejudices of both his own Union army and the Confederates.

For more information about this event, call the library at 677-7060 or email [vpl@sdln.net](mailto:vpl@sdln.net).

## SCHOLASTICS

**Moen receives degree**

The University of Iowa awarded an estimated 1,300 degrees at the close of the fall 2009 session during December commencement ceremonies.

Among the students from Vermillion who received degrees at the UI commencement is Christopher David Moen receiving his Bachelor of Business Administration in finance, economics with highest distinction.

**Lake Area Technical Institute announces honor roll**

Deb Shephard, Lake Area Technical Institute president, announces the current honor roll. A minimum grade point average of 3.25 and full-time status is required of LATI honor students.

Local students that have been honored include Justin Mockler of Vermillion, majoring in diesel technology.

**Students named to NDSU dean's list**

North Dakota State University announced students to be placed on the fall 2009 dean's list.

A student must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits to qualify.

Whitney Feimer of Meckling has received this honor. Whitney is majoring in environmental design.

## Year of Unity announcement scheduled

Gov. Mike Rounds will officially proclaim a Year of Unity at a Feb. 19 ceremony in the state Capitol.

February marks the 20th anniversary of the Year of Reconciliation in South Dakota, which was announced by the late Gov. George Mickelson as a means to bring all races together.

"This observance was an effort to improve understanding, cooperation and peace among all races in cultures in South Dakota," Gov. Rounds said of the 1990 initiative.

The 2010 Year of Unity will build upon the legacy and work of those leaders who moved the state forward in the Year of Reconciliation, the Governor said.

"It is my hope, through this Year of Unity, to call upon South Dakotans to promote, celebrate and understand the contributions of all races and cultures in South Dakota," he said.

"We hope that Year of Unity efforts will be pursued on a community-by-community and person-to-person basis," Gov. Rounds added.

The Governor used his State of the State address on Jan. 12 to announce the new effort to commemorate and advance race relations in the state.

Leaders of the state's nine Native American tribes, as well as community and state officials have been invited to the Capitol for the Feb. 19 ceremony.

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