

CHAMBER CHAT

**Vermillion Area
Chamber of Commerce
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Chamber Business:

Basic welding skills course is being offered at the Vermillion High School. Classes began Monday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. and continue through the end of February, meeting twice per week in the evenings. Tuition is \$250. To register or for more information please contact the VCDC at 605-624-5571 or vcdc@vermillionchamber.com. Sponsored by the Vermillion School District, Masaba, and the Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company.

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 the Foundation will provide increasing funds each year for worthwhile projects.

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 to 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:

- Vermillion Rotary Club Meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 10 from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.

- Cancer Support Group meeting, Thursday, Jan. 12 at 2:30 p.m. in the Sletwold Room at Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark St. For additional information, call Marcy at 624-8706.

- Prenatal Childbirth Classes – Jan. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. Location: 20 S Plum Street, Administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the board room. Description: Sanford Vermillion Medical Center is offering free childbirth classes for expectant mothers. Classes will be held Jan. 12, 19 and 26 (breastfeeding only) Participants are encouraged to attend all three nights as different subjects will be covered each night. The class topics are as follows: Labor and Delivery, Breathing, Relaxation, and Massage, and LDRP Tours; Pain Control Options, C-sections, Special Considerations, Post-partum; and Newborn Care; Breastfeeding will be covered during the third class. There is no charge to attend. Participants should bring a doll or stuffed animal to the third class if you want to participate in breastfeeding practice. To register, call Jill at Sanford Vermillion Medical Center at 638-8465 or Jill.Christopherson@sanfordhealth.org.
- Overeaters

Anonymous: Saturday, Jan. 14 at 9 a.m. Location: 20 S Plum Street Administration entrance – board room. Description: Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles. The group meets every Saturday at 9 a.m. at Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 20 S. Plum – Administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the board room.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!:

- Vermillion Community Blood Drive, Monday, Jan. 16 at Sanford Vermillion Medical Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 years old with signed parent consent form) and weigh 110 pounds or more. For more information or to make an appointment, call 624-2611. Walk-ins welcome!
- Vermillion

Community Martin Luther King Day of Service, Monday, Jan. 16. USD students and Vermillion community members will finish over 20 projects for non-profits and individuals in Vermillion. To help provide supplies, offer monetary donations, or to send employees to help with the MLK Day of Service, visit <http://tinyurl.com/USDMLK> to pre-register. At this site, one has the option of taking part in service, a hunger banquet, or both. Event check-in begins at 12 p.m. and participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Vermillion Food Pantry. Service projects begin at 1 p.m.; Hunger Banquet at 5:30 p.m.

- Martin Luther King Day keynote speaker, Bryant Terry, Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. in MUC Ballroom.

- International Forum: "Stop Canadian Oil?": Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 12 p.m. in Farber Hall located in Old Main on USD campus. Should we stop additional Canadian oil from entering the US via a pipeline? Canada is already our number one source of foreign oil. Would the new pipeline not provide additional jobs and annual revenues (both private and public) for South Dakota and other states? Are pipelines the safest way to transport oil? Is it time to consider a carbon tax on all sources of energy? Panelists: Dr. Howard Coker (Chemistry), Dr. Dennis Johnson (Economics) & Dr. Benno Wymar (Economics). Moderator: Richard Muller (Marketing & former SD Public TV on-air host). Hosted by Beacom School of Business.

- Book Blab will be held in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library on Thursday, Jan. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. This is the fifth year adult readers will share favorite authors and books and discover some new ones with other book lovers.

- Vermillion Area Farmers Market, Saturday, Jan. 21 at Clay County Extension Bldg., 515 High St. The Winter Market includes fresh and preserved produce, local meats, crafts, woodworking, knife sharpening, breads and other baked goods.

- Fun and Games will be held in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. Adults and youth ages 12 and up will



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play board games and put jigsaw puzzles together. A wide variety of challenging and interesting games and puzzles will be available to provide mental stimulation. Learn or show others how to play Dominos, our newest game that offers a variety of game options. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

- SAVE THE DATE – Community Health & Wellness Fair hosted by Sanford Vermillion in collaboration with USD Health Professions program students: Saturday, Feb. 11, 9 to 1 p.m., Sanford School of Medicine. More details to come!

- Schmeckfest in Freeman, March 23 & 24 and March 30 & 31. For more information, visit www.schmeckfest.com, e-mail schmeckfest@gmail.com or call 605-925-4542.

- Olympic/Educational Tour, July 16 – Aug. 1. A once in a lifetime trip to

Ireland, Great Britain and the Summer 2012 Olympics in London. For more information on this 17 day trip please contact Lenni Billberg at lenni.billberg@k12.sd.us or 605-670-2717.

- Vermillion Community Theatre presents the Broadway musical "Annie" on Friday, July 20, Saturday, July 21 and Monday, July 23 at 7 p.m. There will be a matinee on Sunday, July 22 at 2:30 p.m. All performances will be at the Vermillion High School Performing Arts Center. See vermillioncommunitytheatre.org for additional information

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.

South Dakota Magazine features the USD's green efforts

Take a political science course from Rich Braunstein and you'll notice a shortage of paper handouts. It's one way the Vermillion school is trying to reduce its carbon footprint and is featured in South Dakota Magazine's annual Guide to Higher Education, included in the new January/February 2012 issue.

This year the special

section explores how South Dakota's colleges, universities, technical schools and tribal colleges are becoming more environmentally friendly. At the University of South Dakota, it's about reducing paper usage across campus and encouraging walking or bicycling to and from campus rather than driving.

South Dakota

Magazine is published in Yankton. It explores the history, arts, culture, sports and outdoors of the state. To order a copy or to subscribe, call 1-800-456-5117.

South Dakota Magazine features Vermillion's ethnic eateries

Research was never so delicious for the writers of South Dakota Magazine. The Yankton staff's report on the interesting ethnic restaurants they discovered around South Dakota is included in the new

January/February 2012 issue.

An especially tasty route winds through Vermillion. There, the writers found authentic Asian food at Silk Road Café and Chae's. The magazine's guide

introduces readers not only to the delicious dishes, but to their creators, and the unique stories they share about how they arrived in South Dakota from countries spread around the globe.

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We are requesting sub-bids and material quotations for the following project:

**Vermillion Public Library
Addition and Remodel Project
Vermillion, SD**

Bid Date: January 19, 2012 • Bid Time: 2:00 pm

Please submit bids to:
Welfl Construction Corp.
800 W. 23rd St. • PO Box 60
Yankton, SD, 57078-0060
Phone: 605-665-3258 • Fax: 605-665-9384
Email: welfl@welfl.com

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THERAPY GROUP

Were you physically abused as a child and still suffering from it? We are offering group therapy that has been found effective through research.

Sessions will be held at the Psychological Services Center at USD. Group begins the beginning of February and involves one evening session per week for 10 weeks. Participants need to attend a screening session to see if they qualify.

Call 605-677-5354 for more information.
Space is limited – please call a.s.a.p.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Learn Basic Spanish!

The Vermillion Public Library,
18 Church Street, is offering a Basic Spanish Class. Six classes on Sundays, January 22–February 26 from 3–5pm. Cost is \$45. Space is limited so call 677-7060 or stop at our Circulation Desk to register today!