

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 4**  
• Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 1:30 p.m. at Sanford Vermillion Board Room, 20 S. Plum. (Administrative entrance). New members are always welcome.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
• Debate at Lennox, TBA.  
• Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: 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.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 7**  
• Classes resume at Vermillion Public Schools.  
• 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, JANUARY 8**  
• The 30th Annual Dakota Farm Show is Tuesday-Thursday, Jan. 8-10 at the DakotaDome. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday. Free admission and free parking. For more information please go to [www.farmshowusa.com](http://www.farmshowusa.com). For vendor information, please call Penny Swank at 507-437-7969.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9**  
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• Cancer Support Group meeting at 2:30 p.m., Sletwold Room in Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark St. For more information, call Marcy at 624-8706.

**PLANNING AHEAD:**  
• JAN. 11 — Brown Bag Lunch program, “Rich Blues and More,” featuring Rich Patton on guitar, harmonica and tenor sax at 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on the USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. Free and open to the public.  
• JAN. 12 — Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: 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.  
• JAN. 19 — Vermillion Area Farmers Market, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the 4-H Building, 515 High St.  
• JAN. 21 — Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service: The University of South Dakota will be honoring Dr. King's legacy by taking part in a national day of service. All members of the USD and Vermillion community are invited to register and participate in this wonderful event. Volunteers will meet at noon in the Muenster University Center for a brief orientation before heading out to various organizations in the community to perform service. The day's events conclude at 4 p.m. with reflection and re-orientation at the Muenster University Center. To register, visit <https://www.psychdata.com/s.asp?SID=147660>. For more information contact AWOL@coyotes.usd.edu or call (605) 677-6338.  
• JAN. 23 — The Department of Labor and Regulation will be hosting a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 1024 West Cherry St. 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: resume, 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 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22.  
• FEB. 20 — “Shrek the Musical,” at the Orpheum in Sioux City. Call (712) 224-6423 or e-mail [mlanqourakis@sioux-city.org](mailto:mlanqourakis@sioux-city.org) for ticket information.  
• MARCH 15-16 & 22-23 — 2013 Schmeckfest in Freeman. Meal served from 4-7 p.m. “Fiddler on the Roof,” performance at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call 605-925-4542 or visit: [www.schmeckfest.com](http://www.schmeckfest.com).

*Does your business or organization have an event you would like included in the Community Calendar? If you do please call the Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce and Development Company at 605-624-5571 or e-mail [vcdc@vermillionchamber.com](mailto:vcdc@vermillionchamber.com) or contact the Plain Talk at 605-624-2695 or e-mail [david.lias@plaintalk.net](mailto:david.lias@plaintalk.net).*

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**Chamber Business:**  
Chamber Business: Board Election Update: At the beginning of December a slate of three nominees for the three open seats on the 2013 VCDC Board of Directors was sent to the membership. Members were given the opportunity to submit additional nominees if they chose. With no additional nominees offered, a formal election was not necessary. On Jan. 31, the following slate of

candidates will be presented to the VCDC Board of Directors for formal approval:  
Jon Robertson – Second three-year term  
Randy Houska – Second three-year term  
Scott Munger – First three-year term  
  
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](mailto:annb@vermillionchamber.com) or at 624-5571.

Vargas, Iverson named SESDAC, Inc. Employees of the Month



Pictured above is Sandra Vargas, direct support professional, center, Jennifer Odens, community supports supervisor, right, and Gerry Tracy, executive director, left.

Sandra Vargas, direct support professional, was selected as the SESDAC, Inc. December, 2012 Employee of the Month. Sandra has been a part of our organization since September, 2006.  
Sandra was nominated for the award by her fellow co-workers, based on her dedication to her job and the people she supports.  
Co-workers had the following compliments written in their nominations for Sandra...”Sandra takes great pride in ensuring that her duties are met and that they are met with a high standard. Her smile and laugh are contagious and her personality adds to the spice of life. Staff who get to work with her are lucky to have her, and we should all take a page from her book!”  
Sandra currently resides in Vermillion.  
SESDAC, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that assists people with disabilities to live, work, and socialize in their community. SESDAC, Inc. began providing services in 1973 and currently serves 75 people with disabilities and has 140 employees.



Pictured above is Alyce Iverson, direct support professional, center, Shannon Buum, supervisor, right and Gerry Tracy, executive director, left.

Alyce Iverson, direct support professional, was selected as the SESDAC, Inc. November, 2012 Employee of the Month. Alyce has been a part of our organization since September, 2007.  
Alyce was nominated for the award by her fellow co-workers, based on her dedication to her job and the people she supports.  
Co-workers had the following compliments written in their nominations for Alyce...”Alyce goes above and beyond in every situation that arises. She is a great support to staff and the people served at SESDAC. She is awesome.  
Alyce currently resides in Vermillion.  
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Wagner is Sanford PRIDE employee



Pictured are Kerry Wagner, RN, December Employee of the Month and Jeff Berens, chief nursing officer, Sanford Vermillion.

Kerry Wagner, RN, Sanford Hospital Vermillion, was selected as the Sanford Vermillion December 2012 PRIDE Employee of the Month. She has been employed here since August 2009.  
Nominations for Wagner included the following comments:  
Personalized Service: Kerry is kind and compassionate. She is not afraid to go “the extra mile” for her patients to ensure excellent customer service.  
Respect: She has respect to all and is a prime example of a team player in the nurse role.  
Innovation: Kerry has great ideas to improve the hospital and shows them. She also shows the aides new techniques to simplify transferring patients by the use of good body mechanics.  
Dedication: Kerry is dependable and will come into work early and stay late to help her fellow co-workers.  
Excellence: She portrays excellence in care and service! She is a diligent and efficient worker with that spunky fun attitude that the patients love.  
Additional Comments: She’s fun to work with! She does her fair share!  
“Kerry is a dedicated nurse who works the night shifts. It takes a special person to do this. She is diligent in her work and always advocates for her patients. She is respected by her peers and is an asset to the institution,” said Jeff Berens, CNO, Sanford Vermillion Medical Center.  
Kerry and Tracy Lundstrom reside in Jefferson. Kerry has two sons; Dustin (19) and Kody (17). She is a native of Homestead, FL. Kerry enjoys cooking and gardening.

Corn yield contest winners announced

Despite a severe drought, several South Dakota farmers who entered the 2012 Corn Yield Contest harvested some of the highest corn yields in history.  
Steve Breeding of Chamberlain recorded the highest yield in the state this year by raising 279.32 bushels per acre in one of his fields. That ranks as the fourth-highest yield ever recorded on irrigated land using no-till or strip-till farming practices. Randy Svendsen of Volin harvested 276.52 bushels per acre in a field, ranking as the second-highest all time in the irrigated classification.  
On non-irrigated land, Ronald Johnson of Alcester produced 271.49 bushels per acre, which ranks fifth all-time in that category. Jeffery Fliehs had the highest yield in non-irrigated fields using no-till or strip-till farming. His 261.01-bushel yield ranks second on record in that category.  
South Dakota had 121 entries in four categories. The contest, conducted by the National Corn Growers Association, is in its 48th year and remains the organization's most popular program for members. The contest, which provides good-natured competition among neighbors, drew a near-record 8,262 entries nationally.  
“It’s a fun contest for our members and there’s a value in seeing how old and new hybrids stack up over the years,” said Mark Gross, president of the South Dakota Corn Growers Association. “Thanks to new technology and advanced farming practices, yields in this contest have been creeping closer to 300 bushels an acre and are likely to hit that mark in the near future. Farmers need to keep making gains to meet demands in this growing nation and world.”  
Winners in South Dakota’s contest:  
IRRIGATED  
1. Randy Svendsen, Volin, Channel 211-99 VT3P, 276.52  
2. Cary Hajek, Tyndall, Pioneer P1151HR, 265.22  
3. Grant McCann, Springfield, Pioneer P1498HR, 261.06  
  
NO-TILL/STRIP-TILL IRRIGATED  
1. Steve Breeding, Chamberlain, Dekalb DKC63-07, 279.32  
2. Val Mosel, Pukwana, Dekalb DKC55-24, 273.43  
3. Prairie Creek Ranch, Yankton, Pioneer 34F07, 261.46  
  
NO-TILL/STRIP-TILL NON-IRRIGATED  
1. Jeffery Fliehs, Groton, Dekalb DKC52-59, 261.01  
2. Steven Dayton, Stratford Dekalb DKC50-66, 249.80  
3. Mark LaBrie, Frankfort, Pioneer P0533AM1, 249.00  
  
NON-IRRIGATED  
1. Ronald Johnson, Alcester Pioneer 34F07, 271.49  
2. Huron Farms, Huron Dekalb DKC52-59, 249.90  
3. Dustin Reiff, Dell Rapids Pioneer P9917AM1, 246.39

Attorney General Jackley announces settlement with 85-octane wholesalers

Attorney General Marty Jackley announced today that an agreement with Harms Oil and M.G. Oil has been reached in regards to the investigation into the labeling of 85-octane gas. Both Harms Oil and M.G. Oil fully cooperated throughout the investigation. While the investigation revealed that 85-octane had been distributed and sold contrary to administrative rule, it did not reveal any unusual profits or unusual profit margins during the relevant time period.  
Harms Oil agreed to pay \$25,000 to the South Dakota Department of Public Safety to recoup the cost of purchasing a Zeltex portable octane tester and the cost associated with the first year of use. M.G. Oil has also agreed to pay \$3,500 to produce educational materials to be distributed to retail businesses.  
“This settlement resolves the outstanding 85-octane sale issues between the State and these

wholesalers, and establishes reasonable standards to protect consumers,” said Jackley.  
As part of the Settlement, Harms Oil and M.G. Oil have agreed to:  
• obey all state and federal laws and administrative rules regarding the labeling of gas at the retail level, including but not limited to the accurate labeling of the octane rating and presence and percentage of ethanol.  
• obey all state and federal laws and administrative rules regarding the sale and delivery of 85 octane gas in the State of South Dakota.  
• obey all state and federal laws and administrative rules regarding the certification of the fuel rating for each delivery made.  
In addition, Harms Oil and M.G. Oil will provide quarterly statements verifying compliance with all terms of the consent judgment for two years. These compliance reports will confirm that these businesses have not delivered any 85-octane gas to retail locations to any area of South Dakota where the sale of 85- octane gas is not authorized and/or legal. Harms Oil and M.G. Oil will also collaborate with the State to prepare a brochure detailing the fuel pump labeling requirements that will be in effect after July 1, 2013, and will pay the cost to send the brochure to each gasoline retailer in the state.

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