

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**FRIDAY, JAN. 31**  
•NMM Live! Brown Bag Lunch Program featuring T. Wilson King, guitar, at 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. Free and Open to the public.  
•Debate: Yankton at 2 p.m. (T)  
•Open House in honor of Gary Marshall's retirement, 3 p.m.-6 p.m. at Kalin's Indoor Comfort, 610 Cottage Ave.  
•Bowling: West Central (H) Yankton Family Fun Center at 4 p.m.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 1**  
•Debate: Yankton at 8 a.m. (T)  
•TBA – Show Choir: Omaha (T)  
•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.  
•Cracker Barrel session with our legislators will be from 10 a.m. to noon at the City Hall Council Chambers at 25 Center St. Please join District 17 Legislators, Senator Tom Jones and House Representatives Nancy Rasmussen and Ray Ring for an update on the 89th Legislative Session. Open to the public. Everyone is welcome and 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.  
•Girls Basketball: Madison at 11 a.m. (T)  
•Men's Basketball vs. South Dakota State at 4 p.m. at the DakotaDome.

**MONDAY, FEB. 3**  
•NHS Welcome Table at VHS at 4 p.m.  
•7/8th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Elk Point/Jefferson (away), TBA.  
•Gymnastics: Wagner/West Central at 6 p.m. (H)  
•Duo Piano Recital: Guest Artists Linda Christensen and Philip Pfaltzgraff, 7:30 p.m., Colton Recital Hall located in Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.  
•Al-anon meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. For more information, call 624-9764.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 4**  
•Vermillion Rotary Club meeting from noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference room of the Al Neuharth Media Center. For more information, visit [www.vermillionrotaryclub.org](http://www.vermillionrotaryclub.org).

**PLANNING AHEAD:**  
•FEB. 7 – NMM Live! Brown Bag Lunch Program featuring Stephanie Kocher, USD and Christy Beard, University of Nebraska, Omaha, 7 at 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. Free and Open to the public.  
•FEB. 7-28 – The 27th Annual Stilwell Student Juried Exhibition featuring works of art produced by students at John A. Day Gallery in the Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts on USD campus. The public is invited to the opening of the show and awards night on Feb. 7 at 5 p.m.  
•FEB. 8 – Sanford Vermillion Community Health and Wellness Fair, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Lee Medical Building, USD campus (corner of Clark and Dakota streets). Visit [sanfordvermillion.org](http://sanfordvermillion.org) for more details or call (605) 624-2611. Both free and minimal charge screenings available to public as well as family fun, information and activities.  
•FEB. 8 – 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.  
•FEB. 10 – First Dakota National Bank hosts "Agrivisions 2014" at Best Western Kelly Inn, 1607 E. Hwy. 50, Yankton at 7 p.m. Farmers, agri-business professionals and business owners are invited to attend. Featured speaker: Dr. Jason Henderson, of Purdue University. Registration from 6:30-7 p.m. followed by presentation. To reserve a seat, call, (605) 665-4904 or (800) 657-5826.  
•FEB. 11 – President's Research Roundtable: Research and scholarly activity are integral to the University of South Dakota's mission and are part of the daily academic life of faculty and students. To encourage an open dialog among faculty and administration regarding research, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will host the President's Research Roundtable, a campus discussion about USD's research initiatives. The event, planned by a faculty committee, will be held from 4-5 p.m. in the Neuharth Media Center conference room. For more information or to submit a question for discussion, go to <http://www.usd.edu/research/research-and-sponsored-programs/presidents-research-roundtable.cfm>.  
•FEB. 18 – Citizens Academy: The City of Vermillion will be hosting a Citizens Academy for interested Vermillion residents 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. All sessions, unless otherwise noted, will start at 5:30 p.m. During the course, several sessions will meet away from City Hall at different department sites. The class will graduate with a certificate in "Governmentology" and a key to the city upon successful completion of the program. Class size is limited. Applications are available at City Hall or online at [www.vermillion.us](http://www.vermillion.us).  
•FEB. 28 – The Department of Labor and Regulation will be hosting a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP), 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 1024 West Cherry Street. 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 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. 26.

**Transportation Technician / Journey Transportation Technician**  
Job ID: 2720 - Yankton, SD  
The Department of Transportation is accepting applications for a Technician position. This position applies various inspection, sampling, testing and documenting procedures to verify that construction project features and materials conform with standard specifications. Salary is based on education and experience:  
• **Transportation Technician:** \$11.47 - \$14.34, depending on education and experience. If the applicant is hired at the entry level, DOT may provide training specific for advancement to a Journey Transportation Technician.  
• **Journey Transportation Technician:** \$15.20. A vocational technical degree in civil engineering technology, engineering/architectural drafting, or experience in transportation related construction or surveying. This position may require travel to and from work sites. For more information or to apply, go to [www.state.sd.us/jobs](http://www.state.sd.us/jobs) or any SD Department of Labor & Regulation Field office. Reference Job ID 2720. Closing date February 18, 2014. South Dakota Bureau of Human Resources, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5070. Telephone: 605.773.3148 Fax: 605.773.4344. "An Equal Opportunity Employer".

# ReDiscover Robert Aldern on display

LumoStudios & Gallery in Vermillion announces that, due to popular demand and the past cold weather, the ReDiscover Robert Aldern works on display at LumoStudios will be on display until Feb. 14.  
Works are available for purchase. Contact Phyllis Packard, LumoStudios & Gallery, 2 East Main St. Phone: (605) 624 9222 or (605) 670 2588.

LumoStudios and Gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday, from 1-5 p.m., and by appointment.  
Robert Aldern: A South Dakota original  
His works include Landscapes, Figure Studies and Liturgical Art. For six decades Aldern's life and works have been a major influence on the South Dakota art. Times change, but the essence of the prairie remains constant.

That essence is captured in his work. Aldern's paintings reflect his lifelong quest to capture the quiet truths in nature and in our hearts.  
Aldern was born in 1929 in Sioux Falls. He received a BA from Augustana College, Sioux Falls and BFA from the University of Hartford, Hartford School of Art, Hartford, CT. During the 1970s he was chair of the

Fine Arts Department at USD and in the 1980s to 2010, he was chair and faculty of Fine Arts at Augustana.  
Never retiring, he worked as an artist-in-residence at the Center for Liturgical Art at Augustana College until his death. Throughout his career, Aldern received numerous awards for his art and is listed in "Who's Who in America."

# 'Keep calm and story on'

**By Travis Gulbrandson**  
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All storytellers, no matter their medium, have the power to become agents of change.  
That was one of the messages shared by Dawn J. Fraser, humorist, storyteller and speaker, when she gave the keynote address to this year's Martin Luther King, Jr., Day activities at the University of South Dakota.  
"One of the things we see in public work is that if you don't tell your story, and you're going out there to be a leader, then who's going to tell your story for you?" Fraser said during her presentation, which was held Tuesday, Jan. 21.  
"You need to have agency and ownership of your story, and a lot of times it's hard because you may not know the right story to tell, the right length to tell it," she said. "It can be complex, it can (make you feel) vulnerable, but that's part of the process of becoming better leaders and inspiring leadership in others."  
Some of the most powerful stories are those that inspire others to "achieve purpose in the face of uncertainty," Fraser said.  
"Any great novel, any great film, anything where you have a really compelling story has got to have a protagonist, and the protagonist has got to start going on some type of journey," she said.  
"On a day like today and yesterday, when we're looking at some of the greatest leaders of our time, we've seen that the way they've been able to inspire and engage and get people involved is by first telling them their story," she said.  
King's "I Have a Dream" speech is a good example of this in that it talks

about present conditions before elaborating on what the future could entail.  
"This is how we start to see stories as influencing agents of leadership in our own lives," Fraser said.  
Another example of this is the speech then-Sen. Barack Obama gave introducing Sen. John Kerry at the 2004 Democratic National Convention.  
"In this particular scenario, he talks about himself," Fraser said. "He came from an immigrant family, his father's from Africa, his mother's from the United States."  
Obama's story contained a "now" and an "us," Fraser said – an illustration of values and motivations, as well as community.  
"This is how we see stories manifesting every single day in our lives, be it in politics, be it in literature, be it in business, in commercials," Fraser said. "We want to see those interactions, we want to hear about people, we want to know their values."  
Fraser gave the attendees an opportunity to do this for themselves, partnering them up and having them tell one story each to their partners.  
Her advice was simple: "Keep calm and story on."  
"What I mean by that is, sometimes when you're telling a story, you feel like you're not saying the right thing, or it's not coming out right. Just flow with it," Fraser said.  
During the activity, Fraser emphasized that both the tellers and the listeners had a responsibility.  
"In the process of putting together a story, one of the beautiful things is having an audience and having another ear, so when you are the audience or you're the ear, some of

the feedback I want you to be giving to your partner are the things that really stand out to you, the things that are really noteworthy," she said.  
"Be that ear for that person. ... Be an active listener, and be able to give them some type of feedback, some type of advice."  
Fraser said that although storytelling may be mankind's oldest art form, it continues to flourish thanks in part to social media outlets like Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.  
"There are so many different ways that we are now passing our stories in a very public way," she said. "It sometimes can be tricky, especially with social media, because you can't hear the inflection in somebody's voice, you can't feel the emphasis of a hashtag. But it is a form of communication, it is a form of storytelling."  
"It's interesting to get a sense of that power, and be able to do it well (while) you tell your own public story," she said. "The possibilities are only growing."  
Fraser has delivered speeches and led workshops for thousands of students, entrepreneurs and professionals worldwide on issues related to storytelling, leadership and personal development.  
For more information on her, visit [www.keepcalmandstoryon.com](http://www.keepcalmandstoryon.com).  
USD's Martin Luther King Day sponsors were the Office of Diversity, the Center for Academic Engagement, the Office of the Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, the Wisconsin Campus Compact, the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Alternative Week of Off-Campus Learning.

# CHAMBER CHAT

**Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce & Development Company**  
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**Chamber Business:**  
Cracker Barrel sessions with our legislators will be:  
•Saturday, Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon at the City Hall Council Chambers at 25 Center St.  
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The Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company (VCDC) Annual Banquet and Vermillion NOW 2! campaign kickoff is Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Vermillion Event Center, 912 N Dakota St. The guest speaker is Brendan Johnson, United States Attorney. 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 through their membership and investment in Vermillion NOW. 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 banquet is open to the public and tickets are on sale for \$30 each. For more

information and to order your tickets, contact the VCDC at 116 Market St., (605) 624-5571. RSVP by Jan. 30.  
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, please contact Ann at: [annb@vermillionchamber.com](mailto:annb@vermillionchamber.com) or at 624-5571.  
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Foundation seeks board members: The Clay-Union Foundation is seeking three adult males to join the board from Union County, and three females from Clay County. The board oversees the mentoring program and provides input on the overall program. Please contact John Gille at [jgillerrsd60@yahoo.com](mailto:jgillerrsd60@yahoo.com) or call (605) 421-5050 to apply.

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# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

**Farm Mutual Insurance Company of Clay County**  
The Annual Meeting of the Farm Mutual Insurance Company of Clay County will be held at the Vermillion City Hall, 25 Center St., in Vermillion, at 1:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 12, 2014**

Hearing of reports, director elections, changes in the by-laws will be discussed, and any other business that may come properly before the assembly.

By the order of the Board of Directors dated the 26th day of January, 2014.  
- Patricia Girard, President  
- Mark Donnelly, Secretary

***Cookies & Coffee will be served. Door prizes given.***