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he risked losing a lot.

"Recovery is actually my favorite subject," Radigan said. "Anything about recovery, I like."

With the support of the community, Radigan was able to step away from the bar, and towards Alcoholics Anonymous, an organization he is greatly appreciative of.

"Vermillion has been good for my sobriety," Radigan said. "Sobriety is hard but there is so much support here."

Radigan has since added sobriety advocate to his resume. He often gets calls from people who are seeking help and recovery.

"I love AA meetings," Radigan said. "I had to go to some lengths to be good. I enjoy talking about it and maybe helping people."

Sobriety and being so public made Radigan nervous at first, but in true Vermillion spirit, community members came together and recognized the unique position he was in.

"I thought I'd really get judged, but I didn't," Radigan said. "I was accepted. I haven't had a

drink in 14 years. I've made some mistakes, but I'm learning."

Since those darker days, Radigan has shifted his focus towards his family, his golf game, and his status as a business person. Now, his wife Molly mans the controls of The Pub.

"Molly waits tables Monday through Friday for lunch so this is as Vermillion owned and operated as you get," Radigan said. "We've been married nine years, she does a lot of the day-by-day operational things; she is the boss now."

Radigan's eyes light up when he talks about his wife and how she stepped into a lot of roles when they married. He is in awe of her capabilities.

"She's also a full time mom at home," Radigan said. "Which is a lot tougher than this job is. She does everything."

In 2005, the Radigans acquired the adjoining business front, formerly known as Chalky's. Staying true to his new role as family man, Radigan named the new establishment after his daughter.

"I had a two year old at the time," Radigan said. "Her name is Maya

Jane. I thought Chalky's was kind of a guy bar name and I wanted it to be a more welcoming place."

Maya is nine now, a second daughter, Callie, is six, and a baby is coming Feb.

"We are getting pretty excited for that," Radigan said.

As an avid USD fan, and promoter of anything traditional, Radigan is looking forward to raising his family in the community and supporting the public.

"My favorite team is the Coyotes," Radigan said. "I would like to see the basketball arena get built."

The family, friends, and community members are what make Radigan so proud to be a true Vermillion son.

"I just like good people," Radigan said. "I think Vermillion is full of good people."

Radigan is proud of his roots, appreciative of his supporters and opportunities he's had while moving from adolescence to adulthood.

"It means everything to me to be from this town," Radigan said.

"I'm positive I'm going to be here the rest of my life."

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Chamber Business:
• The 32nd Annual Dakota Farm Show is Jan.

6, 7 and 8 at the DakotaDome. Hours will be from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Tues. and Wed. and from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Thurs. As always, the admission and parking is free. Hundreds of vendors will be there along with approximately 25,000 visitors. The VCDC will have a booth with information about the Vermillion area including attractions, eateries, Vermillion Visitor Guide

and more. Chamber Members - If you would like your brochure, flyer, menu, etc. included in the VCDC booth, please give us a call at 624-5571 or drop it off (appx. 300) at the VCDC office at 116 Market Street by Fri., Jan. 2.

Announcements:
• Stop in and browse the exquisite mosaics by Nancy Losacker, a Vermillion-based artist. Her art is on exhibit at Cafe Brule, Dec. through Jan. Pieces can be purchased through DavidaArtCompany online at this email address: michele.mechling4dac@gmail.com. For sales and service by phone contact Michele Mechling at 605 670-2945.

• Veteran Holiday Relief Drive Benefiting homeless and at-risk Veterans and Military Families: Please join the Department of South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary and Autumn Simunek, Miss Oahe and partners in providing a comfortable Holiday Season to our Veterans and military

families in need throughout SD. Contribute an American Legion Auxiliary Buddy Basket filled with household items, a single household or hygiene item, winter apparel, shopping gift cards, or monetary donation through January 10, 2015. Monetary Donations can be mailed to ATTN: VETS RELIEF DRIVE: American Legion Auxiliary Unit #1 c/o Marie Anne Ben 16 East Bloomingdale Street Vermillion, SD 57069-3071 For additional locations/information: Email Autumn.Simunek@gmail.com.

Drop-Off Locations:
The Broadcaster/Plain Talk 201 W Cherry Street or Main Street Center 320 West Main Street.

Buddy Basket(s)
Home-warming Welcome Recipe: Assemble a Laundry Basket/Waste Basket filled with: Paper Towels, Bathroom Tissue, Window Cleaner, Scrubbing Cleanser, Rubber Gloves, Cleaning Sponges, Dust Pan

w/Hand Brush, Light Bulbs, Shower Curtains w/rings, Bath Towels, Laundry Detergent, Eating Utensils, Dishes, Dish Soap, Dish Towel Set; Frosted with clear wrap/bow and greeting tag/card.

Single Item(s) of Need or Substitute Items
Welcome: Bed Sheets (all sizes), Sleeping Bags, Alarm Clocks, Household Kitchen Items, Hygiene Products (shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, etc.); Buddy Basket Items, Shopping Gift Cards, Winter Coats, Gloves, and Hats (all sizes) or Monetary Donations to build Buddy Baskets or provide assistance to South Dakotas Veteran Outreach Centers or South Dakota Operation: Military Kids.

• Vermillion Area Community Foundation (VACF) updated grant application information: Beginning this year, there are only two grant periods: The second Thursday in April and the second Thursday in October. Grant guidelines can be

found at: <http://vermillion.sdcommunityfoundation.org> or applications can be picked up at the VCDC, 116 Market Street.

FRIDAY, JAN. 2
• Boys Basketball: Tea Area, Fri., Jan. 2 @ 2:00 pm (T)

• Ladies Hospital Auxiliary meeting, Fri., Jan. 2 @ 2:00 pm, Sanford Vermillion Board Room
• Girls Basketball: Tea Area, Fri., Jan. 2 @ 4:00 pm (T)

• USD Mens Basketball vs Omaha, Fri., Jan. 2 @ 7:00 pm at DakotaDome

SATURDAY, JAN. 3

• Overeaters

Anonymous: Sat., Jan. 3 @

9:00 am. Location:

Newman Center-USD

Campus, 320 E. Cherry,

across from the MUC at

the corner of Rose &

Cherry St. (West Door-

straight through double

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