

## CHAMBER CHAT

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## Chamber Business:

Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening for PrairieSun Organics on Monday, March 29 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Ribbon cutting at 4 p.m. at their new location at 108B E. Main Street. Following the open house there will be a presentation by Jerry DeWitt, PhD from ISU, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Vermillion Public Library on local food systems and economic impacts seen across Iowa.

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.

VCDC Committees: Are you interested in becoming more active with the VCDC and in the Community? Join one of our new committees! We currently have two new committees that we are searching for great volunteers. These committees are the Special Events Committee and the Legislative Affairs Committee. If you love event planning, the Special Events Committee is for you! This committee will work to plan and promote special events that the VCDC hosts such as the Annual 4th of July Celebration, the Annual Golf Social, and the Annual Banquet. Are you interested in the legislative issues that affect Clay County and local businesses? The Legislative Affairs Committee will work to stay up to date on such issues and keep the VCDC membership informed. If you are interested in either of these committees or would like more information, please contact Carly at carlyh@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

## This Weeks Happenings!

- High School Boy's State "A" Basketball in Sioux Falls Thursday, March 18 - Saturday, March 20 (TBA).
- National Music Museum Brown Bag Lunch Program Music for Sweet and Cross Flutes, featuring Susanne Skyrn (USD) and Judy Walker (Sioux City), playing music for harpsichord, fortepiano, flute, and recorder at noon on Friday, March 19 in the Arne

B. Larson Concert Hall at National Music Museum

- USD Chamber Orchestra in Concert Friday, March 19 at 8 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall.

- Benefit for Paul Dold Friday, March 19 at the Eagle's Club in Vermillion. Dinner 5 to 8 p.m.; silent auction 5 to 9:30 p.m.; live pie auction 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight with Clay Creek Deaf Cowboy Band. Dinner, dance and auction - \$10; dinner only - \$6; dance or auction - \$5. Free will donations welcome. All proceeds support Paul's expenses and recovery.

- Yankton Children's Theatre Co. & Lewis & Clark Theatre Co. present Wonderland-The Musical Misadventures of Alice in Wonderland at Dakota Theatre, Yankton, March 19-20 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 21 at 2 p.m. For ticket information, call 665-4711 or 689-0401.

- Schmeckfest—A Festival of Tasting in Freeman, SD. March 19 and 20 and March 26 and 27. Advance sale meal tickets only: adults - \$20; children 2-10 - \$8. Serving time: 4 to 7 p.m. Demonstration and display activities open from 1 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 605-925-4542 or www.schmeckfest.com

- Fireman's Ball Saturday, March 20 at the Vermillion Eagle's Club. Music by Clay Creek.

- USD Women's Tennis Saturday, March 20 at Creighton University in Omaha, NE (all day).

- Free Tax Preparation by certified Law & Business Students Saturday, March 20. VITA will be filing simple tax returns for students and low income persons at the Vermillion Public Library from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring all necessary documents, (i.e., social security cards, all W2's, 1099s, interest statements, etc.)

- USD Music Recital Saturday, March 20 at 3 p.m. in Farber Hall. Presented by Rachel LaForge, Graduate Cello Recital. Free and open to the public.

- Music Concert Saturday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. USD Chamber Singers perform in Vermillion's United Church of Christ sanctuary. Free and open to the public.

- Gayville Hall - A Waltz Across Texas in Gayville, SD, Saturday, March 20 at 8 p.m. starring John and Susan McNeill, Owen DeJong, and Nick Schwebach. Call 605-267-2859 for reservations.
- High School Show Choir Classic at Mitchell, Saturday, March 20 (TBA).

## Next Weeks Happenings:

- Spring Picture Day at

Vermillion High School, Monday, March 22.

- Ethical Leadership for the 21st Century sponsored by The Arthur A. Volk Accounting Symposium & Beacom Opportunity Fund Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Wayne S. Knutson Theatre. Speaker - Cynthia Cooper, named Time Magazine's Person of the Year for exposing massive fraud at WorldCom.

- Boy Gets Girl March 24-27 at 7:30 p.m., and March 28 at 2 p.m. USD Arena Theatre. Reservations: 605-677-5400.

- Kindergarten Round-up Parent Meeting Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m. in kindergarten room at St. Agnes School. Incoming kindergarteners meet Friday, March 26 1 to 3 p.m. in kindergarten room at St. Agnes School. Call 624-4144 to sign up for Round-up.

- Vermillion Middle School Spring Picture Day Thursday, March 25.

- Vermillion High School After-Prom Committee will host the ninth annual dinner and basket auction Thursday, March 25 at the Eagles with social hour from 6 to 7 p.m. Meal prepared by Bliss's Bar-B-Q will be served at 7 p.m. Community invited. Auction of donated items from area businesses and community members starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased from: Nook 'n Cranny, Davis Pharmacy & Jones' Food Center. For more information or if you are interested in donating items, please contact Damian & Jeanne Donahoe at 624-5173.

- Chilly - Chili - Chile at the W.H. Over Museum, Friday, March 26. All chili chefs are invited to enter their favorite pot of chili. Come and sample the different versions of chili and vote for your favorite. All ages welcome. A free will offering will be accepted. To enter contest, contact the museum at 605-677-5228 or stop by and register your best recipe. Bring enough to serve 10-15 people. Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Program featuring Dave Swanson, USD biologist, begins at 7 p.m. on the Birds of Chile.

- Gayville Hall - A Celebration of Hank Williams in Gayville, SD, Saturday, March 27 at 8 p.m. starring John and Susan McNeill, Owen DeJong, and Nick Schwebach. Call 605-267-2859 for reservations.

- Tails & Trails Event in Vermillion hosted by Heartland Humane Society on Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. to noon at Cotton Park in Vermillion. The community is invited to walk with or without your dog or with one of the adoptable dogs. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Donations to the shelter will be accepted with all proceeds going toward the care of the shelter pets.

- Fifth Annual Lewis & Clark Home Builders Assn. 2010 Home Show will be held Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 28 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Kiwanis 4-H Ice Center, 709 Whiting Drive in Yankton. Admission: \$3/person, children 12 & under free.

- Announcement - Vermillion School District launches new Web site - www.vermillion.k12.sd.us. The site improves the district's efforts to communicate & provide information to the community. Everyone is encouraged to check out the new site and register for immediate notices or schedule changes

## Upcoming Events -

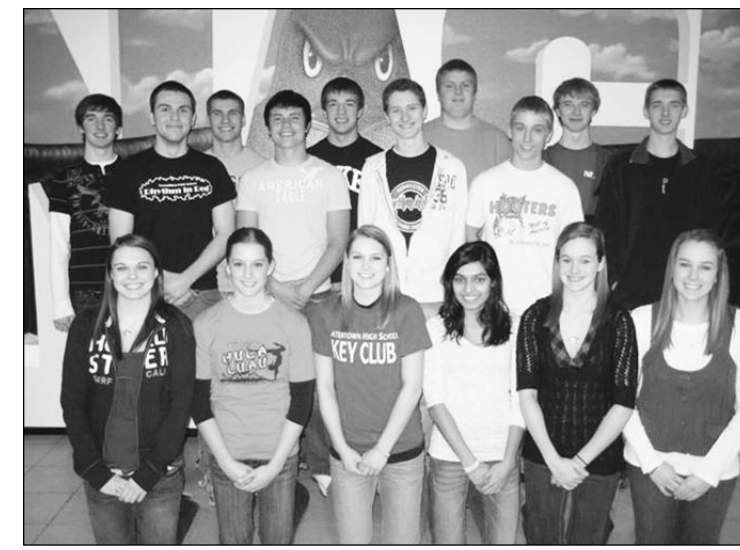
## Mark Your Calendars!

- USD's Opera Theatre presents Puccini's comic opera Gianni Schicchi, Monday, March 29 and Tuesday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall.

- USD Symphonic Band presents its spring concert to the public at no charge, Wednesday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Wayne S. Knutson Theatre.

- Good Friday - no school for Vermillion School District, Friday, April 2.

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.



Girls State delegates are Elly Melby, Amber Walker, Carlee Sorenson, Janani Ragothaman, Sarah Szmonski (Journalism City) and Lindsay Robinet. Boys State delegates are Alex Card (Journalism City), Thomas Sullivan, Dexter Mehlhaf, Benjamin Kozak, Eric Storm, Doug Kronaizl, Blaine Hubert, Tony Henderson, Kevin Callahan, and Mathew Martin.

## Legion announces Boys and Girls State delegates

Vermillion American Legion Post #1 and Legion Auxiliary have announced the selection of delegates for Boys and Girls State 2010. Girls chosen to represent Vermillion are Elly Melby, Janani Ragothaman, Lindsay Robinet, Carlee Sorenson, Amber Walker and Sarah Szmonski (Journalism City). The boys chosen are Kevin Callahan, Tony Henderson, Blaine Hubert, Benjamin Kozak, Doug Kronaizl, Eric Storm, Dexter Mehlhaf, Thomas (Carson) Sullivan and Alex Card (Journalism City). Mathew Martin is being sponsored by the Alsen Legion. These young people have demonstrated very definite leadership skills in their school and community activities and each has earned a scholastic ranking that places them in the upper third of their class. "During the selection process, all delegates demonstrated outstanding qualifications in character, honesty, service, and initiative," said Ray Hofman, Legion Americanism Officer, "and American Legion Post #1 and Legion Auxiliary are proud to have these young people represent Vermillion at the 2010 Boys and Girls State session."

American Legion Boys and Girls State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county, and state government. Boys and Girls State has been a program of the American Legion since 1935.

South Dakota Boys and Girls State will run from May 31 to June 4, and will be held on the campus of Northern State University for the boys and The University of South Dakota for the girls.

Donations from the Eagles, Lions, Rotary, Civic Council, FFW, Knights of Columbus and Masons have helped sponsor the students.

For more information please call Ray Hofman at 624-6457 or by email using rhofman@vyn.midco.net

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## Uncle Sam Wants You ... to Buy Efficient Appliances



Uncle Sam could put up to \$1,500 back in your pocket when you buy energy-efficient windows, insulation or a new roof by the end of 2010.

The bonus comes in the form of a tax credit, good for 30 percent off the price of windows, doors and skylights; metal or asphalt roofs (other kinds don't qualify); insulation; electric heat-pump water heaters; gas, oil or propane water heaters; air conditioning and heating systems; and biomass stoves.

To qualify for the tax credit, the product has to meet strict energy-efficiency criteria, which you can find by visiting the federal government's Energy Star Web site ([www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)).



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THE SOUTH DAKOTA  
GAME FISH AND PARKS  
will be hosting an  
OPEN HOUSE  
March 24, 2010  
at the National Field Archery Association Headquarters  
in Yankton, SD

The Game Fish and Parks Open House will give the public the opportunity to converse with Department employees from 5-7 p.m. with a short presentation at 5:15 p.m.

There will be representatives from the Department from the Parks Division and the Wildlife Division that will be glad to sit down one on one and discuss issues that are brought to them from the public. The presentation will consist of a general overview of game, fish and land issues in Yankton County, paddlefish management goals, recent land acquisitions, SD Parks and summarizing with waterfowl management in the respective area. If there are questions regarding this open house, please call Wildlife Conservation Officer Sam Schelhaas at 605-668-2985.

Following the open house, a discussion on mountain lion management will be conducted from 7 to 9 p.m. at the same location. The discussion will begin with a presentation by John Kanta, Regional Wildlife Manager for the western part of SD. John will offer some basic information on mountain lion history and management. He will also discuss some of the findings from research conducted in the Black Hills. John will also outline the Department's mountain lion management plan and solicit input from attendees as to what they feel should be included in the plan and how they feel mountain lions should be managed in SD. This input will be included in the mountain lion plan revision currently being conducted.