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*Howard Willson from Willson Florist counts here ... You do too!*



If you reside in Vermillion on April 1, 2010 you count here!  
 The information the census collects helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding is spent on infrastructure and services each year.  
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**CHAMBER CHAT**

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**This Weeks Happenings!**  
 • 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



**Carly Heard**

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](http://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 [vcdo@vermillionchamber.com](mailto:vcdo@vermillionchamber.com).*

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