

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

- The Annual Vermillion Area Chamber & Community Awards Banquet is Tuesday, March 20 at Pro's Bar & Grill at 912 North Dakota St. 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.

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 guest speaker is Joe Glenn, the University of South Dakota's head football coach.

The banquet is open to the public and tickets are on sale now for \$30 each at the Chamber office at 116 Market St., or you can call us at (605) 624-5571. Please RSVP by March 14.

Promote and advertise your business or organization at the Annual Vermillion Area Chamber & Community Awards Banquet by providing a table centerpiece. Reference your business or organization within the centerpiece and be creative! This year's banquet theme is "Team Building" which can be incorporated in your table centerpiece if you wish. For more information please call the Chamber at (605) 624-5571 or e-mail annb@vermillionchamber.com by March 15.

- David Owen, president of the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce, will give a legislative session update at the Rotary Club meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at the Neuharth Media Center on Tuesday, March 27. Sponsored by the VCDC Legislative Affairs Committee.

- 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 or at 624-5571.

This Week's Happenings:

- The Library Expansion and Renovation Project has started early due to the mild winter. The south entrance door to the Library has been closed. All patrons must enter through the Church Street (west) entrance. The contractor will begin with the expansion of the south area of the building. Please be aware of the equipment and use care in approaching the Library from the parking lot. Sorry for the inconvenience. Thank you to all our supporters for making this project happen.

Jane A. Larson Director Vermillion Public Library 18 Church Street Vermillion SD 57069 (605) 677-7060 (FAX) (605) 677-7160 <http://vpl.sdn.net>.

- USD Libraries are displaying a series of artistic exhibitions exploring skateboard designs, graphic novels and tapestries now through May 4: Corroborations 2012, which pairs visual arts students with



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poetry majors, is in the I.D. Weeks Library second floor exhibition cases; tapestry weavings by award-winning South Dakota tapestry artist Grete Bodogaard are in the USD Libraries Gallery in the Academic Commons; Getting Graphic by USD Education Librarian Abby Moore is an exhibit of graphic novels on the west side of the second floor of the University Libraries Gallery; SkateCreate is an exhibition of skateboard designs created by students in the first-year seminar class. It's featured in the student gallery on the west side of the second floor.

- Fundraiser for Vermillion Public Schools & USD Athletic Department: During 2012, The Roadhouse will be offering a Coyote Burger and a Tanager Burger with 50 cents of each burger sold going to either the USD Athletic Department or the Vermillion Public Schools.

- 40th Anniversary of March & Mayor for Meals Campaign: In March 1972, Congress passed and President Nixon signed into law a new provision of the Older Americans Act (OAA) that laid the groundwork for more than 5,000 Senior Nutrition Programs nationally. This program authorizes and supports vital nutrition services, both congregate & Meals on Wheels, to Americans age 60 and older. Watch for events/opportunities to contribute to the Senior Meals Program here in Vermillion throughout the month of March and during other times of the year. Checks should be made to: Dakota Senior Meals at 320 West Main St. For more information, please call Karen

Gibbs at 624-6164.

- Clothing Drive for Rosebud Reservation, March 1-30. Donation guidelines: gently used clothing must be clean & in good working condition; no purses, high heels or dry clean-only clothing. Clothing needs to be bagged or boxed. Donations may be dropped off at Pressing Matters Printing, 102 E. Main St. during regular business hours. Monetary donations may be sent to: One Nation Walking Together, 45 - A Commerce St., Colorado Springs, CO 80907.

- Heartland Humane Society to offer adorable cats for adoption: Donate cat food or clumping litter (no clay litter) to HHS and adopt a cat at discounted \$25 adoption fee March 12-16. Adoption application can be picked up at the shelter at 601 Burleigh St. or visit www.heartlandhumanesociety.net. For more information, call (605) 664-4244.

Community Calendar:

Tuesday, March 20

- Vermillion Rotary Club Meeting from noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.

Wednesday, March 21

- Grief Support Group to meet every Wednesday until April 25 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Sanford Vermillion Hospital Board Room. Free and open to anyone who has experienced a loss by death. Pre-registration is requested. Call Julie at (605) 638-8484.

Thursday, March 22

- The Department of Labor and Regulation will be holding a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 1024 West Cherry Street in Vermillion. The JSAP is designed to assist and train job seekers on how to find and secure employment. Some of the topics included are job search and retention skills, networking, the hidden job market, resumes, applications, and proper interview techniques. It is provided at no charge and open to the public. Parties interested in attending should register by calling (605) 677-

6900, by Tuesday, March 20, before 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.sdjobs.org.

- Spagetti Benefit Dinner for Clay-Union Foundation, at Vermillion Eagles Club. Social: 5-6 p.m.; Meal: 6-8 p.m. Tickets available at the Eagles, Pioneer Drug & Board members for \$5. All proceeds go to Youth Mentoring Program. Call (605) 421-5050.

- March Movies Film Festival featuring "Radio" at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library. Free and open to the public.

Friday, March 23

- National Music Museum (NMM) Brown Bag Lunch Program, Friday, March 23 at 12:05 p.m. featuring USD Student Showcase performing in the Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the NMM located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. March sponsor: Ted and Karen Muenster, in honor of their wedding anniversary. Free and open to the public.

- There will be a "Vintage Quilt Show" (private collection) at the Austin Whittemore House, 15 Austin Street, Vermillion on March 23-24 from 1-4 p.m. daily. Refreshments will be served, suggested donation of \$5. Sponsored by the Clay County Historical Society. For more information: 624-3548 or 624-8266.

- Schmeckfest in Freeman, March 23-24 and March 30-31. For more information, visit www.schmeckfest.com, e-mail schmeckfest@gmail.com or call (605) 925-4542.

Saturday, March 24

- Overeaters Anonymous: Saturday, March 24 at 9 a.m. Location: 20 S. Plum St. Administration entrance, board room.

Sunday, March 25

- Vermillion Special Olympics Polar Plunge,

Sunday, March 25, at Vermillion High School parking lot. Lunch at 11:30 a.m.; registration at noon; Polar & Kiddie Plunge at 1 p.m. The event offers a super, great, fun time and helps Special Olympics Athletes! Free shirt to all "plungers!" For more information go to <http://www.firstgiving.com/sd/vermillion-polar-plunge-2012>.

Planning Ahead:

- National Music Museum (NMM) Brown Bag Lunch Program, Friday, March 30 at 12:05 p.m. featuring "April Fool! Trumpets Now & Then: A Humorous Look at Trumpets Through the Ages" with David Shaner performing in the Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the NMM located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. March sponsor: Ted and Karen Muenster, in honor of their wedding anniversary. Free and open to the public.

- The 28th Annual South Dakota Science Olympiad State Tournament is March 31 at the University of South Dakota. More than 250 middle school and high school students from across the state will be competing in several science events. Faculty, staff and students from USD organize and judge the individual challenges and team events. Science Olympiad is an international non-profit with a mission to improve science education quality, increase student interest and recognize outstanding achievement by students and teachers.

- The Southeast South Dakota Pheasant Association banquet will be Saturday, March 31 at Pro's. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. Banquet starts at 6 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$15 for singles and \$20 for couples, \$5 more at the door. Banquet ticket holders are entered in a drawing for a 12-gauge shotgun. There will be additional raffles, games, silent and live auction during

the banquet. Association memberships are \$10 pre-sale or at the banquet. They are \$25 the rest of the year. Raffle tickets are also available for a 2012 Polaris Ranger. Tickets are \$20 with only 500 sold. Need not be present to win. Banquet and raffle tickets can be purchased from any banquet committee member. For more information, those interested can access the website: www.sesdpheasant.org.

- There will be fundraising/auction banquet, March 31, at the W. H. Over Museum at 1110 University, Vermillion at 6 p.m. in Sletwold Hall assisted by 4-H members. Admission will be \$25 a person which will include: meal, entertainment, and an auction. Larry Larson will be our auctioneer as well as directing the band, Highway 50, for our featured entertainment.

- MINGLE at RED with the Dakota Hospital Foundation, April 5, from 4:30-9:30 p.m. at RED Steakhouse, 1 E. Main St. RED Steakhouse is launching an annual philanthropic event that aims to raise funds for causes that benefit the Vermillion community. The annual event, "MINGLE", is a gourmet food and wine tasting event designed to gather people together and raise awareness and funds that will benefit the local community. For the inaugural event, RED Steakhouse has decided to MINGLE with the Dakota Hospital Foundation (DHF). Proceeds from this year's MINGLE will go towards funding a third labor and delivery room within the Sanford Vermillion Hospital. For more information or to purchase tickets please call RED Steakhouse at 624-0079.

- Volunteer income tax assistance sponsored by USD Law School, Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Vermillion Public Library, 18 Church St. Call 677-7060 or visit vpl.sdn.net for complete listing of services.

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