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## **CHAMBER CHAT**

Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce & Development Company 116 Market Street, Suite 103 Vermillion, SD 57069 (605) 624-5571 vcdc@vermillionchamber.com www.vermillionchamber.com

**Chamber Business:** David Owen, SD Chamber and Industry President is hosting a weekly conference call during the legislative session with local chamber and economic development groups. This is a good way to keep informed as to what's happening during the 2013 session.

The calls are on Fridays at noon during the legislative session at the VCDC office at 116 Market St. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by the VCDC Legislative Affairs Committee.

Cracker Barrel session with our legislators will be Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to noon at the City Hall Council Chambers at 25 Center St. Please join District 17 legislators, Sen. Tom Jones and House **Representatives Nancy** Rasmussen and Ray Ring for an update on the 88th legislative session.

Open to the public and everyone is 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.

The Annual Vermillion Area Chamber and **Community Awards** Banquet is Thursday, March 14, at the Eagles Club, 114 E. Main St. The social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by

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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 Lt. Gov. Matt Michels.

The banquet is open to the public and tickets are on sale for \$30 each at the Chamber office at 116 Market St. or contact us at (605) 624-5571.

Open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony at Meridian Title of Clay County, 100 E. Main St., is Tuesday, April 23. The open house will be from 5-7 p.m., with the ribbon-cutting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Please join us to welcome Meridian Title to Vermillion, make new contacts, and find out what they have to offer. Refreshments will be served, plus a takehome gift for everyone!

**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



Announcements:

Vermillion High School needs your help: The mission of the Vermillion School District is, "To empower all students to maximize their success in our global community."

With this in mind, the state is mandating additional offerings for graduation starting in the fall of 2013 to include some sort of Senior Experience. This might take the form of becoming a mentor or providing job shadowing and internship opportunities.

In order to assist the district with the implementation and sustainability of such a program, we are requesting adults and businesses in the community to please take a moment to fill out this quick survey.

This will help us know of opportunities to give every student "the right opportunity and responsibility to learn academics and essential life skills to prepare them to live successfully in an ever changing world."

Thank you in advance for your participation. The survey is available

http://vermillion.k12.sd.us //cms/module/selectsurvey /TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyI D=114 or visit our Web site at www.vermillion.k12.sd.us and under Headlines click on Parents/Community -

VHS Needs Your Help.

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## **Prenatal care** is smart investment

### **By David Lias**

david.lias@plaintalk.net The South Dakota House of Representatives approved a measure last Friday, Feb. 22, that provides prenatal care for illegal immigrants.

The measure now moves to the state Senate. We urge that body to approve the bill and also urge Gov. Dennis Daugaard to sign it when it reaches his desk.

Last week's debate concerning this legislation seemed to bring out, in our opinion, both the best and the worst of state lawmakers. It also caused a bit of head butting among the predominately Republican House members.

Republican supporters said the measure is "prolife," and that it was worth providing important care for unborn children even if their parents happened to be illegal immigrants.

But other Republicans objected, saying the benefit to the infants was outweighed by concerns about encouraging illegal immigration and by the cost to taxpayers of providing that care.

We find those latter concerns to be a bit disconcerting. It is difficult to accept that some of our decision makers believe there are issues more important than the health of pregnant mothers and the babies they are carrying, no matter the circumstances.

Those lawmakers also are blindly ignoring the results of a study published in 2011 by South Dakota Kids Count and the Beacom School of Business at the University of South Dakota that explores health disparities and prenatal care.

We hope South Dakota has leaders in our state who are wise enough to realize that a healthy life begins before a baby is born and depends on the care during the nine months of pregnancy. According to the National Women's Health Information Center, "babies of mothers who do not get prenatal care are three times more likely to have low birth weight and five times more likely to die than those born to mothers who do get care" ("Prenatal care", 2009). Among the South Dakota Department of Health's many health objectives to meet by 2020 is to increase the proportion of women who receive prenatal care in the first trimester from 68.9 percent in 2008 to 75 percent by 2020 (SDDOH). Do you want to see



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