CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

David Owen, SD Chamber and Industry President will host a conference call, Friday, March 8 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 call will be at noon at the VCDC office at 116 Market St. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by the VCDC Legislative Affairs Committee.

Please join the VCDC Ambassadors in welcoming Vermillion's newest business, The Front Porch, with a ribboncutting ceremony on Tuesday, March 12, at 5:30 p.m. The Front Porch is located in the front portion of The Spa at Wynie Mae's new location at 25 West Main St. The public is also invited to their Grand Opening Celebration from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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 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

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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 by Friday, March 8.

Open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony at Meridian Title of Clay County, 100 East 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 take-home gift for everyone!

The Vermillion Area Community Foundation is accepting proposals for projects to improve our community. Forms for submitting proposals by groups or organizations are available at the Chamber of Commerce office. While funds available are limited we can fully fund small one time requests or partially fund larger projects. Your annual donations to our Foundation will provide us with increasing funds each year for worthwhile projects.

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, contact Ann at: annb@vermillionchamber. com or at 624-5571.

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."

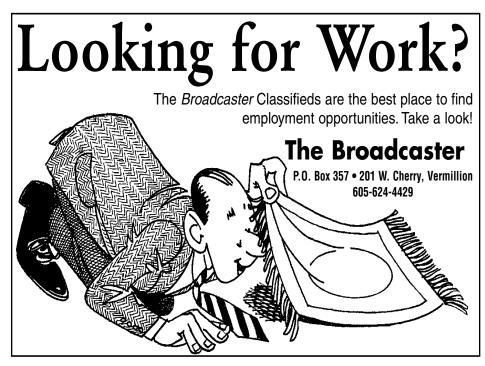
With this in mind, the state is mandating additional offerings for graduation starting in the fall of 2013 to include some sort of senior experience. This might take the form of becoming a Mentor or providing jobshadowing and internship opportunities.

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

The second annual Clothing and Blanket Drive will be held March 4-29 for SD's Rosebud Reservation. Donations may be dropped off at Pressing Matters Printing, 102 E. Main St., M-F, 8:30-5 p.m. Donations must be clean and in good working condition – no purses, high heel shoes or "dryclean only" clothing.

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