

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- Brown Bag Lunch Program: Luck of the Irish or Ides of March, featuring guitarist, T. Wilson King of Vermillion at 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. March's Free Friday Sponsor is City of Vermillion. Free and open to the public.
- "Family Weekend Arts Crawl." Detailed schedule at whovermuseum.org or southeastsoouthdakota.com or call the VCDC office at 624-5571.
- Music recital: Reid Turner presents a senior keyboard and percussion recital and will be performing his own compositions at 7:30 p.m. Colton Recital Hall in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- Reception: Animal Shades exhibition: Featuring new work by Karen Bondarchuk, 5-7:30 p.m. John A. Day Gallery in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. This reception is free and open to the public.
- 2013 Schmeckfest in Freeman. Meal served from 4-7 p.m. "Fiddler on the Roof" performance at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call (605) 925-4542 or visit www.schmeckfest.com.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- "Family Weekend Arts Crawl." Detailed schedule at whovermuseum.org or southeastsoouthdakota.com or call the VCDC office at 624-5571.
- Come and join the USD Spanish club as they sell Polvorones (Mexican cookies) at Sharing the Dream, 10 W. Main St. This is a great way to support the Spanish Club as well as the people and programs we serve in Guatemala.
- Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. at Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 20 S. Plum St., administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the board room. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles.
- Heartland Humane Society to participate in Family Weekend Arts Crawl at Past and Present, 7 W. Cherry St. from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Participants will be able to meet animals available for adoption through HHS. Those interested in adopting during this event are encouraged to complete an adoption application prior to attending.
- Vermillion Area Farmers Market from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Clay County Extension Building, 515 High St. If interested in becoming a vendor for winter market, call Amy at (605) 659-3399.
- John Mathews presents his senior bass trombone recital at 1 p.m. Colton Recital Hall in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- Show Choir at Mitchell Show Choir Classic at 3:50 p.m.
- Kristi Harson presents her senior flute recital at 4 p.m. Colton Recital Hall in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- 2013 Schmeckfest in Freeman. Meal served from 4-7 p.m. "Fiddler on the Roof" performance at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call (605) 925-4542 or visit www.schmeckfest.com.
- 41st Annual USD Wacipi at USD DakotaDome. Grand entry: Saturday, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. All dancers and drums welcome. Host drum: Bad Nation. Prizes provided. For more information visit tiospay@usd.edu or Facebook.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- Wyatt Smith presents his senior organ recital at 4 p.m. Slagle Hall AalFs Auditorium. Open to the public at no charge.
- Mark Sweeney, presents his graduate trombone and alto trombone recital at 7 p.m. Colton Recital Hall in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- 41st Annual USD Wacipi at USD DakotaDome. Grand entry: Sunday, 1 p.m. All dancers and drums welcome. Host drum: Bad Nation. Prizes provided. For more information visit tiospay@usd.edu or Facebook.

MONDAY, MARCH 18

- Zach Walhs, a 19-year-old University of Iowa engineering student who defended gay marriage in a rousing testimony in front of the Iowa House of Representatives, will speak at 7 p.m. Muenster University Center Grand Ballroom.
- Guest Artist Horn Recital: Dr. Randall E. Faust, Professor of Music at Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL, will play at 7:30 p.m. Colton Recital Hall in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Free and open to the public.
- Music in our Schools Month Concert, at 7:30 p.m. at Vermillion High School.
- Al-anon meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Linden. For more information, call 624-9764.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

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

Workers creating GIS city map

By Travis Gulbrandson
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The city of Vermillion is utilizing a computer program that promises to combine much of its infrastructure.

Using a geographic information system (GIS), data from the various city departments is being recorded on an electronic map that will provide easy access to its users. "We can take all of the stuff that's on paper now ... and just put it all in one place for them to have," said Todd Nordyke, GIS technician.

The water department is the first to have its information gathered.

Using a GPS pole equipped with a camera and antenna to collect data, city workers are creating an electronic map that indicates precisely where all they city's fire hydrants, curb stops and water shut-off valves

are located, as well as when they were installed.

"We put this map together so the water department could have it on their laptops in their trucks, especially if it's a snowy day and they need to know where it's at," Nordyke said. "They can pull this out real quick and locate it with the aerial view, plus you have information underneath that they can pull up also that gives a description so they can pace off if they need to."

City Engineer José Dominguez said the city started mapping for the water department first because the information was some of the most readily available.

"Everybody knows what a fire hydrant is, it's easier to locate, it's easier to identify, and all the information that we need, the water department already has, so we just have to move it from their Excel

spreadsheets to this program," he said. "What we're learning here, we can apply to the other departments."

Dominguez said the city is using a free download to complete the project.

"So, whoever in the city needs this for some reason, (they) can download this to (their) laptop and use it," he said. "We just have to install the data."

"Eventually, our goal is for everybody in the city departments ... to have either a laptop or something that they could utilize to find this information. It's pretty user-friendly," he said.

Nordyke said the city hopes to be able to do real-time updates in the future as the systems change.

"One of the useful things about GIS is you can keep putting on different layers, so you can have a water layer, a

stormwater layer, a land layer with all the different land uses and zoning maps," he said.

Dominguez said the utilities will be the primary focus of data collection at this stage, although the parks and trails could be incorporated at some point.

"Anything that might be relevant as far as zoning purposes, or the planning commission," he said.

Vermillion residents may gain access to the maps, as well, Nordyke said.

"Eventually it would be neat to have a GIS map connected to the city Web site where we have parks, bike routes, zoning maps, points of interest in the city, restaurants and whatever things we want for tourism," he said. "We can make (something like) a Google map, just a lot cooler and tailored toward what we have in the city."

FOR THE RECORD

Cases disposed 3/1-7/2013

Jessica Estelle Stoker, 833 E. Duke St. #36, Vermillion; No drivers license, \$54.00 plus costs

Steven Glenn Toben, 47984 310th Street, Akron, IA; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Milton Bullock, PO Box 736, Moapa, NV; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Tanner E. Mart, 46917 Madison St., Burbank; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Kyle Brasel, 833 E. Duke Street #73, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Brian Calum McBride, 31018 Bluff Road, Vermillion; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Zachery Deverman, 8 W. Main #201, Vermillion; Noise in residential area, court costs

Breanna Schwandt, 619 E. Main Street, Vermillion; Speeding on other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Brooke Thury, 301 Bunker Lane apt. 7, Yankton; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Sammie Ginsbach, 117 Forest, Vermillion; Speed on four-lane in rural areas, \$39.00 plus costs

Ricky A. Hughes, 19734 K-13, Akron, IA; Operate trailer/semi-trailer over maximum length, \$104.00 plus costs

Garrett Devries, 25412 443rd Ave., Salem, SD; Speeding on other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Quiana Lanae Call, 1417 W. 10th Street, Sioux Falls; Speeding on other roadways, \$78.00 plus costs

Carrie Ann Ostrem, 312 Iowa Street, Wakonda; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Allen Hughes, 27395 C38, Merrill, IA; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, \$204.00 plus costs

Curtis Shannon, 309 Lewis Street, Vermillion; Stalking-second or subsequent conviction, dismissed

Robert Zachary McDougall, 1911 SE 4th Avenue, LeMars, IA; Forgery, dismissed; Forgery, dismissed; Misrepresentation to obtain controlled substance, dismissal-deferred prosecution;

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Jeremy M. Bjernebo, 807 Cottage #20, Vermillion; Domestic abuse-simple assault, \$300.00 plus costs, conditions of the court; Petty theft 2nd degree-\$400 or less, dismissed

Jeremy M. Bjernebo, 807 Cottage #20, Vermillion; Domestic abuse-violation of conditional bond, court costs, conditions of the court

Thomesha Jamelle Perkins, 1822 Binney Street, Omaha, NE; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Darrell L. Hall, 1521 W. Palmer, Sioux City, IA; No drivers license, \$63.00 plus costs

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

Everyone is invited to the Grand Opening Celebration, Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Business After Hours at Mead Lumber, 113 West Main St., on Thursday, March 28, to celebrate the completion of their beautiful showroom expansion and renovation. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be at 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served during the Grand Opening Celebration and Business After Hours from 5-9 p.m.

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 take-home 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 and refreshments. If interested, please 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 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 at <http://vermillion.k12.sd.us/cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=114> OR visit our Web site at www.vermillion.k12.sd.us and under Headlines click on

Parents/Community - VHS Needs Your Help.

Second Annual Clothing and Blanket Drive, Monday, 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 a.m.-5 p.m. Donations must be clean and in good working condition—no purses, high heel shoes or "dry clean only" clothing.

Common Sense Parenting classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. at the Jolley School Library. (March 14, 21, 27 and April 4, 11, 18) Everyone is welcome but registration is required. Child care will be available for those who need it to attend. Please call the WYCC at (605) 665-4811 or the Clay Co. Health Nurse at (605) 677-6767 to register. This class is sponsored by the Vermillion PTA.

State "A" Boys Basketball, Thursday-Saturday, March 14-16, Rapid City.

ATTENTION
The Garfield Board of Supervisors will meet as a Board of Equalization at the Marshalltown School
Wednesday, March 20st, 2013 at 7 p.m.
Please call 605-253-2524 for an appointment.
Jim Danielson, Clerk

Don't forget to make your 2012 IRA contribution.

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Meeting Notice

Vermillion Township Annual Tax Equalization Meeting
7:00-8:00pm
March 19th & 21st
4-H Center
515 High Street, Vermillion SD

Michelle Hauck
Township Clerk