

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

- USD Spring Orchestra Festival (all day) at Wayne S. Knutson Theatre, Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts. USD Department of Music hosts area orchestral musicians in a day of music, learning and fun followed by a concert at 6:30 p.m.
- State Debate at Huron.
- NMM Live! Brown Bag Lunch Program featuring Mat D. guitar, 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. Free and open to the public.
- Ladies Hospital Auxiliary meeting (first Friday of each month) at 2 p.m. at Sanford Vermillion, administrative entrance, 20 S. Plum.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

- Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 15 S. Plum St., Sanford Arts Vermillion Studio.
- State Debate at Huron.
- Teen Tech Week: Script and Film an iMovie, 2-4 p.m. at Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library, 18 Church St.
- Boys Basketball: Region Semi-Finals at TBA at 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

- Pancake Sunday at the Main Street Center, 320 W. Main St. Serving 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Pancakes, sausages and beverages. Suggested donation of \$5. All proceeds benefit the Main Street Center.
- Water's Edge Bridal Expo, noon-4 p.m. at The Landing, 104 Capitol St., Yankton. Admission fee: \$10 or \$5 and a donation to the food pantry. Visit www.thelandingyankton.com for more information. Door prizes.
- East River and Missouri Valley Bluegrass Music Association to feature "Monthly Open Jam" from 1-6 p.m. at Washington Street Arts Center, 202 Washington St. All levels welcome – open to pickers and listeners. Event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (877) 621-4118 (toll free).
- The Friends of the W. H. Over Museum will be hosting their annual fundraising/membership banquet benefit at 6 p.m. at the Over Museum, Sletwold Hall. Catered by Cherry Street Grille. Tickets \$35 per person. Entertainment will be Dan Kilbride, master banjoist. Everyone is welcome; further information or ticket information at 677-5228.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

- Spring Break – no classes at USD through March 15.
- Freshman Orientation at Vermillion High School at 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

- American Legion Wallace Post and Auxiliary meeting at 7 p.m. at the Main Street Center located at 320 W. Main St.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

- Spring Break – no classes at Vermillion Public Schools, Wednesday-Friday, March 12-14. Dismissal at 2 p.m. today.
- Bunco at the Main Street Center, 320 W. Main St., at 7 p.m. If interested please call the Center 624-8072 by 1 p.m. on Wednesday. The cost is \$3 for Center members and \$4 for non-members. Light refreshments will be provided following Bunco. This activity is open to the public for adults 18 and older.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

- Winter Film Series: "The Real Dirt on Farmer John" presented with the Edith Siegrist Vermillion Public Library Adult Education and Red Earth Coop at 7 p.m. in the Community room at the Library. Free and open to the public. Childcare provided.

PLANNING AHEAD:

- MARCH 15 – Vermillion Area Farmers' Market, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 4-H/Extension building, 515 High St.
- MARCH 20 – The public is invited to attend the Vermillion Area Community Foundation annual meeting at 4 p.m. at the Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company, 116 Market St.
- MARCH 20 – Vermillion Lions Club meeting at the W. H. Over Museum in Sletwold Hall at 6 p.m.
- MARCH 21-22, 28-29 – Schmeckfest 2014 at Freeman. For ticket information, call (605) 925-4542 or visit www.schmeckfest.com.
- MARCH 22 – Fireman's Ball at Vermillion Eagle's Club.
- MARCH 26 – The Department of Labor and Regulation will be hosting a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) at 1024 West Cherry St., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The JSAP is a free workshop for people recovering from job loss or enhancing their job search skills. Trained instructors speak on modern-day techniques used to successfully find employment. Topics covered are resume and cover letter writing, interviewing etiquette, networking effectively, using social media and much more. Parties interested in attending should register by calling (605) 677-6900 before 5 p.m., Monday, March 24.
- MARCH 28 – The Department of Labor and Regulation will be hosting a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) at 504 River Dr., North Sioux City, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The JSAP is a free workshop for people recovering from job loss or enhancing their job search skills. Trained instructors speak on modern-day techniques used to successfully find employment. Topics covered are resume and cover letter writing, interviewing etiquette, networking effectively, using social media and much more. Parties interested in attending should register by calling (605) 242-5445 before 5 p.m., Monday, March 24.

Pleasant Valley Township
Equalization Meeting

March 17th, 7:00 pm
Brandi Johnson residence

All landowners wishing to appeal valuations must submit an appeal in writing which must be postmarked no later than March 13th, 2014.

Send appeals to:
Brandi Johnson, clerk
30630 Frog Creek Rd.
Wakonda, SD 57073

Artistic flair used to name streets at Bliss Pointe

By Travis Gulbrandson
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There was a split – but ultimately successful – decision regarding street names in the Bliss Pointe development at Monday's city council meeting.

As a result of the changes, what was known as West Clark Street will become Rockwell Trail, Spirit Mound Circle will become O'Keefe Circle, Frontier Street will become Joplin Street and Pioneer Street will become Wilder Road.

Another street that has not been planned may be changed from Bison or Buffalo Trail to Frost Trail.

City Manager John Prescott said the changes result from the October 2012 Talent Attraction Survey and Workforce Housing Study, which said Vermillion should try to develop itself as a regional center for the arts, literature and music.

"We thought we had a unique opportunity with Bliss Pointe to recognize some famous artists,

painters (and) writers of our era (with these changes)," Prescott said. "What we selected for this was 20th-century artists who had relatively simple names to spell, they would fit on a street sign and they would be somewhat recognizable."

Council members who voted for the changes were Kelsey Collier-Wise, Tom Davies, John Grayson, Clarene Meins and Kent Osborne.

"No" votes came from Steve Ward, Howard Willson and Dennis Zimmerman.

Willson said there could be a problem regarding the point at which Cornell Street and Rockwell join, as Rockwell curves into Cornell.

"It makes it a little hard for people to understand how you can drive halfway into a project on one street and four feet later be on another street," Willson said. "I also understand that because Rockwell will make that curve up, numbering becomes a problem."

Willson suggested that "as long as you're calling it Rockwell Trail, you

could number the sequence coming off West Clark and number it all the way consecutive back over to Stanford Street, and it wouldn't be any more confusing than having two streets running right into each other with different names."

Prescott said the city has looked at beginning and ending Rockwell on Stanford.

"This is a relatively long street," he said. "We're talking (approximately) 140 housing units that would be a part of it."

The city also is trying to keep its current numbering scheme, in which the number on a house is reflected by how far west of Center Street it is, Prescott said.

"It's not a perfect system, but those are the reasons we looked at it," he said.

He also pointed out that there are several other locations in the community where similar situations can be found, including Ash Street, Catalina Avenue and Sunset Drive.

The name changes will take effect April 3.

Citizens cautioned about sites that charge for driver licensing help

PIERRE – South Dakota's Driver Licensing Program is asking its customers to be cautious of Internet sites that charge for assistance with driver licensing services.

While citizens must pay a fee to obtain or renew a South Dakota driver license, the information about the program and staff assistance with questions

or problems is provided without charge, said Cindy Gerber, director of the Driver Licensing Program.

"We recently had a contact from a citizen who was charged \$26.99 by a website for online renewal," Gerber said. "While the charge is for access to the site and their recommendations on what forms to use from our

(South Dakota Driver Licensing Program) site, the person could have gotten that information from us without the charge."

Citizens may access the official Driver Licensing Program site at http://dps.sd.gov/licensing/driver_licensing/ or by calling (800) 952-3696.

The Driver Licensing Program charges a \$20 fee

for a new license or renewal of a license, but information and assistance is without charge, Gerber said.

"We aren't saying other sites are doing anything wrong, but we do want our citizens to know they can obtain forms and assistance without paying," she said.

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business: Congratulations to the 2014 Vermillion Area Chamber and Community Awards Recipients!

- Mayor's Community Service Award – Curt Robinson
- United Way Volunteer of the Year Award – Dorothy Neuhaus
- VCDC Community Leader Award – Jere Chapman

SESDAC, Inc. invites you to its Business After Hours/Open House on Tuesday, March 25, from 4-7 p.m. in recognition of Disability Awareness Month. Tours will be available. Enjoy a pulled pork sandwich meal provided by Cherry Street Grill.

Election Information: The next municipal election will be held June 3. The following offices will

become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer:

- Mayor
- Alderman Central Ward
- Alderman Northeast Ward
- Alderman Northwest Ward
- Alderman Southeast Ward

Nominating petitions can be circulated starting March 1, and must be filed in the City Finance Office by 5 p.m. on March 25. Municipal nominating petitions are available at the City Finance Office. For more city election information go to www.vermillion.us. Information provided 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, contact Ann at annb@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

Announcements:

Vermillion Area Community Foundation (VACF) updated grant application information: Beginning this year, there are only two grant periods: The second Thursday in April and the second Thursday in October. Grant applications for the first session are due by March 15, and for the second session by Sept. 15. Grant guidelines can be found at <http://vermillion.sdcommunityfoundation.org> or applications can be picked up at the VCDC, 116 Market St.

Scholarship applications due March 20: The Clay-Union Foundation community service scholarship applications are due March 20 at 5 p.m. Applications from Elk Point-Jefferson and Vermillion High school seniors will be reviewed the end of March.

The application is on the Web at <http://www.clay-unionfoundation.org/> or through the guidance office. The application can be e-mailed back, or mailed, as long as they arrive before the deadline.

www.plaintalk.net

Have IRA questions? Let's talk.



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