

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

- Vermillion Area Farmers Market, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 4-H/Extension Building, 515 High St.
- Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 15 S. Plum St., Sanford Arts Vermillion Studio.
- TBA – Show Choir: Sioux Falls Washington.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

- Quiz Bowl: Dakota 12 tournament at Vermillion High School at 3:30 p.m.
- Al-anon meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. For more information, call 624-9764.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

- USD Coyote Jazz Festival. USD's Annual Coyote Jazz Festival brings schools from a four-state area to perform and compete. See and hear jazz in the College of Fine Arts, Old Main and Aalfs Auditorium. The public is invited to this event at no charge.
- Vermillion Rotary Club meeting from noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference room of the Al Neuharth Media Center. For more information, visit www.vermillionrotaryclub.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

- Guest trio concert: Leslie Shank, violin; Susan Billmeyer, piano; John Penniston, percussion; 8 p.m., Colton Recital Hall at Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Free and open to the public.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

- Cancer Support Group meeting at 2:30 p.m., Sletwold Room at Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark. For more information, call Marcy at 624-8706.
- 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.
- Vermillion Lions Club meeting at the W. H. Over Museum in Sletwold Hall at 6 p.m.

PLANNING AHEAD:

- MARCH 21 – NMM Live! Free noon music series (brown bag) at 12:05 p.m. at National Music Museum on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. Celebrate Johann Sebastian Bach's 329th birthday. NMM Conservator and Professor of Music John Koster will give a lecture/harpichord recital about Bach's "Art of Fugue." Free and open to the public.
- MARCH 21 – Graduate Voice Recital featuring Kristen Sage, soprano, at 7 p.m., Colton Recital Hall at Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts on USD campus. Free and open to the public.
- MARCH 21-22, 28-29 – Schmeckfest 2014 at Freeman. For ticket information, call (605) 925-4542 or visit www.schmeckfest.com.
- MARCH 22 – Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 15 S. Plum St., Sanford Arts Vermillion Studio.
- MARCH 22 – USD Scripps Spelling Bee, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Farber Hall located in Old Main. Contestants, up to grade 8, from across the state will compete for the opportunity to advance to the National Scripps Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. Free.
- MARCH 22 – 30th annual SD Science Olympiad State Tournament, 2 p.m. on USD campus. Sixteen of South Dakota's middle schools and high schools are scheduled to compete on the USD campus. In addition to the ongoing individual challenges and team events, there will be open house activities during the day, including a presentation by Sanford Research and the Digital STARLAB by the South Dakota Discovery Center. For more information, visit <http://sites.usd.edu/sdscienceolympiad/home>.
- MARCH 22 – USD Chamber Singers Home Concert, 7:30 p.m. at Vermillion's United Church of Christ on Main and Yale. The "hat" will be passed for those who are able to support this group and their tour.
- MARCH 22 – Fireman's Ball at Vermillion Eagle's Club.
- MARCH 23 – Joshua Etherington presents his Senior Trombone Recital at 7 p.m., Colton Recital Hall, Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts.
- MARCH 24-MAY 4 – Sanford Vermillion's Great Strides program is in its 20th year. We are excited to once again partner with the USD Wellness Center this year. The goal of Great Strides community exercise program is to encourage an increased activity level above and beyond your normal daily activity. Miles can be accumulated through any form of exercise (walking, jogging, biking, etc.). Families earn points through various means of activity and healthy lifestyle choices. Individual, team and family statistics are updated weekly and reported on the Great Strides page at sanfordvermillion.org. Watch for more details and registration information in the weeks ahead.
- MARCH 24 – International Forum: "Ukraine!" at noon, Farber Hall located in Old Main on USD campus. Participating in the discussion are Dr. David Burrow (Russian History) and Dr. Don Pryce (Russian History/Emeritus). Moderator: Dr. Benno Wymar (Economics). The event is sponsored by the (USD) Beacom School of Business and is open to the public at no charge.
- MARCH 24 – Alzheimer's Association support group meeting for caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimers or memory loss at 7 p.m., Vermillion Public Library. For more information, call Fern at 624-4898 or Marilyn at 934-2534.
- MARCH 26 – The Department of Labor and Regulation will be hosting a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) at 1024 W. 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 Drive, 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.

City will help with chiller costs at public safety center

By Travis Gulbrandson
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The City of Vermillion has pledged approximately \$45,000 toward the upgrade of the public safety center HVAC system.

The action was taken by the Vermillion City Council during its regular meeting March 3.

The city will be cooperating with Clay County in the effort. The Clay County Commission had opened the only bid for the project during its Feb. 25 meeting.

The bid was received from Precision Mechanical of Sioux Falls.

The city will be responsible for \$38,107 for the work related to replacing one of two condensing units, and half of the \$14,963

required to replace the system in Dispatch.

City Manager John Prescott said the 2014 budget will need to be revised to account for the work, and that funding will come from the second penny budget.

A previous effort to replace the chiller in the Clay County Courthouse failed in August 2013, when estimates submitted by Trane Turnkey Proposal were much higher than anticipated – \$62,000 for the courthouse and \$113,000 for the public safety center.

Police Chief Matt Betzen and County Sheriff Andrew Howe told the council last summer that the system kept breaking down in 2012, although it had not broken down in 2013.

"My system is still working, the sheriff's system is still working, (but) they are at the end of their lives," Betzen had said.

Howe added that the system was unreliable when the temperature changed.

"When we have a cold evening and a hot day, the system switches itself over to a winter situation," he said. "It's a water system. ..."

"It's trying to protect that, so it'll turn the air conditioning off when the temperature gets to, say, 40 degrees," he said. "And then in the morning we have to reset it, turn the air back on every day. You don't notice it until about 10 a.m., when you start to notice how stuffy it is. We're always constantly resetting the system, and we don't want that."

Dakota Seeds program expanding

PIERRE – Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced today that he plans to commit up to \$200,000 per year in Future Funds to continue and further broaden the Dakota Seeds program.

This expansion will include support for high school, technical school and college or university internships in certain high-need industry sectors.

"The new expansion will provide more internships in science, engineering, information technology, accounting and manufacturing," Daugaard said. "The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation identified these industry sectors as high-need, and now, more than ever, the demand is high for a qualified, highly-trained workforce."

Dakota Seeds is a popular program among South Dakota businesses. From 2008 to 2013, more than 190 South Dakota companies have used the program to provide 463 internship experiences. The interns gained valuable work experience and earned more than \$3.5 million dollars combined.

Additionally, more than one-third of the interns went on to take full-time

employment with the company at which they interned.

While the program only requires a one-to-one match, in reality, for every dollar the Dakota Seeds program has contributed, companies have matched it with more than \$2.

For more information on the Dakota Seeds program, visit www.dakotaseeds.com.

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:
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.

SESDAC, Inc. cordially invites you to join them for their 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 Grille. Stop by and see what SESDAC is all about.

Please join our new VCDC Executive Director, Nate Welch, in the Fifth Annual Vermillion Special Olympic's Polar Plunge on Saturday, March 29, at 1 p.m. at the Vermillion High School Parking Lot. Welch is excited to be "jumping right in" to the job at the VCDC and is encouraging the VCDC Members to join his team to make the plunge. The Plunge is a wonderful family and community event held each year to raise funds and awareness about Special Olympics. Help support the Special Olympics – proceeds will go to area athletes to

cover travel, equipment and registration fees for area and statewide events.

The cost to jump is \$100 and you will receive a souvenir T-shirt and lunch. If you are too chicken to jump, you have the option of paying \$50 and can skip the plunge. Prizes will be given to the best costumes in several categories. Businesses who give \$100 or more will get their name on the back of the T-shirts and their business will be promoted at the event.

Call Jennifer Law at (605) 670-0030 or e-mail jennmadsen216@yahoo.com for more information.

You can donate or register on-line at <http://www.firstgiving.com/sosd/2014-vermillion-polar-plunge/> or the day of the event.

Lunch (walking tacos and pizza) is at 11 a.m.; registration is at 11 a.m. and the Polar and Kiddie Plunge is at 1 p.m.

Let Welch know if you are up for the challenge by e-mailing him at

nate@vermillionchamber.com.

David Owen, President of the SD Chamber of Commerce, will give a Legislative Session update at the Rotary Club meeting at the Neuharth Media Center on Tuesday, April 8 at noon. Everyone is welcome, lunch is \$6.50. Non-Rotary members call the VCDC to register (605) 624-5571. 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, 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 application due March 20: High school seniors from Vermillion or Elk Point-Jefferson high school may apply for the Clay-Union Foundation community service scholarship. Applications are available at <http://www.clay-unionfoundation.org/>. The applications are due at 5 p.m. on March 20. The information was also given to the school counselors, or call John Gille at (605) 421-5050 for more information.

SOUTH DAKOTA LAW REVIEW PRESENTS RURAL PRACTICE SYMPOSIUM MARCH 20-21, 2014



Join the University of South Dakota School of Law in a discussion about the rapidly declining number of attorneys in rural areas across the nation.

This decline is not only contributing to lackluster small towns, but it is also seriously restricting access to justice for many U.S. citizens. The South Dakota Law Review will explore the problems facing rural practitioners and legal consultants across the country and examine new solutions for revitalizing rural America.

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Vermillion Township
Monday, March 17th
7:00pm

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