COMMUNITY CALENDAR

• Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 2 p.m. at Sanford Vermillion Board Room, 20 S. Plum (Administrative entrance just south of the hospital entrance).

• National Music Museum (NMM) Brown Bag Lunch Program at 12:05 p.m. featuring "Silver and Wood" — Linda Chatterton and James Flegel, flute and classical guitar performing in the Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the NMM located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. Open to the public at

• Twenty-One Feet of White Space - Graduate Collaborative Exhibition: Collaborative Exhibition featured at LumoStudios and Gallery, 2 E. Main, Vermillion. Exhibition is hosted by five USD graduate students working in collaboration with other students from the University of Wyoming and the University of Missouri. The show will run from May 4-12, with a reception from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, May 4 at LumoStudios. LumoStudios hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 12:30-5 p.m.

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• Ceremony: This year marks the Fourth Annual Native Graduate Honoring recognizing and honoring Native students and their accomplishments from 5-7 p.m. at USD Muenster University Center Grand Ballroom.

• Vermillion High School presents "Bye Bye Birdie" by Michael Stewart, Charles Strouse and Lee Adams at 7:30 p.m. in the high school performing arts center. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens and free to those with Vermillion School District activity cards. Tickets can be purchased at the door or the high school office.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

• Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: 20 S. Plum St, Administration entrance, board room. Overeasters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and strug-

• The 125th Commencement Exercises of the University of South Dakota at 9:30 a.m. at USD DakotaDome.

• Heikes Family Farm LLC Grand Opening! From 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Heikes Family Farm Greenhouse and Garden Center (across from Masaba on 317th St. Hourse: MWF from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday at Vermillion Farmers Market. Annual perennial flowers, hanging baskets, garden seed and vegetable starter plants. For further information, contact Sam Heikes at 605-222-3949 or Morgan Carnes at 605-659-1171.

• Vermillion Eagle Riders Poker Run — Rain or Shine. Registration begins at 11 a.m.; scenic ride at own pace begins at noon. All types of vehicles welcome. Silent auction follows the drawing hands. Proceeds benefit Fraternal Order of Eagles Charities. Phone 624-9934; e-mail: ozzzzy@gmail.com or register online at www.eaglesclub.us.

• The Main Street Center will be hosting a Salad and Sandwich Luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at 320 W. Main St. There will be a variety of salads and desserts served with a sandwich and beverages. Tickets are \$6 adults and \$4 for children 2-8 years of age and can be purchased in advance (624-8072) or at the door. Please join us for great food, fun and door prizes.

• Gayville Hall's Musical Variety Show: "The Hay Country Jamboree" at 8 p.m. in Gayville. For ticket information, call 605-267-2859

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• Al-anon meeting, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Linden. For more information, call 624-

• Athletic Awards Night at 7 p.m. at Vermillion High School.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

• Vermillion Rotary Club Meeting, noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

• Spring Fling Dinner fundraiser at the First United Methodist Church from 5:30-7 p.m. in the fellowship rooms at 16 N. Dakota St. Menu: Roast beef, potatoes, vegetables and desserts. Cost: \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years and under. The public is invited to come and enjoy the dinner.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

• 6th, 7th & 9th Grade Spring Concert at 6:30 p.m. at Vermillion High School.

PLANNING AHEAD:

• MAY 12 — Heartland Humane Society Animal Fair: Heartland Humane Society will hold their Animal Fair at Riverside Park in Yankton. This is an annual fundraiser that includes activities for every member of the family - even the four-legged ones. The walk/run registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the walk starts at 10 a.m. Pet contests, including owner-pet look-a-like, most unusual pet, best-dressed pet and best pet trick will be held at the amphitheatre at 11:45 a.m. The animal fair will also showcase demontrations by the local K-9 police unit, 4-H group and a basic obedience overview. There will be food and over 20 vendors onsite from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. A variety of animals will also be in attendance including miniature horses and a camel. More information on all the events can be found online at www.heartlandhumanesociety.net. For additional information, contact the shelter at 664-4244 or stop by 601 1/2 Burleigh.

Granaas, Glover named Students of the Month



PAUL GRANAAS

Congratulations to Paul Granaas and Ellie Glover! They were chosen to be First Bank & Trust's Vermillion High Schools February Students of the Month. They were chosen because of their outstanding representation of their school and community. They will receive a \$100 scholarship in recognition for

their hard work and dedication. Paul's VHS faculty endorser stated "Paul takes pride in his academics and extracurricular activities and does an outstanding job of representing Vermillion High School." His plans after high school are to go into either the fields of science or math. His parents are Michael and Claire

Paul has been heavily involved in VHS arts, such as jazz band, pep band, marching band, theater, VHS's spring musicals, and show choir. His honors include 1st and 2nd place at USD's programming competition, outstanding reader's theatre, first superior in reader's theatre, and division 1 and 2 ratings for small group, large group, and region at state oneacts. Paul has been a part of State Honors Choir, State Honors Band, and All-state Choir. He has been volunteering for the Vermillion



Welcome Table to show his support to Vermillion. Way to go

Ellie was nominated because of her strong drive to support her community, as stated by her endorsee, "Ellie was instrumental in volunteer day to get care packages to the men and women of Vermillion serving overseas." Her plans after high school are to go into nursing or pediatrics at USD. Her parents are Mike and Melinda Glover.

Ellie has been involved in numerous activities; some of them include volleyball, track, gymnastics team, USD Math Days for Women, women's choir, 2011 Girls State, National Honor Society, and Outstanding Forensic Investigator Scholarship winner. She has helped her community by being a part of the Welcome Table, Tanager Volunteer Day, city wide clean up participant, and care packages for the Troops. Her volunteering has even reached outside of Vermillion where she collected books and other school supplies to send to the school systems in New Orleans and fundraising for Relay for Life in Hay County. Congratulations

Sun is winner of National Merit® \$2500 Scholarship

National Merit \$2500 Scholarship winners were announced May 2 by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (nmsc). The 2,500 Merit Scholar designees were chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding finalists in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Among the winners from South Dakota is Jingyi Sun of Vermillion High School, whose probable career field is biomedical engineering.

National Merit \$2500 Scholarship winners are the finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. They were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors. These scholars may use their awards at any regionally accredited U.S. college or university.

Most of these single-payment National Merit \$2500 Scholarships are financed by nmsc. Corporations and company foundations that sponsor awards through nmsc also help underwrite these scholarships with grants they provide in lieu of paying administrative fees.

All finalists competed for these awards. To select scholarship winners, a committee of educators appraised a substantial amount of information submitted by both the finalists and their high schools: the academic record, including difficulty level of subjects studied and grades earned; scores from two standardized tests; contributions and leadership in school and

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community activities; an essay written by the finalist; and a recommendation written by a high school official.

The number of winners named in each state is proportional to the state's percentage of the nation's graduating high school seniors.

This year's competition for National Merit Scholarships began in October 2010 when approximately 1.5 million juniors in some 22,000 high schools took the Preliminary sat/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (psat/nmsqt[®]), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Last fall, the highest-scoring participants in each state, representing less than 1 percent of the nation's high school seniors, were named semifinalists on a state representational basis.

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

Meet the Candidates: Candidate Forum for all those running for Vermillion City Council and School Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, May 24, at City Hall Council Chambers, 25 Center St. at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome! Sponsored by the VCDC Legislative Affairs Committee.

The Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company (VCDC) Annual Golf Social is Tuesday, June 26! The 4-Person Best Ball Scramble Golf Tournament will begin with team sign-in at The Bluffs Golf Course at 11:45 a.m., followed by team pictures. The open format shotgun start will begin at 1 p.m. The buffet dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed by the golf awards and door prizes. Please call the VCDC office at 624-5571 or email

annb@vermillionchamber.com to register your team, be a hole sponsor or donate a pin or door

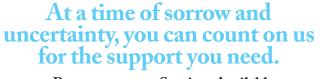
prize. Please register soon!

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:

Show your team spirit! The Vermillion Baseball Association is looking for local sponsors to help defray the cost of the game for young players and families. Your business will be top of mind on the field when you choose one of the following sponsorship levels: Web sponsor: \$75 - Your business logo/link on website (vermillionbaseball.org); Team sponsor: \$150 - Your business logo on team uniforms; Field sponsor: \$225 - 2'x5' Your business logo on a double sided banner on Barstow Field; League sponsor: \$300 – All of the above. Contact Bill Saunders at willygsaunders@gmail.com for more information.





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