

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAY 10

- Big 8 Conference 7th/8th Grade Boys/Girls Track at 4 p.m. (H)
- JV Baseball: Sioux Falls (TBA) (T)

SATURDAY, MAY 11

- Letter Carriers' Food Drive. Leave non-perishable donation in a bag by your mailbox – letter carriers will deliver items to the local food bank.
- Boys Tennis: Madison Invitational at 9 a.m. at Madison.
- JV Baseball: Sioux Falls (TBA) (T)
- Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: 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.
- Come to WalMart from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for a kids Bike Rodeo in the parking lot! Bikes and helmets will be provided, and there will be an obstacle course, treats to eat, and prizes (bike and helmet) awarded. Come join the fun!
- Honor Moms at the Spring Salad and Sandwich Luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Main Street Center; 320 W. Main St. Contact the Center at 624-8072 for an advance ticket. Please support the local senior citizen center. Open to the public.
- First-ever National Wine Tourism Day from noon-5 p.m. Valiant Vineyards will be hosting a sangria party; come and enjoy our beautiful balcony view!

SUNDAY, MAY 12

- East River and Missouri Valley Bluegrass Music Association to feature "Monthly Open Jam" (second Sunday of each month) 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.
- Vermillion Area Dance Organization Spring Recital at 2 p.m. at Vermillion High School. Our dancers will be showcasing their skills they have been working on all year. Talented dancers from age 3 through adult! Many different fun and beautiful styles of dance will be performed.
- JV Baseball: Rapid City Central at noon (H)
- V Baseball: First Round Playoffs (TBA)

MONDAY, MAY 13

- Region Girls Golf at 9 a.m. at Sioux Falls Christian.
- Sixth Grade Spring Concert at 7 p.m. at Vermillion High School.
- Support group for caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's or memory loss meeting rescheduled for 7 p.m., Vermillion Public Library Conference Room.
- Spring play performance, "Wiley and the Hairy Man," 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.
- V Baseball: First Round Playoffs (TBA)

TUESDAY, MAY 14

- Vermillion Rotary Club meeting from noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.
- American Legion Wallace Post and Auxiliary meeting at 7 p.m. at the Main Street Center, 320 W. Main St.
- Vermillion Public Library to host "Deadly Day at the Library" at 7 p.m. The public is invited to Vermillion Public Library to meet Young Adult author Susan Dennard. "The Deadly Day at the Library" event is free and open to the public.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

- The First United Methodist Church of Vermillion will host a Spring Fling Dinner. The dinner will be served from 5:30-7 p.m. in the fellowship rooms at 16 N. Dakota St. The menu will include roast beef, potatoes, vegetables and desserts. The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years and under. The proceeds from the dinner will be used to support the programs and ministries of the church in the community and beyond. Come and bring your guests to enjoy the dinner.

PLANNING AHEAD:

- MAY 17 – Creating Order in Life ... Making a Smooth Transition. Presented by First Dakota National Bank at 10 a.m. Free seminar to be hosted at the Main Street Center. Refreshments provided along with door prizes to be awarded. Topics to include: Organizing the "paper blizzard", answers to common misconceptions, open communication with family and caretakers, important transitional steps, questions and answers (private consulting can be accommodated).
- MAY 17 – Blood Drive at WalMart, 1207 Princeton St., from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, contact Karen at (605) 624-0215 x182.
- MAY 17 – Singer and funnyman Gordy Pratt will be live in the SDPB TV studio for a taping of "No Cover, No Minimum." The event is free, but seating is limited, so we ask those interested in attending to call us at (800) 456-0766 or stop by the station to pick up free tickets and reserve a place for the event. The taping begins at 8 p.m., so the audience is requested to be in place by 7:45. SDPB's Martin Busch Studio is located in the Al Neuharth Media Center on the USD campus in Vermillion.
- MAY 18 – Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 20 S. Plum St., administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the board room.
- MAY 18 – High School Graduation at 2:30 p.m. at the DakotaDome.

Plain Talk receives awards in SDNA Better Newspaper Contest

The *Vermillion Plain Talk* has garnered six awards in the annual South Dakota Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper Contest, including first place in "Best Typography & Design." In this single category, the Plain Talk was judged among weekly newspapers in state with over 2,000 circulation.

The Vermillion paper was rated among South Dakota weeklies with circulations of 1,115 to 2,000 in other contest categories.

The awards were presented at the SDNA's annual convention, held April 25-27 in Rapid City.

The Plain Talk received 350 of a total of 400 points from judges for typography and design, giving the newspaper excellent ratings for its front page design, use of illustrations and photographs, general appearance, and use of headlines.

The *Plain Talk's* website (plaintalk.net) received a perfect score and a second place rating among all weekly newspapers in South Dakota. The web page, managed by New Media Director Beth Rye and Editor David Lias, collected 200 out of a possible 200 points for its news and information content, overall design and composition, originality and interactivity with other sites. "Very well made," the judges commented. "A lot of effort was put into it. I like the YouTube links."

Lias' work in four categories – Best News Story, Best Local General Interest Column, Best Feature Photo and Best Photo Series, also received awards among South Dakota newspapers with circulations of 1,115 to 2,000.

"Great story and photo," wrote judges about Lias' September 2012 coverage of an ultralight plane crash near the Vermillion airport, which received third place in the



This photo of Ryan Larsen, assistant women's basketball coach at the University of South Dakota that appeared in a March 2012 issue of the Vermillion Plain Talk received third place in the Best Feature Category of the SDNA's Better Newspaper Contest. Larsen is attempting to convince his two hunting dogs, Tess and Zoe, to take a chilly dip during the 2012 Polar Plunge held in Vermillion.

(Photo by David Lias)

Best News Story category.

His March 2012 photo of the Polar Plunge in Vermillion was selected as third place winner in the Best Feature Photo category. "Fun picture, great interaction. Photographer planned ahead to be in right place at right time," said the judges.

Lias' weekly column, "Between the Lines," received third place in the Best Local General Interest Column category. His commentary was judged on composition,

originality, thoroughness, and reader appeal. Judges wrote, "You seem to know what you're talking about and do your research."

The *Plain Talk* received third place in the Best Photo Series category with its June 2012 presentation of photos from the South Dakota Shakespeare Festival held in Vermillion's Prentiss Park. "Very well presented – good layout and processing," said the judges.

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

The VCDC is the sponsor for Free Fridays at the National Music Museum throughout the month of May. Wind down after a busy week by touring the galleries of this amazing museum, located here in our own community!

Vermillion Public Library Dedication on Saturday, June 1 at 2 p.m. followed by a tour of library after the ceremony. Come see the addition and wonderful new features of the library! Sen. Tim Johnson will be in attendance.

Save the Date: The 2013 VCDC Annual Golf Social is Monday, June 24 at The Bluffs Golf Course. More information available in the near future.

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:

A "heaping helping" of thanks from the Dakota Senior Meal Program, to the many businesses and individuals that April-showered our kitchen, and kitchen office with supplies and money donations. A dent in kitchen/office expense will be realized for several weeks. Please continue to remember the Dakota Senior Meal Program.

Foundation seeks members: The Clay-Union Foundation which serves as a mentoring program for youth 5-17 years old, is actively seeking new members and adult volunteers throughout Clay and Union County. There are two boys and two girls seeking an adult mentor in Elk Point, and volunteers are needed to make the matches. Volunteers spend two hours/week with their match; 134 matches have

been made since the program began in 1997.

To sign up a youth, or apply as a volunteer, go to <http://www.clay-unionfoundation.org/> and click on the volunteer button for the forms. Or e-mail jgillerrsd60@yahoo.com or call John Gille at (605) 421-5050. The agency is funded in part by the United Way of Vermillion.

Photo exhibit: "Images from Abroad" presents photographs taken by students from the University of South Dakota and Cosumnes River College who participated in a faculty-led study tour of Ireland, Wales, London and Paris in June 2012. The photographs are on display through May 17 at the USD Library from 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m.

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Please join us for a 100th Birthday Celebration honoring Margaret Melby!

Saturday May, 12 from 2-4pm at St. Agnes Church 416 Walker St • Vermillion

We hope to see you there, if unable to attend greetings may be sent to: 612 S Norbeck St Vermillion, SD 57069



Marjorie Hanson Carlin
will be celebrating her 90th birthday on May 10, 2013!

Her family is requesting a card shower in her honor. Please send cards to:

3408 W. Ralph Rogers Road #B216,
Sioux Falls SD 57108

MEMORIAL DAY MAY 27th

EARLY DEADLINES for May 28th Issues

MISSOURI VALLEY
SHOPPER
Deadline: Noon
Thursday, May 23

bp
Broadcaster Press
Deadline: 11:00AM
Thursday, May 23

Verillion
PT PLAIN TALK
Regular deadlines the week before & after

ONWARD THE CAMPAIGN FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

The University of South Dakota Foundation (USDF) is building for success and embarking on the institution's largest capital campaign, Onward, the Campaign for South Dakota. In order to surpass the campaign goal the USD Foundation is adding to their phenomenal staff with the following positions.

Senior Director for Marketing and Strategic Communication

USDF seeks a leader in the field of marketing/communications with a demonstrated record for managing and coordinating all aspects of marketing and communication activities. This person will direct overall USD Foundation message strategies and communications to all key constituents. Develop partnerships and relationships with local media. 5 to 8 years marketing and communications experience, preferably in a non-profit organization. Master's degree preferred. Vigorous work ethic, sound judgment, impeccable integrity, and sense of humor are required. Reports to the USD Foundation Chief Operating Officer/Vice president of Development.

Major Gifts Officer for the College of Arts and Sciences

USDF seeks a fundraising leader with a demonstrated record of closing philanthropic gifts. This MGO will manage a portfolio of about 100 qualified prospective donors and will be familiar with the academic disciplines encompassed by the college. Be the primary interface between the USD Foundation and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, meet fundraising and contact goals, coordinate cultivation activities and donor solicitations, provide timely outcome reports, and travel regularly. 5 to 8 years min. fundraising experience or equivalent experience. Master's degree and/or CFRE preferred. Reports to the USD Foundation Chief Operating Officer/Vice president of Development.

Assistant Gifts Officer

USDF seeks applicants who possess leadership skills, a good knowledge of USD, and boundless enthusiasm. Responsibilities include conducting visits with alumni and friends to qualify prospects, actively manage a portfolio of prospective donors, meet performance goals, and be able to travel extensively. 1 to 3 years of direct fundraising experience or equivalent experience. Bachelor's degree min. Must have strong communication, planning and organizational skills.

Positions will remain open until a great candidate has been hired. The USD Foundation is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, at least three professional references and salary expectations by email or US mail to Kathy Chandler, Director of Administration and Constituent Services, P.O. Box 5555, Vermillion, SD 57069, 605.677.6710, Kathleen.Chandler@USDFoundation.org. Additional information: www.usdfoundation.org.