

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, 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; and questions and answers (private consulting can be accommodated).
• **Blood drive at Wal-Mart, 1207 Princeton St., from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** For more information contact Karen at (605) 624-0215 x182.
• **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 attendees are asked to call (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 must be in place by 7:45 p.m. SDPB's Martin Busch Studio is located in the Al Neuharth Media Center on the USD campus in Vermillion. More information about Gordy Pratt is available at <http://www.gordypratt.com>.

SATURDAY, 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. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles.
• **High School graduation at 2:30 p.m.** at the DakotaDome.
• **"A Celebration of Johnny Cash" at 8 p.m.** at Gayville Music Hall in Gayville. Featured musicians: John and Susan McNeill, Owen DeJong, and Nick Schwebach. For reservations, call (605) 267-2859.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

• **Valiant Vineyards is hosting a Wine and Canvas event from 2-5 p.m.** You will have an evening full of artsy fun with friends or meet new ones. All painting supplies including an apron will be provided. Our local artist will give you step by step instructions to complete your masterpiece. To register for this event go to www.wineandcanvas.com.
• **The Vermillion Community Theatre announces auditions for "Robin Hood, Spirit of the Greene" from 4-6 p.m.** and Wednesday, May 22 from 6-8 p.m. at the Vermillion High School Performing Arts Center. This original musical has been written and scored by community members. Information and audition forms are available online at vermillioncommunitytheatre.org. Performance dates are July 19-22.
• **V Baseball: Third Round Playoffs (TBA)**

MONDAY, MAY 20

• **Eastern Star Salad Luncheon at the Eagles Club, 114 W. Main St. Serving from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** Public welcome. Tickets available at the door.
• **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.
• **State "A" Golf at Milbank (TBA)**
• **V Baseball: Third Round Playoffs, Sunday and Monday, May 19 and 20 (TBA)**

TUESDAY, MAY 21

• **The Department of Labor and Regulation will be hosting a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** at 1024 W. Cherry St. (originally scheduled for Thursday, May 23). 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. Parties interested in attending should register by calling (605) 677-6900 before 5 p.m., Monday, May 20.
• **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, MAY 22

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THURSDAY, MAY 23

• **Poppy Day: American Legion Auxiliary volunteers will distribute the familiar red, handcrafted poppies honoring America's war dead, designated as Poppy Day by Wallace American Legion Auxiliary Unit in Vermillion.**
• **Preservation Celebration will take place at the W.H. Over Museum starting at noon.** Lunch will be provided during the noon hour.

PLANNING AHEAD:

• **MAY 24-SEPT. 3** – Special exhibition "The Shapes of Sound: Hearing with Your Eyes" at the National Music Museum, Arne B. Larson Concert Hall located on USD campus.
• **MAY 25** – 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 25** – The VFW will erect the flags honoring Clay County Veterans at the Bluff View Cemetery (weather permitting).
• **MAY 27** – The VFW will host a Memorial Day observance at 10 a.m. at the Edith Siegrist Vermillion Public Library.

Gov. addresses leadership luncheon

By Travis Gulbrandson

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Gov. Dennis Daugaard was in Vermillion Saturday offering three points of advice to area high-achieving 10th graders: Use self-discipline, have persistence and determination, and remember the people who love you.

Daugaard made these remarks at the annual Governor's Leadership Luncheon, which recognizes high school sophomores from South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa for their academic achievement and major leadership roles in their respective communities. The event was held in the ballroom of the Muenster University Center at the University of South Dakota.

The governor encouraged the students to maintain their achievements through the use of self-discipline.

"You really have the ability — more than your peers — to achieve great things in life, whether in your state, in the nation or somewhere else in the world," Daugaard said.

Upon graduation, some of the students might attend college or a technical school, some might join the military and others the workforce, he said.

"You also will be forced to discipline yourself to achieve some of the things your parents and other authority figures in your life have disciplined you to do," he said. "You really will have to impose upon yourself a greater self-discipline than you've had to in the years leading up to the day you graduate. ...

"It's very easy to make one bad decision that you regret for a long time," he said.

Daugaard also said he hopes the students have the persistence and determination to achieve their dreams.

Summing up this philosophy, he cited a quote from President Calvin Coolidge: "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not. Nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not. Unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not. The world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

The ability of the students to utilize this particular advice will be affected by their own personal points of view, Daugaard said.

"Don't limit yourself by your world prism. Don't put on the wrong-colored glasses and then look at the world around you," he said.

"Dream big, and then have the persistence and determination to make your dreams come true, because you've got what it takes."

The third point — to remember those who love you — was the most important,



Gov. Dennis Daugaard addresses the crowd at the annual Governor's Leadership Luncheon, which took place Saturday in the ballroom of the Muenster University Center.

(Travis Gulbrandson/Vermillion Plain Talk)

Daugaard said. To illustrate, the governor discussed his own childhood, when he grew up on a small farm near Dell Rapids. He talked about how his parents attended each of his school functions: Christmas programs, recitals, concerts.

"That's nothing unusual — probably most of you have experienced all those things," he said. "But my parents didn't come to hear me recite or hear me play in the band or sing ... because my parents couldn't hear at all. They were deaf. They were born deaf. Can you imagine how boring that was for them to sit an hour, sometimes two hours, to watch someone's mouth moving onstage or someone's fingers moving on the instrument.

And yet they never missed, because they loved me.

"We all want desperately to be loved and for someone to care about us and approve of us. The important moments of life are meaningful because we celebrate them with people who love us," he said.

That same kind of love was evidenced Saturday by the number of parents who were in the audience, Daugaard said.

"As you look forward to your new life and adventures ... don't forget to stop and remember the people who love you and who set you on this course," he said.

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.

The VCDC office will be closed Monday, May 27, which is Memorial Day.

Vermillion Public Library dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, June 1 at 2 p.m. followed by a tour of library. The public is invited to come and see the addition and wonderful new features of the library. Sen. Tim Johnson will be in attendance.

The Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company (VCDC) Annual Golf Social is Monday, June 24. 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 e-mail 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, contact Ann at annb@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

Announcements: Heartland Humane Society offers a May special: Adopt two pets for the price of one. Consider it a "buy one, get one" special during the month of May as approved adopters can adopt two pets and only pay one adoption fee.

"We are offering this special pricing for these pets so more families can add the charm of animals to their lives," said Kerry Schmidt, executive director for HHS. Anyone interested in adopting is

encouraged to fill out an adoption application prior to selecting a pet.

For more information on the adoption process or to view our available pets stop by the shelter at 601 1/2 Burleigh Street or go online at www.heartlandhumanesociety.net.

Currently 33 cats and 8 dogs will be available for adoption during this event.

For additional information, call (605) 664-4244.

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 exhibit through May 17 at the USD library from 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m.

Throughout the month of May, the Vermillion Public Library is hosting Let's Move South Dakota, a traveling hands-on exhibit that will inspire children and families to get active, eat healthy and feel good. Six interactive stations highlight healthy habits so kids and families can learn and have fun at the same time.

The stations are based on the action steps of the Let's

Move initiative started by First Lady Michelle Obama. Families can work on earning the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award PLUS by keeping an exercise log for six weeks.

Exhibit coordinator Anne Lewis said, "Our goal is for families to leave the exhibit with a renewed excitement about getting active and eating healthy foods."

The exhibit will be at the library until May 29. The exhibit was brought to Vermillion by the library and a grant from Wal-Mart.

The life of media visionary and South Dakota native Al Neuharth will be celebrated with a public tribute Friday, May 17, at the University of South Dakota, his alma mater.

RSVPs are appreciated but not required. Therefore, guests who know in advance that they will attend may RSVP by phone (800) 653-6786 or by e-mail at alneuharthcelebrationSD@neuseum.org. The program begins at 10 a.m., Friday, May 17, in Slagle Hall's Aalfs Auditorium. Doors open at 9 a.m. A reception and luncheon, also open to the public, will follow at the Al Neuharth Media Center, located nearby on the USD campus.

Better get cracking.
National Egg Month
is here!

South Dakota Poultry Industries Association
Eggs, the nutritious choice.

Thank You
Special thanks for all who sent sympathy & warm feelings to the family of our sister, Lela Walz. Your love is greatly appreciated.

Karen Gibbs & Jan Erickson

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA
University Art Galleries

Summer Art Camp
For children 8 - 11 years old
June 10 - 14, 2013

Theme: Woodcut and Woodblock Prints
Learn about Japanese culture and create your own woodcut and woodblock prints. Japanese prints from the UAG permanent collection will be on display during the camp.

Who: Children 8 - 11 years old.

Where: Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts on the campus of USD.

Time: 12 - 4 p.m. every day of camp

Sign up: Call or email to learn more. 605-677-3177 or Alison.Erazmus@usd.edu

Cost: \$75, all expenses included.

If you are a person with a disability and need a special accommodation to fully participate, please contact Disability Services at 605-677-6389 48 hours before the event.

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