

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, MAY 24

- Special exhibition "The Shapes of Sound: Hearing with Your Eyes," May 24-Sept. 3 at the National Music Museum, Arne B. Larson Concert Hall located on USD campus.
- Early dismissal last day of school at 2 p.m.
- State "A" Boys/Girls Track at Sioux Falls.

### SATURDAY, 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. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles.
- The VFW will erect the flags honoring Clay County Veterans at the Bluff View Cemetery (weather permitting).
- State "A" Boys/Girls Track at Sioux Falls.
- The 2013 South Dakota Kayak Challenge is set for May 25-26. The Challenge pits racers against 72 miles of Missouri River. A majority of the course is part of the Missouri National Recreational River. It was the first race of its kind in South Dakota when about 90 racers ran it in 2010. In 2011, Missouri River flooding led to cancellation. Last year, almost 160 racers took part in a record-setting run. We welcome all racers who seek a challenge on an amazing part of the Missouri River. Registration deadline is May 18. Web site is [www.sdkayakchallenge.org](http://www.sdkayakchallenge.org).

### MONDAY, MAY 27

- South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Girls State on USD campus, through June 1.
- The VFW will host a Memorial Day observance at 10 a.m. at the Edith Siegrist Vermillion Public Library.
- 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 Baseball Championship at Sioux Falls.

### TUESDAY, MAY 28

- 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](http://www.vermillionrotaryclub.org).

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

- "True Beauty Boot Camp" at The Spa at Wynie Mae's, 25 W. Main for ages 8-12 and 13-17, Wednesday and Thursday, May 29-30. Call (605) 658-1234 for ticket information.

### THURSDAY, MAY 30

- Vermillion Area Farmers Market at the Clay County Fairgrounds from 3-7 p.m. For more information call (605) 659-3399 or e-mail [VAFarmersMarket@gmail.com](mailto:VAFarmersMarket@gmail.com).

### PLANNING AHEAD:

- JUNE 1 – Discovery Days in historic Downtown Vermillion from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. On Main Street from Market to Center Streets there will be retail specials, food specials and family/kid games/events.
- JUNE 1 – Vermillion Area Farmers Market at Ratingen Platz, corner of Market and Main streets, 9 a.m.-noon. For more information call (605) 659-3399 or e-mail [VAFarmersMarket@gmail.com](mailto:VAFarmersMarket@gmail.com).
- JUNE 1 – 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.
- JUNE 1 – Bikes and Babes Rally4Miracles, Saturday, June 1. A motorcycle themed event for the entire family. Proceeds benefit Children's Miracle Network. Pre-register online at <https://www.sanfordhealth.org/forms/bikesbabes> or on June 1 from 9-10 a.m. at Vermillion Wal-Mart. Ride leaves at 10 a.m. Registration is \$25-includes t-shirt, poker card and hand, chance for door prizes and admission to the Argus Leader RibFest.
- JUNE 1 – Rhubarb Days at W.H. Over Museum from 10-11:30 a.m. Tastings, Recipe entries, Quilt Lecture by Dr. Virginia Johnson, Quilt display, apron display (new/old), and Rudy and Ruby (the Rhubarbs) present in cutout form for photographs. South Dakota magazine has dubbed free event the "Pucker Party."
- JUNE 1 – Second annual Taste and Tour in downtown Vermillion will showcase a dozen businesses and raise funds for the paws at Heartland Humane Society from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale soon and can be purchased at the shelter, Vermillion Chamber, or Nook 'n Cranny in Vermillion. Food, beverages, sale items and much more. Each location offers a chance to win a raffle prize. For a full list of what is happening, check out the events tab at [www.heartlandhumanesociety.net](http://www.heartlandhumanesociety.net).
- JUNE 3-6 – National Music Museum to offer "Summer Explorer Series" to introduce children to the instruments in the collection for students entering the 4th-6th grade in the fall of 2013. For additional information/registration form, e-mail [dreeves@usd.edu](mailto:dreeves@usd.edu) or call 677-5306.
- JUNE 3 – Summer Food Service Program, Monday, June 3 at Jolley Elementary, 224 S. University. Free lunch service for area children 18 years and under. For additional information visit 677-7000.
- JUNE 13 – An evening of Bluegrass Music with David Davis and the Warrior River Boys at 7 p.m. at the Washington Street Arts Center, 202 N. Washington St. in Vermillion. \$10 for advance tickets or \$12 at the door. Call for advance tickets (877) 621-4118. Sponsored by The East River and Missouri Valley Bluegrass Music Association and the Vermillion Area Arts Council.

Does your business or organization have an event you would like included in the Community Calendar? If you do, call the Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce & Development Company at (605) 624-5571 or e-mail [vcdc@vermillionchamber.com](mailto:vcdc@vermillionchamber.com) or contact the Plain Talk at (605) 624-2695 or e-mail [david.lias@plaintalk.net](mailto:david.lias@plaintalk.net).

## ENGAGEMENTS



### Jaime Bernard and Michael Drees

Jaime Lynn Bernard, of Vermillion and currently living in Sioux Falls, and Michael Joseph Drees, from Gregory currently living in Sioux Falls, announce their engagement.

The future bride is the daughter of Greg and Janet Merrigan and Terry Bernard, all from Vermillion. She graduated from Vermillion High School in 2005, and went on to beauty school at Lake Area Tech and graduated in 2007. Jaime is working as a cosmetologist at Great Clips in Sioux Falls, and has been there for six years.

The groom-to-be graduated from Gregory High School in 2004, and then went on to Wyotech and graduated in 2005. Michael, the son of Joe and Mary Kay Drees from Gregory, is currently working at Titan Machinery in Sioux Falls, where he has been employed for seven years.

The couple will exchange vows at 2 p.m. June 1, 2013, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion.

# Geu named dean of USD law school

The University of South Dakota School of Law announced today that Thomas Earl Geu has been named dean of the School of Law.

Appointed interim dean of the School of Law in 2011, Geu came to USD in 1989 as a professor of law. As a professor, his teaching areas included organizational, transactional, and capital formation courses as well as business organization law. He is a two-time winner of the Law School's John Wesley Jackson Award for teaching (1997 and 2010), and as an elected member of the American Law Institute, Geu has been active in the State Bar of South Dakota.

In addition to being a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, Geu has served in the important role of national reporter for the Uniform Limited Cooperative Act and as South Dakota Commissioner for the Uniform Laws Commission. In 2003, he was named a Uniform Law Foundation Scholar.

"Tom is a dedicated legal scholar, and his leadership and service to the law school is extensive," said Chuck Staben, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at USD. "During his tenure as interim dean, he successfully managed the School of Law through its American Bar Association reaccreditation process and sustained a superb relationship between the School of Law and the state of South Dakota's bench and bar."

Geu grew up on a farm and ranch in western Nebraska and received a J.D. from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 1983 and a B.S. in economics and finance from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1980. He practiced law for five years and worked for judges with the United States Tax Court in Washington, D.C. and the U.S. Federal Court of Appeals 7th Circuit Court in Chicago before becoming an academic lawyer. His wife, Carol, also teaches at USD.

# USD, Farber Center ready for Girls State

The W.O. Farber Center for Civic Leadership at the University of South Dakota will host the 67th American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, May 27 through June 1.

This is the 12th consecutive year that USD and the W.O. Farber Center for Civic Leadership will co-host Girls State as 438 high school junior girls from across the state, chosen by the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary, learn about civic participation.

Girls experience government at the city, county and state levels. Delegates are assigned a mythical city, county and political party with an opportunity to run for office, campaign (for herself or others), vote and listen to several speakers. At the end of the week, girls attend state political conventions that culminate with the inauguration of the Girls State Governor at 8 p.m. on May 31 in Aalfs Auditorium with Beth Mayrose, 2011 Girls State Governor, providing the keynote address.

Guests for the week include government leaders such as U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson, D-SD; U.S. Sen. John Thune, R-SD; Congresswoman Kristi Noem, R-SD; State Sen. Jean Hunhoff, State Sen. Angie Buhl, State Rep. Mike Stevens, Gov. Dargaard's Chief of Staff Dustin Johnson; and Attorney General Marty Jackley. Gov. Dennis Dargaard will also host a state of South Dakota Q&A session at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 31 in Aalfs Auditorium.

Additional activities for the week include general assemblies, law and court procedure classes, talent auditions, invited speakers, campus tours, and various presentations and meetings. Local attorneys and judges will assist with the program's judicial segment while the Clay County Sheriff's Department oversees the law enforcement process, which involves a forensics investigation team of 14 Girls State participants. A college/career fair is Wednesday, May 29 in the North Complex concourse for military recruiters, and

colleges and universities that offer Girls State scholarships to participants; and the Girls State Chorus, under the direction of Hannah Lambertz of Yankton, will perform a concert prior to inauguration on Friday, May 31.

Throughout the week, Girls State is supporting Volunteers of America, Dakotas Berakhah House. As a community service project, Girls State will collect monetary donations, toiletries, towels, single bed sheets, alarm clocks, shower curtains, gift cards, and household kitchen items for Berakhah House, a Veterans housing program located in Sioux Falls. Donations are also accepted by contacting Cheryl Hovorka, Girls State director, at (605) 677-5702 or e-mail [gstate@usd.edu](mailto:gstate@usd.edu).

For more information about Girls State, including a brief history and a list of activities and events, visit [orgs.usd.edu/girlstate/](http://orgs.usd.edu/girlstate/) or e-mail [gstate@usd.edu](mailto:gstate@usd.edu).

## CHAMBER CHAT

### 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.

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

Vermillion Public Library dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, June 1 at 2 p.m. followed by a tour of the library after the ceremony. The public is invited to come and see the addition and 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 24th. 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 shot gun 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](mailto: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](mailto:annb@vermillionchamber.com) or at 624-5571.

**Announcements:** Heartland Humane Society offers 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](http://www.heartlandhumanesociety.net). Currently 33 cats and 8 dogs will be available for adoption during this event.

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

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.

**Joe & Leota Conroy**  
are celebrating their  
**65th Wedding Anniversary**  
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**DEDICATION EXERCISES JUNE 1ST, 2PM**

The public is invited to the Edith B. Siegrist Public Library dedication exercises. Saturday, June 1st at 2:00 PM. (Senator Tim Johnson will be attending.) Light refreshments & tours will follow the ceremony.

Call 677-7060 or visit [www.vermillionpubliclibrary.org](http://www.vermillionpubliclibrary.org) for additional information.

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