

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- Brown Bag lunch program, "The Mignarda Lute Song Duo" featuring Donna Stewart, mezzo soprano and Ron Andrico, lute at 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. Free and open to the public. Support for November's "Free Fridays" admission to the museum is made possible by Bank of the West.
- Hospital Auxiliary meeting at Sanford Vermillion board room, 20 S. Plum (Administrative entrance) at 1:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 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.
- Music Concert: USD Caribbean Coyotes Steel Band presents a concert at 7:30 p.m. at Colton Recital Hall in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.
- Music Show at Gayville Hall, 502 Washington St., Gayville, "The Hay Country Jamboree" with the Tune Band duo and Good People bands at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call (605) 267-2859.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- The USD Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Eunho Kim and Dr. Marie-Elaine Gagnon, presents a fall concert at 3:30 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall, Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.
- Ashley Hogarth and Brady Ketelsen present their senior recital at 7 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall at Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- Oral Interp: Local Showcase/Region Qualifier, at 4 p.m. (H).
- 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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 8th Annual Community Supper honoring our veterans from 5-8 p.m. Social begins at 5 p.m., opening ceremonies at 5:30 p.m., dinner starts at 6 p.m. at Vermillion Eagles Club, 114 W. Main St. Sponsored by USD Veterans Club.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- Cancer Support Group at 2:30 p.m. in the Sletwold Room, Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark St. For additional information, call Marcy at 624-8706.

PLANNING AHEAD:

- NOV. 9 — Brown Bag Lunch Program, "Bach's Goldberg Variations," featuring Frederick Haas, professor of harpsichord at the Royal Conservatorium of Brussels at 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. Free and open to the public. Support for November's "Free Fridays" admission to the museum is made possible by Bank of the West.
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- NOV. 10 — Heartland Humane Society to host third annual Wine and Whiskers event at Minerva's in Yankton from 6-10 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from Heartland Humane Society at (605) 664-4244, any Heartland Humane Society board member or e-mail: hhs@midconetwork.com. Donations may be sent to PO Box 585, Yankton, SD 57078 or dropped off at 601 1/2 Burlleigh St. in Yankton. To view all the auction packages, check out the events tab at www.heartlandhumane.org.

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

Change clock, check batteries this weekend

State Fire Marshal Paul Merriman plans to use part of the hour he'll gain when Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend to check the smoke-alarm batteries at his home. He encourages everyone else to do the same thing.

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 4. That's when clocks are set back an hour. Merriman suggests state residents mark the change by not only moving their clocks back but also checking the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

"This clock-change weekend is a good reminder to make sure your detectors are in working order," Merriman said. "A majority of home fire deaths could be prevented if all

homes had working smoke detectors. Some statistics say up to 80 percent of child deaths in fires occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Please make sure your family doesn't become part of that statistic."

If you don't have smoke detectors in your home, Merriman recommends you install them. Smoke detectors have a test button. When the button is pressed, the detector should make a sound. If it doesn't, the batteries need to be changed. If that doesn't work, it's time to replace the detector.

Merriman offers these additional guidelines for keeping you and your family safe from fire.

- At least once a month, press the test button to check your detector.
- For maximum protection, install smoke detectors on every level of your home.
- Smoke detectors lose sensitivity over time and should be replaced periodically. Smoke detectors are usually good for about 10 years.
- Periodically clean smoke detectors using a vacuum attachment. This removes particles that could interfere with the detector's proper operation.
- Finally, brush up on your family's emergency exit plan. If your family doesn't have a plan, this is an ideal time to develop one.

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

Free "Welcome Hunters" 12"x18.5" color posters are available at the VCDC office, courtesy of South Dakota Tourism. If you would like to display the poster in your business window to welcome the hunters to the Vermillion area, stop at the VCDC office, call 624-5571 or e-mail annb@vermillionchamber.com.

Please join Vermillion Ace Hardware for a Grand Opening Celebration and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the completion of their expansion and renovation on Thursday, Nov. 15, at 812 Cottage Ave. The celebration with live jazz music, treats and beverages, and a special appearance by Santa Claus will be from 4-7 p.m. and the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be at 5 p.m.

The Special Events Committee for the Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company (VCDC) is sponsoring the fourth annual "Parade of Lights" in Downtown Vermillion on Friday, Dec. 7. Vermillion area merchants, businesses, schools and organizations are encouraged to put together a float for the parade. The theme is "The Spirit of Christmas"; so get your creativity flowing and enter. Entry forms can be found on the VCDC Web site, www.vermillionchamber.com, or at the Chamber office at 116 Market St. A trophy and \$25 in Vermillion Bucks will be awarded to the winner. Deadline to enter is Dec. 3.

At the end of the parade, Santa and Mrs. Claus will light the community Christmas tree at Ratingen Platz on Market and Main streets. After the tree lighting, children and parents are invited to the Clay County Court House basement for "Stockings

for Soldiers", an opportunity to make a free ornament to take home, and to decorate a stocking for a soldier serving overseas, sponsored by the Vermillion Public Library. (Due to the library renovation, the craft will be held in the courthouse basement.)

Children up to the age of 12 are encouraged to enter a coloring contest for a chance to have "Lunch with Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 11:30 a.m. at HyVee and meet him before Christmas. Coloring pages will be available at the public schools, HyVee and the VCDC office at 116 Market St. The coloring entries must be received by Nov. 20.

Also on Saturday, December 8, from 12:30-2:30 p.m., free pictures with Santa will be available at HyVee.

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:

Travel to Cirque Du Soleil: Quidam at the Tyson Events Center, Tuesday, Dec. 18. The Main Street Center and W.H. Over Museum are joining together to attend this event if a

minimum of 20 tickets are sold. The bus will pick up in Vermillion and return to Vermillion after the event. Tickets are \$45 or \$56.25 depending on choice of seats. The seats reserved are in section 110 and will be held for our group until Nov. 2. Tickets should be reserved as soon as possible.

There are more expensive seats (\$71 or \$104) if preferred, but they need to be ordered separately. Please sign up at the Main Street Center, 320 W. Main with a deposit of \$25 and the remainder due by Thursday, Nov. 29 or you may pay in full when reserving your ticket. Make checks payable to Tyson Events Center. Any questions, call Crystal at 624-8072.

Foundation seeks members: The Clay-Union Foundation is actively seeking volunteer mentors in Elk Point and Jefferson. A 13-year-old boy is waiting for a male volunteer in Elk Point, and a 12-year-old near

Jefferson is also hoping to find a male match. They have been waiting since May, and would like to match soon.

The program also has an adult male mentor who is ready to match in Vermillion, and would like to locate a male youth to spend time with him. Youth from age 6-17 are eligible to join the program, and volunteers must be 18 years old to be a mentor. An inquiry was also made seeking African-American volunteers in Vermillion, to match with youth 10, 8 and 5 years old.

Please e-mail jgille60@yahoo.com or call John at (605) 421-5050 to find out more. Applications are available at <http://www.clay-unionfoundation.org/> and may be e-mailed in for consideration. The Clay-Union Foundation is a member of the United Way of Vermillion, and is supported by area businesses and individual donors.

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W.H. Over Museum
Refreshments served

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Join other South Dakotans in a community conversation.

Wednesday, November 14, 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Red Steakhouse
1 East Main Street, Vermillion, SD 57069
Lunch will be served.
Seating is limited. RSVP at 1-877-926-8300.

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As a strong advocate for children's education, a concern for proper health care for all of our citizens, an awareness of the necessity of a balanced budget, and continued support for economic development, Tom needs to be your voice in Pierre.

There are several very important ballot issues that you can vote on this year. Please use your right to vote. Each and every one of our votes count in this year's election.

Vote TOM JONES for STATE SENATE on NOVEMBER 6th.

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