

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:

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 (V CDC) is sponsoring the Fourth Annual "Parade of Lights" in Downtown Vermillion on Friday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. 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 V CDC website, 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. Inverters to plug lights into your vehicles are available at Dakota PC Warehouse.

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 Courthouse 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.



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(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 V CDC office at 116 Market St. The coloring entries must be received by Nov. 20.

Also on Saturday, Dec. 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, please contact Ann at: annb@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

Announcements:

• Volunteers are needed to help deliver meals for Dakota Senior Meals on an ongoing basis. If you are

interested in volunteering, or if you are with a community organization that might be interested in supplying volunteers, call Verna at Dakota Senior Meals at 624-7868.

• Heartland Humane Society's (HHS) Nine Dollars for Nine Lives – help a cat find a home this holiday season by adopting a kitten or cat through Nov. 17 for \$9 at HHS, 601 1/2 Burleigh St. in Yankton. View available animals at www.heartlandhumanesociety.net.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PLANNING AHEAD:

- NOV. 24 — 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.
- NOV. 26-29 — Christmas shopping with the Shepherd Roegiers at USD's Muenster University Center (The "MUC") from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sheepskins, slippers, gloves and more.
- NOV. 28 — The Department of Labor and Regulation will be holding a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) at 1024 W. Cherry St. from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The JSAP is designed to assist and train job-seekers on how to find and secure employment. Some of the topics included are job search and retention skills, networking, the hidden job market, resumes, applications and proper interview techniques. It is provided at no charge and open to the public. Parties interested in attending should register by calling (605) 677-6900, by Monday, Nov. 26, before 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.sdjobs.org.
- DEC. 2 — Christmas Festival at W. H. Over Museum in Vermillion. For information, call (605) 677-5228 (TBA).
- DEC. 4 — "Beauty and the Beast," will be at the Orpheum at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information, call Melissa at (712) 224-6423 or mlanqourakis@sioux-city.org.
- DEC. 7 — Parade of Lights, Downtown Vermillion at 6:30 p.m.
- DEC. 8 — 35th annual Celebration of the St. Lucia Tradition at Dalesburg Lutheran Church, at 3 p.m. Located north of Vermillion at 30595 University Rd.
- DEC. 12 — The Department of Labor and Regulation will be hosting a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 504 River Dr., N. Sioux City. The JSAP is a free workshop for people recovering from job loss or enhancing their job search skills. Trained instructors speak on moder-day techniques used to successfully find employment. Topics covered are: resumé and cover letting writing, interviewing etiquette, networking effectively, using social media and much more. Parties interested in attending should register by calling (605) 242-5445 before 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10.

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.

Mentor program seeks members

The Clay-Union County Foundation is in need of volunteer mentors. There are two boys in Elk Point and Jefferson would like to have an adult male mentor. There is an adult male mentor who would like to match with a boy age 8-12 in Vermillion, and a female in Elk Point is in the process of applying as a mentor.

Volunteers spend two hours per week with their matches, and there is no cost to apply. All volunteers are fully background checked and interviewed, and matches are made based on the needs of the child.

For more information contact John Gille at (605) 421-5050 or e-mail jgille60@yahoo.com for more information. Applications for youth and adults are available at <http://www.clay-unionfoundation.org/>.

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