

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- USD Theatre presents "Brigadoon" at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 and 2 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Wayne S. Knutson Theatre, Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts on USD campus. For ticket information, call 677-5400 or visit [www.usd.edu/theatre](http://www.usd.edu/theatre).
- Brown Bag lunch program, "Strumming Along ... Singing a Song," featuring Tom Peterson and Charley Smith 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 West.
- State Oral Interp Festival at Yankton (TBA).

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

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- 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.
- State Oral Interp Festival at Yankton (TBA).
- Breakfast with Santa from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Agnes School; cost \$5. French toast with breakfast, photos with Santa, vendor booths and kids crafts.
- Music Recital: Amy Beall presents her senior saxophone recital at 1 p.m., Colton Recital Hall located in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- Music Recital: Jaelyn Mathison presents her senior piano recital at 4 p.m., Colton Recital Hall located in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- Music Recital: Adrian Ries presents his Senior Piano Recital at 6:30 p.m., Colton Recital Hall located in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.
- Music Show at Gayville Hall, 502 Washington St., Gayville, "A Poker Alice Christmas," at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call (605) 267-2859.
- Winter Formal at Vermillion High School from 8:30-11 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

- Christmas Festival at W. H. Over Museum in Vermillion. For information, call (605) 677-5228 (TBA).

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 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.
- USD Seniors Seth Snakenberg and Brandi Stueckrath present their senior trumpet recital at 6:15 p.m., Colton Recital Hall located in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Open to the public at no charge.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- Vermillion Rotary Club Meeting from noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.
- "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](mailto:mlanqourakis@sioux-city.org).

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

- Vermillion Lions Club meeting at W.H. Over Museum in Sletwold Hall at 6 p.m.

### PLANNING AHEAD:

- DEC. 7 — Parade of Lights, Downtown Vermillion at 6:30 p.m.
- DEC. 7 — Brown Bag Lunch program, "Holiday Brass," 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.
- DEC. 7 — Hospital Auxiliary Meeting at 1:30 p.m. at Sanford Vermillion Board Room, 20 S. Plum (administrative entrance).
- DEC. 8 — 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.
- 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. 8 — Clay County Historical Society is sponsoring "Sweets 'n Treats Cookie Walk" at the Austin-Whittemore House, 15 Austin St., from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Choose your holiday treats from a multitude of selections. House will be decorated for your pleasure.
- 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 letter 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.
- DEC. 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. 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. Topics covered are: resume and cover letter writing, interviewing etiquette, networking effectively, using social media and much more. Parties interested in attending should register by calling (605) 677-6900 before 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19.

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](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).

# City declares emergency to replace fire equipment

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An emergency was declared to make it easier for the city to replace some fire department gear that was damaged in the fire at the Vermillion Landfill last month. The action was taken by the Vermillion City Council during their regular meeting Nov. 19. "In working the fire, the firefighters had oil that was floating on the water contaminate hoses, gloves, boots, bunker gear pants and some coats," said city finance officer Mike Carlson. While the fire department's insurance company has reimbursed the costs of the hose and gloves, and

acquired some coats, they still have 20 damaged pairs of pants. "The insurance company has tried cleaning the pants and coats without any success," Carlson said. "There (are) concerns about how much cleaning you can do without damaging some of the fire-retardant characteristics of these materials, and if anybody would certify these after they've got them cleaned, that they would still be used." If new pants were purchased, the jackets would have to be purchased, too. "The company doesn't make individual replacements for them," Carlson said. "There (are) new models and such out, and so to be

replaced, you would have to buy both the coat and the pants." The state's emergency procurement statute – 5-18A-9 – will allow the city to make the purchase without advertising for two weeks for sealed bids, Carlson said. "Once the council acts on the low bid, the vendor would come in and measure the firefighters to get this equipment ordered, so it would probably take a minimum of three weeks ... to get that done," he said. The city received two bids – from Heiman Fire Equipment for \$36,296.80, and from Danko Emergency Equipment for \$38,819.20. The council members approved

the bid from Heiman Fire Equipment. At the same meeting, the council members also heard a proclamation of appreciation of area fire departments for responding to the fire at the Vermillion Landfill. The fire departments of Wakonda, Gayville and Volin were thanked for their assistance to the Vermillion Volunteer Fire Department, and providing equipment and firefighters to extinguish the blaze. "The City of Vermillion is thankful for the dedication, bravery and hard work demonstrated by the volunteer firefighters who responded to the fire," the proclamation read in part.

## CHAMBER CHAT

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### Chamber Business:

A holiday gift from the Chamber members to the community: The VCDC is conducting a Vermillion Bucks sale. We are offering \$10,000 in Vermillion Bucks available for purchase in \$100 bundles of \$20 denominations at the discounted rate of \$85 per bundle. This equates to an immediate discount of 15 percent off on all products and services in Vermillion. They can be purchased at the VCDC office at 116 Market St. Limited to two bundles per family. Business After Hours hosted by USD Alumni Association at Carey's, 18 West Main St., Thursday, will be Dec. 6 from 5:30-7 p.m. Please join us to make new contacts, socialize, find out what the USD Alumni Association is all about, and view 'Pride, Persistence and Progress' the 150-year history of The University of South Dakota by Ann Grauvogl. Cold refreshments and a slice of R-Pizza will be served. RSVP at [www.usdalumni.com](http://www.usdalumni.com) or call 677-6734 by Nov. 30.

The Special Events Committee for the Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company 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 VCDC website, [www.vermillionchamber.com](http://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 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 Court House basement.) 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, contact Ann at [annb@vermillionchamber.com](mailto: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.

Dakota Hospital Foundation (DHF) Wreath Decorating Contest. Participants may submit a live or artificial wreath up to 26 inches in diameter decorated to your personal style or theme of choice. Vermillion Bucks prizes for Individual, Business and Best of Show. Decorated wreaths with completed Wreath Contest registration form must be submitted on Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (If earlier

drop-off is needed, call ahead for arrangements). All wreaths entered will be auctioned at the DHF Tree of Lights Open House and Wreath Auction on Thursday, Dec. 6. Social hour at 5 p.m., auction at 6 p.m. at the Al

Neuharth Media Center on USD campus. Registration form and other details can be found at [sanfordvermillion.org](http://sanfordvermillion.org). All proceeds will assist in funding the new Sanford Arts program at Sanford Vermillion.

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