

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## FRIDAY, NOV. 15

- No school at Vermillion Public Schools, teacher in-service.
- USD Opera presents "The Billy Goats Gruff", Friday, Nov. 15 at 10 a.m. and Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m., Colton Recital Hall, Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts on USD campus. Tickets: \$5 each. Open to the public
- Brown Bag Lunch Program featuring "The Dizzying Diversity of American Music," an eclectic trio from the University of Central Missouri playing diverse musical styles and genres on a large arsenal of musical instruments, 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.

## SATURDAY, NOV. 16

- 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.
- Santa's Shack Gifts and Craft Festival from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Wakonda School Gym.
- ROTC and Veteran's Club Tailgate, 11 a.m.-noon at DakotaDome.
- USD Football vs. South Dakota State at 1 p.m. at DakotaDome.
- Sharing the Dream in Guatemala Open House "Come and See" event with Diana Ramirez, Guatemala coordinator. Come and learn how to make homemade tortillas. Everyone is welcome.
- Chili Blues Cook-Off sponsored by Carey's Bar and Vermillion Area Arts Council will be held from 6-9 p.m. at Washington Street Arts Center, 202 Washington St. Live music, art, chili, breads, desserts. For more info or to participate in the contest, contact [vaacboard@yahoo.com](mailto:vaacboard@yahoo.com).
- "Waylon, Willie, and the Boys," featuring the McNeills, Nick Schwebach and Owen DeJong at 8 p.m. at Gayville Music Hall in Gayville. For reservations, call (605) 267-2859.

## SUNDAY, NOV. 17

- Craft and Vendor Fair, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Eagles, 114 W. Main, 624-9934.
- Annual Taco Dinner Fundraiser by St. Agnes Youth Group from 5-7 p.m. at St. Agnes School Gym. "All you can eat meal": \$6 for adults; \$4 for children; 6 years and under free. Proceeds go towards youth group ski trip to Mankato in February. Matching funds project with Catholic United. For more info, call Ray Hofman at 624-6457.
- Junior Piano Recital featuring Blake Proehl at 7 p.m., Colton Recital Hall, Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts on USD campus.

## MONDAY, NOV. 18

- International Forum: "Still vulnerable to OPEC?" at noon, Farber Hall located in Old Main on USD campus. The event is sponsored by the (USD) Beacom School of Business.
- Sustainability Series presents: "The Messy Science of Sustainability, Testing a Behavior Change Model to Address Environmental Problems," with Elaine Cole, Ph.D. at 3:30 p.m., Beacom Hall, USD School of Business.
- USD Jazz Ensembles in Concert, 7:30 p.m., Colton Recital Hall, Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts.
- 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.
- Wrestling practice starts.
- TBA – Yankton Honor Band Festival.

## TUESDAY, NOV. 19

- 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).
- Education session on long-term care offered by the SD Dept. of Social Services including information on costs, how to plan for long-term care needs, what Medicare and Medicaid will cover, etc. An hour-long educational session will be held in Vermillion at the Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library, 18 Church St. at 2 p.m. Sessions are free and open to the public. For a complete session schedule, visit [www.ltcpartnership.sd.gov/educationsessions.aspx/](http://www.ltcpartnership.sd.gov/educationsessions.aspx/).

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20

- 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., Monday, Nov.18.

## PLANNING AHEAD:

- NOV. 23 – 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.
- DEC. 6 – Tour of Homes: "Joyful Traditions" hosted by Clay County Historical Society, 4:30-8 p.m. Featured homes: Erin/John Beyers-216 Forest Ave; Michelle Kanto Nelson-122 N.Yale; Virginia Talley-121 S. University; Joanne/Mel Ustad-937 Ridgcrest Dr.; Sandy/Ross Dickenson-16 Cypress Dr.; Austin-Whittemore House-15 Austin St. (complimentary refreshments served at this location).
- DEC. 8 – Christmas Festival hosted by W. H. Over Museum from 1-4:30 p.m. Everyone welcome to come enjoy the vendors, bake sale, children's activities, dancers, baton twirlers, decorated trees, wonderful refreshments and hospitality.

## Volin Fire Department

## Feather Party

Friday, November 15th

4:30pm until ? ~ Volin Town Hall

Everyone Welcome!

## DOOR PRIZES

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## Burbank man gets 15 years for sex offenses

By Travis Gulbrandson  
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Burbank resident Joseph T. Night has been sentenced to 15 years in the state penitentiary for sex-related offenses, including the rape of a child.

Night, 63, was sentenced to 15 years for rape in the first degree and 10 years for sexual contact with a child under 16 years of age at a hearing Tuesday afternoon in the Clay County Courthouse.

The charges will be served concurrently, and are a Class 1 felony and a Class 3 felony, respectively. In South Dakota, rape in the first degree is classified as when the victim is under 13 years of age.

During the sentencing, Judge Glen Eng also ordered Night to comply with the terms of a psychosexual evaluation, and to pay more than \$2,000 in related fines and court costs, as well as any costs of counseling for his two victims.

Night's charges stem from an incident that took place in May.

In an interview with the *Vermillion Plain Talk* earlier this year, States Attorney Teddi Gertsma said law enforcement responded to a 911 call that said an assault was occurring.

On further investigation, more charges were filed, Gertsma said.

In court on Tuesday, Gertsma said Night subjected two boys to sexual contact, including rape.

She added that in an evaluation, Night said he was "not horrified" by what he had done, and that the boys will recover.

Night also told the boys not to tell anyone what had happened, Gertsma said.

Citing Night's age, his attorney, public defender Jason Rumpssa, said sentencing him to the maximum 50 years for rape in the first degree would be "a slow death sentence."

Rumpssa gave the judge a stack of letters vouching for Night's character.

He added that Night truly does care for his victims, that he wants them to get counseling, and hopes they understand his actions weren't their fault.

The crimes took place during the period of 2007-2010, and Night stopped committing them "of his own accord," Rumpssa said.

Night also spoke in his own defense, reading a letter addressed to one of his victims.

In it, he called his victims "the most important part of (his) life," and said "I really regret hurting them."

Eng said that while he believes Night feels guilty for his actions, he pointed to a statement he made earlier this year, in which he said that once he had access to his victims, he "went full-on pedophile."

Night was taken out of the courtroom by a law enforcement officer following the sentencing.

## Clay-Union Farm Bureau makes large contribution to western ranch families

The Clay-Union County Farm Bureau has recently pledged \$5,000 to the Farm Bureau Cares Fund which will distribute support to the unfortunate farm and ranch families in western South Dakota following the catastrophic early winter storm killing thousands of head of livestock.

What is the Farm Bureau Cares Fund? Helping with the immediate needs of those people directly affected by this storm is the goal for the Farm Bureau Cares Fund.

The FBCF is located at the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Huron. The money from that

account is handled by the South Dakota Community Foundation. They make it possible for the donations to be considered charitable.

South Dakota Community Foundation has an agreement with Catholic Social Services (CSS) in Rapid City to distribute funds to ranchers. This is all set up as such to keep this strictly and legally as a non-profit organization, solely focused on channeling 100 percent of the funds and support to our neighbors in need.

All of the monies received will be given to West River Farm Bureau

members as well as non-member ranchers and families as funds allow.

If you feel led or moved to help these western South Dakota folks, many local opportunities exist for you to do so.

If you'd like to support this through the Farm Bureau Cares Fund, you may contact the main Farm Bureau office in Huron or just visit with local offices here in Vermillion at (605) 624-3011 or Beresford at (605) 763-8069.

As Thanksgiving approaches, be sure to remember your blessings and remember those who have not been so fortunate.

## CHAMBER CHAT

**Chamber Chat Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce & Development Company**  
116 Market Street, Suite 103  
Vermillion, SD 57069  
(605) 624-5571

**Chamber Business:**  
The Special Events Committee for the Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company (VCDC) is sponsoring the fifth annual "Parade of Lights" in Downtown Vermillion on Friday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. Vermillion area merchants, businesses, schools and organizations are encouraged to put together a float or entry for the parade. The theme is "The Spirit of Christmas", so get your creativity flowing and enter. First, second and

third places will be awarded. Entry forms can be found on the VCDC Web site, [www.vermillionchamber.com](http://www.vermillionchamber.com), or at the Chamber office at 116 Market St. Deadline to enter is Dec. 2.

At the end of the parade, Santa and Mrs. Claus will light the community Christmas tree at Ratingen Platz on the corner of Market and Main streets. After the tree lighting, children and parents are invited to the Vermillion Library 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. For more information please call the VCDC office at (605) 624-5571.

Children 11 and under are encouraged to enter a coloring contest for a chance to have "Lunch with Santa", sponsored by HyVee, on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 11:30 a.m. at HyVee and meet him before Christmas. Coloring pages will be available at the public schools, daycare centers, HyVee and the VCDC office at 116 Market St. The coloring entries must be received by Nov. 25.

Also on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 12:30-2:30 p.m., bring the children for free pictures with Santa at

HyVee by Peterman Photography. For more information please call the VCDC office at (605) 624-5571.

**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.

The University of South Dakota  
Vermillion, SD

The University of South Dakota is seeking applicants for the following positions:

- HVAC Specialist
- HVAC Specialist/Off Hours

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For assistance or accommodation, contact 605-677-5671

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