

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**FRIDAY, NOV. 22**  
•Rob Kapilow and the Rawlins Piano Trio, “What Makes it Great? Exploring Beethoven’s Archduke Trio,” at 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets.  
•Swimming and diving, 4 p.m. at the DakotaDome.  
•Reception for “The Written Word” from 5-7:30 p.m. at John A. Day Gallery, Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts.  
•Winery After Hours Party at Valiant Vineyards, 1500 W. Main St., with live music by T-Wilson King from 6-8 p.m. followed by open mic.  
•Vermillion High School Fall Show at High School Performing Arts Center featuring performances by Rhythm in Red Show Choir, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22 and 23 at 7 p.m. Includes solo, group, vocal and dance performances. Tickets available at the door: \$5 for adults and \$3 for students K-12.  
•Come to Jamnesty at Raziel’s, 13 W. Main St. Enjoy different kinds of music, mixers, microphones and speakers for all musicians will be provided by the owner of Raziel’s. All donated proceeds go to the Amnesty International fund. Free.

**SATURDAY, 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.  
•Heartland Humane Society (HHS) to host annual Pet Photos at Slumberland Furniture on Broadway St. in Yankton from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Photographer for event is Jamie Selves Families or individuals wanting to get their photo taken (with or without pets) can call HHS at (605) 664-4244 to schedule an appointment. Slumberland Furniture is coordinating a pet photo contest in conjunction with the event. Participants will have a chance to win a prize package for the best photo. Cost is \$30 for first pose; \$15 for each additional pose. Participants receive a CD of their photos with a photographer release.  
•ReDiscover Robert Aldern – A South Dakota Original exhibition of Giclee of favorites on display at LumoStudios and Gallery, 2 East Main St. Reception: Saturday, Nov. 23, 4:30-7 p.m. On display in November, Wednesday-Saturday, 1:30-5 p.m. and December, Wednesday-Saturday, 1:30-6:30 p.m. and by appointment, (605) 624-9222. Visit www.lumostudios.com for more information.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 24**  
•USD Women’s Basketball vs. Boise State at 2 p.m. at the DakotaDome.  
•USD Theatre Dept. presents “Les Mis rables” at 2 p.m. at Wayne S. Knutson Theatre, Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts. Call 677-5418 for ticket information.  
•USD Chamber Orchestra at 7 p.m. at Colton Recital Hall, Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts.

**MONDAY, NOV. 25**  
•Alzheimer’s Association support group meeting for caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimers or memory loss at 7 p.m., Vermillion Public Library conference room. For more information, call Fern at 624-4898 or Marilyn at 934-2534.  
•The SOUND’s Year-End Spectacular (USD’s Marching Band) to perform at 7:30 p.m. at Slagle Hall/Aalfs Auditorium.  
•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.  
•Girls basketball practice starts.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 26**  
•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.  
•Seventh- and eighth-grade girls basketball vs. Dakota Valley at 4:30 p.m. (H)

**PLANNING AHEAD:**  
•NOV. 30 – 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.  
•NOV. 30 – Holiday Open House at Valiant Vineyards, 1500 W. Main St., noon-5 p.m. Featuring holiday spiced wine, vendors, cookie decorating for kids, and cooking with wine for the Holidays demonstration. Admission is a can of food or donation for local food pantry.  
•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.  
•DEC. 13 – The Department of Labor and Regulation will be hosting a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) at 504 River Dr., North Sioux City, Friday, Dec. 13 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 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) 242-5445 before 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 11.  
•DEC. 14 – Sweets and Treats hosted by Clay County Historical Society, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Austin-Whittemore House, 15 Austin St. A holiday open house to come and select homemade Christmas goodies.

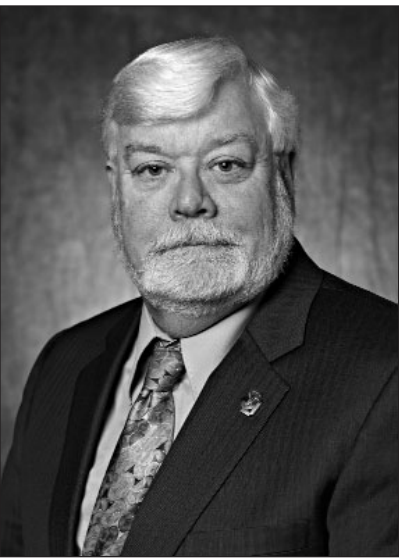
USD Law School associate dean announces retirement

Tom Geu, dean of the University of South Dakota School of Law, announced today that Associate Dean Tom Sorensen is retiring from the USD School of Law, effective Sunday, Dec. 22 after serving the Law School for more than 13 years and the state of South Dakota for more than 20 years.

“Dean Sorensen is a very loyal USD alumnus and a tireless advocate for the School of Law, including helping hundreds of students through law school,” said Geu. “I have always valued his talents as an effective communicator and important and knowledgeable representative of the Law School.”

Among the areas of service and contribution to the School of Law are Sorensen’s oversight of academic affairs, policy, and support; media, public, and alumni relations, including the South Dakotan Lawyer magazine; student recruitment; and in recent years as director of the summer externship law course.

At USD, he has also served on the President’s Council for Diversity and Inclusiveness, the Student Counseling Center Advisory Board, and other committees and appointed positions.



TOM SORENSEN

Sorensen is a member of the State Bar of South Dakota, including committee service, and the Nebraska State Bar. He has also been a director on the board for East River Legal Services and was the faculty advisor for the Second Circuit’s R.D. Hurd Pro Bono Student Volunteer Society.

Before joining the dean’s staff at the Law School, Sorensen briefly practiced as an associate attorney at

the Bogue, Weeks & Collier law firm in Vermillion, including service as Vermillion’s deputy city attorney. He had earlier served two terms as an alderman on the Vermillion City Council.

Prior to his service in the legal profession, Sorensen’s work spanned more than two decades in various positions in the region as a journalist and radio news director, including at South Dakota Public Broadcasting, WDAY in Fargo, ND, and at KSOO in Sioux Falls. He worked for the Associated Press in Bismarck, ND. Over the years, Sorensen often moderated political debates and other public panel discussions along his path to the legal profession.

A Vermillion native, Tom and Mary Johnson, raised near Merville, IA, were formally introduced 43 years ago by a mutual friend at USD while working with other students on a project for Dakota Days. He and Mary intend to remain in Vermillion for the immediate future, with plans to spend more time with their three grandchildren and their three daughters, traveling, and enjoying outdoor activities.

Staben named president at the U. of Idaho

Provost Chuck Staben is leaving the University of South Dakota to become president of the University of Idaho, USD President James W. Abbott announced this week.

“We are grateful to Dr. Staben for his five years of service to the University of South Dakota, particularly his work with our faculty and his development of programs like the American Visiting Institute for Chinese Entrepreneurs, which has opened the doors of USD to the world,” Abbott said. “We certainly wish him well in his new role at Idaho.”

Staben was among five finalists for the president’s job at Idaho. His



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appointment was approved today by the Idaho Board of Education, and he will begin his duties in Moscow, ID, on March 1, 2014.

Kurt Hackemer, USD's associate vice president for

academic affairs, will serve as interim provost, Abbott said. Hackemer was named chair of the USD Department of History this fall. He has been a history professor at USD since 1996 and has held various administrative roles on campus since 2007.

“I have enjoyed my time at the university, and I will miss colleagues, students, and friends,” Staben said. “I would like to thank President Abbott for this opportunity and for his support and mentorship. I know that Kurt Hackemer will be an extraordinary interim Provost. Thanks to all.”

USD will move quickly to launch a search for a

new provost and vice president of academic affairs, Abbott said.

Staben came to USD in 2008 from the University of Kentucky, where he was the acting vice president for research. He also served as chair of the biology department at Kentucky, where he started his teaching career in 1989. Staben is a graduate of the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. He earned his Ph.D. in biochemistry at the University of California, Berkeley, and did postdoctoral research at Chiron Research Laboratories and Stanford University.

CHAMBER CHAT

**Chamber Chat Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce & Development Company**  
**116 Market Street, Suite 103**  
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**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 at 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, 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 or at 624-5571.

**Announcement:**  
A wreath-decorating contest sponsored by Dakota Hospital Foundation. Participants may submit a live or artificial wreath up to 26” in diameter decorated to your personal style or theme of choice. Decorated wreaths with registration form must be submitted on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. at Sanford Vermillion, 102 S. Plum St. (or call ahead to make other arrangements). Wreaths will be auctioned at the Dakota Hospital Foundation Tree of Lights Open House, Thursday, Dec. 5 from 5-7 p.m.

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