

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, 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.
- 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: can of food or donation for local food pantry.
- USD Women's Basketball vs. Wyoming at 5 p.m. at the DakotaDome.
- USD Men's Basketball vs. Graceland, Saturday at 7:10 p.m. at the DakotaDome.

MONDAY, DEC. 2

- Boys basketball practice starts.
- B.F.A. Thesis Exhibitions, Dec. 2-14 at John A. Day Gallery in the Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts on USD campus. The gallery will feature work by students graduating with a BFA degree in the fall 2013 semester.
- USD Men's Basketball vs. Utah Valley at 7:10 p.m. at the DakotaDome.
- 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, DEC. 3

- Vermillion Rotary Club meeting from noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuarth Media Center. For more information, visit www.vermillionrotaryclub.org.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

- Tree of Lights Open House and Wreath Auction at Al Neuarth Media Center on USD campus. Social and wreath display at 5 p.m.; auction begins at 6 p.m. Proceeds from Tree of Lights assist Dakota Hospital Foundation in supporting community wellness projects.
- Gather your friends and co-workers for a very special holiday party at the Vermillion Event Center, 912 N. Dakota St. We've taken the stress out of holiday party planning by doing it all for you—entertainment featuring Poker Alice with guest singer, Brenda George. Call 624-2657 for ticket information and to reserve your table.
- Vermillion Lions Club meeting at 6 p.m., W. H. Over Museum in Sletwold Hall.

PLANNING AHEAD:

- DEC. 6 – Brown Bag program featuring "Holiday Brass," 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale. Free and open to the public.
- DEC. 6 – First Dakota National Bank invites the community to a holiday open house from 1-4 p.m. Register for door prizes while enjoying pie, coffee and punch. The First Dakota staff wishes you all a happy and safe holiday season.
- 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 Ridgecrest Dr.; Sandy/Ross Dickenson-16 Cypress Dr.; Austin-Whittemore House-15 Austin St. (complimentary refreshments served at this location). Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at Nook 'n Cranny, Vermillion Beauty Shop and the Austin-Whittemore House. All proceeds go to the Clay County Historical Society.
- DEC. 7 – St. Agnes School to host their fourth annual Breakfast with Santa. Everyone is invited to the St. Agnes School Gym from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Event includes French toast breakfast, pictures with Santa, kids crafts and activities, and Santa's workshop featuring local vendors. Tickets available at the door. Join St. Agnes in the Christmas spirit of giving to those less fortunate. Bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Vermillion Food Pantry.
- DEC. 7 – "A Poker Alice Christmas" at 8 p.m., Gayville Hall, 502 Washington St. in Gayville, SD. For ticket information, call (605) 267-2859.
- DEC. 8 – Christmas Festival hosted by W. H. Over Museum 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. 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.
- DEC. 19 – The Department of Labor and Regulation will be hosting a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) at 504 River Dr., North Sioux City, 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., Monday, Dec. 16. (Previously scheduled for Dec. 13.)

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Retirement Party

After 50+ years of service as a pastor in the Christian ministry, Reverend Robert Grossmann is retiring. Please join us in a retirement celebration for Reverend Grossmann and his wife Pauline.

Saturday, December 7th
1pm - 3pm

Providence Reformed Church, Vermillion
Refreshments will be served.
A short program will be held at 2pm.

United Way of Vermillion joins national #GivingTuesday movement

United Way of Vermillion is joining #GivingTuesday to inspire people to take action to improve their communities and give back to help create a better world for everyone.

On Dec. 3 – the Tuesday after Thanksgiving – #GivingTuesday will once again leverage social media to create a national movement dedicated to giving, just as Black Friday and Cyber Monday have been positioned to be synonymous with holiday shopping.

#GivingTuesday began last year, harnessing the collective power of its partners – nonprofits, businesses and individuals – to

transform how people think about, talk about and participate in giving.

United Way is asking donors, partners and volunteers that are part of the United Way movement around the world to join #GivingTuesday. Everyone can find a way to give back – by giving, advocating (raising your voice to spread the word), and volunteering.

United Way of Vermillion is planning a number of activities for the day, including a social media promotion around giving and volunteerism on campus, recognition of campaign donors, and giveaways. Volunteers will be helping folks who stop by the United Way table in

the Muenster University Center take "Unselfies" – pictures of themselves with a sign expressing how they plan to give back to their community. Anyone who tags themselves in their Unselfie on United Way of Vermillion's Facebook page (<http://facebook.com/UnitedWayofVermillion/>), as well as all donors whose contribution is received by Dec. 3, will be eligible for prize drawings throughout the day.

"We're really excited about this event," said United Way intern and University of South Dakota senior Drew Vance. "We think it will be a great way to wrap up the United Way campaign and highlight the importance of giving –

whether that means giving time or money."

For more details about the movement, visit the #GivingTuesday website (www.givingtuesday.org), Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GivingTuesday/>), or follow #GivingTuesday (<https://twitter.com/GivingTues>).

United Way of Vermillion improves lives by mobilizing the caring power of the community through focus on education, income, and health.

For more information about United Way or to make a donation, visit <http://www.unitedwayofvermillion.org>.

Community Messiah Sing to be held Dec. 1

Mount Marty College Music Department and the Mount Choral Union will present a Community Messiah Sing on Sunday, Dec. 1, 4 p.m., at United Church of Christ in Yankton.

Come and sing through "Part the First" and the "Hallelujah Chorus" with soloists from Mount Marty College and the University

of South Dakota.

The concert will also include an orchestra of players from the Sioux Falls and Sioux City Orchestras. The Community Messiah Sing is being sponsored by a grant from the Gregorian Club at Mount Marty College.

A short rehearsal of spots in the choruses will

begin at 4 p.m. The Community Messiah Sing will follow immediately. Scores will be available for purchase (\$10) or rent (\$5). A goodwill offering will be taken.

Soloist: Lacadia Christiensen (Viborg), soprano; Anna Kolasch (Whittemore, IA), mezzo-soprano; Billy Danner

(Sioux City, IA), tenor; Jared Mogen (Vermillion), bass-baritone.

Contact Dr. Kenneth Tice, director of choral activities, and chair of the Music Department at Mount Marty College with questions at kenneth.tice@mtmc.edu or (605) 668-1539.

CHAMBER CHAT

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

Chamber Business: Please help us in welcoming the VCDC's newest employee, Skye Bork. Skye is a graduate of The University of South Dakota with a degree in Contemporary Media and Journalism and will be serving as Economic Development and Communications Assistant replacing Maureen Cashin. She will work on a part-time basis initially, and will assume the role full-time beginning in mid-December. Skye can be contacted by calling the VCDC office at 624-5571 or at skye@vermillionchamber.com.

The Special Events Committee for the Vermillion Area Chamber & 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 website, 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.

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, 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: Wreath decorating contest sponsored by Dakota Hospital Foundation. Participants may submit a live or artificial wreath up to 26 inches 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). Contest details and registration form available at: sanfordvermillion.org. Wreaths will be auctioned at the Dakota Hospital Foundation Tree of Lights Open House, Thursday, Dec. 5 from 5-7 p.m.

Dakota PC Warehouse is celebrating Small Business Saturday with inviting customers to register for the Classic Hits 106.3 Cash Cube. Sign up now; we will call the winners on

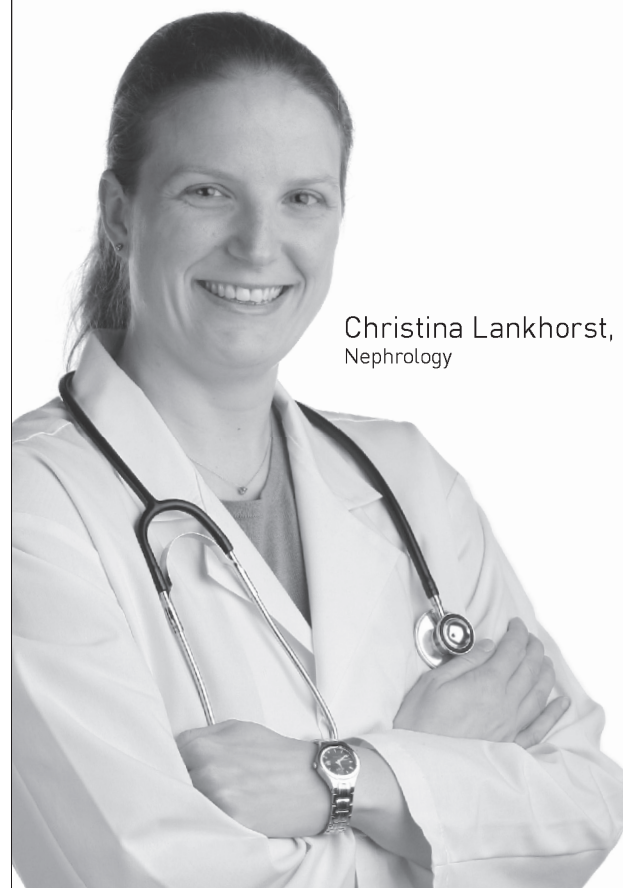
Wednesday to get them in the Cube on Saturday while we broadcast live from 10 a.m.-noon. Win big money and take advantage of Dakota PC Warehouse GREAT SPECIALS. See their ad in the Equalizer for details.

The Downtown Merchants are joining together to collect dollars for the local food pantry – each dollar donation gives you a chance at winning the downtown gift basket (more than \$800 value). The drawing will be held at noon, Friday, Dec. 20. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to the food pantry.

Volunteers are needed to help with ringing the bell for the Salvation Army from Nov. 29 through Dec. 22 at both doors at Wal-Mart and also at HyVee and Ace. Teams of two for two-hour shifts are need for following times: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3-8 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Contact UCC Church at 624-3120 or uccv@uccvermillion.org to sign up. Ninety percent of the funds collected stay in Vermillion to assist with emergency needs of the community.

See a specialist here at home



Christina Lankhorst, MD
Nephrology

Allergy and Asthma	R. Maclean Smith, MD
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For more information, call (605) 624-2611.

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