

Tedxusd Speaker Order And Streaming Address Released

Organizers of Saturday's TEDxUSD have released the order of speakers and website address that will provide a live video stream of the event from Farber Hall in Old Main.

The order of the six speakers who were chosen from a pool of candidates to give presentations of 18 minutes or less that showcase the ideas and talents of the USD community:

- Session 1:
1. Michell Williams, director of strategic program management at Citibank in Sioux Falls
 2. Steve Miller, pastor and USD adjunct professor of history
 3. Tiffany Graham, associate dean of the USD Law School
- Session 2:
1. Frank Leibfarth, former USD football kicker currently studying at Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 2. Kelsey Collier-Wise, executive director of United Way of Vermillion and Vermillion City Council member
 3. Sarah Jennings,

South Dakota director of AARP

Tickets to the live event, which begins at 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, sold out. But it will be streamed on the Internet at <http://livestream.com/txd/txdusd> and in the Muenster University Center, which will be open to the public. More information is available at <http://txdusd.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/txdusd>.

TEDx is an independently organized program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TEDTalks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized. TED (Technology, Education and Design) is a nonprofit organization devoted to "ideas worth spreading," usually in the form of short, powerful talks delivered by today's leading thinkers and doers.

Annual Luncheon Planned

Vermillion NOW! annual Luncheon will be held Wednesday, Nov. 18 at the Bluffs Golf Course located at 2021 E. Main Street from noon-1 p.m.

Please join us for an update on the Vermillion NOW! progress and the current economic development efforts in and around Vermillion.

A short program and question and answer session will take place at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served.

Please RSVP to annb@vermillionchamber.com or call 624-5571 by Friday, Nov. 13. If you are unable to make it, but would like an update, reach out to the VCDC office anytime.

South Dakota SBA Dollar Volume Is Second Highest

SIOUX FALLS —The U.S. Small Business Administration South Dakota District Office recently announced during the 2015 fiscal year, SBA backed \$87.9 million in South Dakota loans, guaranteeing 188 small business loans in total. This dollar volume lending total in South Dakota was the second highest to date, helping to create or retain over 2,435 jobs in the state.

"With our second highest dollar lending total ever, capital continues to flow to small businesses in South Dakota. Our experienced group of 7(a) lenders and active CDC's had a fantastic year," said John L. Brown II, South Dakota District Director.

Wells Fargo Bank led with 34 loans in the 7(a) loan program for \$9.7 million and Dakota BUSINESS Finance came in second and led the CDC 504 Program with 28 loans for over \$18 million.



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CLAY COUNTY 4-H RECOGNITION EVENT TO BE HELD

The Clay County 4-H Recognition Event is scheduled for Sunday, November 15, 2015 at the Clay County 4-H Center in Vermillion beginning at 2:00 pm. Area 4-H members, leaders, families and friends are invited to attend.

Clay County 4-H members will be recognized for their achievements, project accomplishments and participation during the past year. Various local sponsors will present special awards.

The Friends of 4-H and Meritorious Service awards will be presented to local individuals in recognition of their community support of the 4-H program.

Robust Harvest Finding A Home On South Dakota Rails

HURON – Rail capacity seems to be in place for this year's robust harvest, good news for the farmers and agribusinesses needing to get that grain to market.

In contrast to the last two years when grain elevators were short on rail cars and long on delays, Tim Luken reports that this harvest is rolling much more smoothly.

"This year it's going just fine," said Luken, general manager of Oahe Grain Corporation in Onida, S.D., which ships wheat, corn, sunflowers and milo out on the Rapid City, Pierre & Eastern (RCPE) rail line.

"There's an ample supply of rail cars today. There are cars stored all over," Luken adds, referring to the rail cars the BNSF and the RCPE have stored on siding around the region.

A number of factors are easing up pressure on rail capacity. Lower oil prices have led to less activity in the Bakken, freeing up space on the rail for grain. Also, the lower price of grain is leading farmers to opt for storage at home instead of immediately hauling the crop to town.

If crop predictions continue, that rail capacity will be needed. In its Oct. 9 crop production report, USDA is anticipating a large corn and soybean crop, both nationally and in South Dakota. The South Dakota soybean crop is forecast at a record high 235 million bushels, a 2 percent increase over 2014, at a record average yield of 46 bushels per acre. The South Dakota corn crop is forecast at 797 million bushels, up 1 percent from last year. Average yield is expected to hit 161 bushels per acre, up 13 bushels from last year. The next USDA crop production report is due out Nov. 11.

Scott VanderWal is seeing those excellent yields as he wraps up corn harvest on his family's farm near Volga, S.D. "In this area, I'm hearing 200-plus bushel corn or just shy of that," VanderWal said. "At first I didn't think we'd hit 200 bushels as an average, but I'm starting to think we might. That would beat our previous record high by 15 or 20 bushels."

VanderWal, who serves as president of the South Dakota Farm Bureau, appreciates the organization's involvement in and support on rail issues.

"Farm Bureau has always advocated for the railroads to provide service to agriculture, to make it possible not only to ship ag products out, but also to bring inputs like fertilizer in."

Those fertilizer shipments likely would have been the first ag product affected if Congress had not extended the Positive Train Control (PTC) deadline in the recent short-term

extension of the highway bill. A 2008 rail safety bill mandated that PTC systems, capable of automatically stopping a train before certain types of accidents occur, be added to trains by the end of this year. With the extension, now railroads have three additional years-and two more if they are showing progress-to access and adopt this advanced technology.

"Without the extension of the PTC deadline, fertilizer production would have been the first impact that would have been noticeable to agriculture," says Andrew Walmsley with the American Farm Bureau Federation. "And if those railcars would have been embargoed by the railroads, those fertilizer plants would have been forced to shut down. There would have been dire effects to agriculture from a fertilizer standpoint."

"We were concerned that fertilizer would not move like it needed to. If they would have had to park the trains like they thought they might, that would hurt agriculture badly," VanderWal said.

In addition to successful advocacy measures, investments in infrastructure are helping keep the trains on time. More than \$12 million in rail upgrades near Philip, S.D., and around Huron, S.D., were recently announced, thanks in part to a \$6 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Senator Rounds and Representative Noem joined Senator Thune, who is chairman of the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, in writing to Secretary Foxx on the application's behalf.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced more than \$50 million in public and private money for rail upgrades last year, calling them "imperative" because of rapidly growing grain production in South Dakota.

Light Up Vermillion

The Special Events Committee for the Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company (VCDC) is sponsoring the 7th Annual "Parade of Lights" in Downtown Vermillion on Friday, December 4 at 6:30 pm. Vermillion area merchants, businesses, schools and organizations are encouraged to put together a float or entry for the parade. The theme is "Light Up Vermillion", so get your creativity flowing and enter! First, second and third places will be awarded. The entry form is below and can also be found on the VCDC website, www.vermillionchamber.com, or at the Chamber office at 1012 Princeton St. Deadline to enter is November 30.

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Turner County, SD Land Auction 160 +/- Acres Turner Township Thursday, December 3rd, 2015 - 11:00 AM

We will sell the following real estate at public auction at the Tract 2 landsite located from Davis, SD, ¼ mile west on SD Hwy 18 3 miles south on 460th Ave.

Here are two outstanding tracts of land in Turner County SD. This land is highly productive with excellent soils and is available to the new owner for the 2016 crop year. The land is currently in a corn/soybean rotation and Tract 2 includes extensive tiling and a possible home/acreage site with a tree grove. Don't miss this auction if you are looking to expand your current farming operation or purchase as an investment. The land will be offered in 2 tracts and the tracts will not be combined.

Tract 1: Abbreviated Legal Description: W ½ SW ¼ 9-97-52 less building site/acreage estimated at 9 acres. Selling approximately 70 acres however final legal description and acres to be determined after survey of acreage. Buyer will be purchasing number of acres based on survey. Located on Davis, SD, ¼ mile west on SD Hwy 18 and 1 ½ miles south on 460th Ave. According to the Turner County Director of Equalization the land has a county soil rating of .862. According to Surety/AgriData predominate soils include: Wentworth-Chancellor-Wakonda silty clay loams and Egan-Trent silty clay loams with a productivity Index of 86.1. This tract includes 8 acres of CRP on the south end of the property with the CRP contract expiring in October of 2016. The seller will retain the final CRP payment, but in exchange for succession to the CRP contract for the 1 remaining year, the seller will allow the new owner to farm the tillable land that is not selling located adjacent to the acreage rent free for 2016. This is estimated at 8+ acres. Base acres of corn and soybeans will be prorated based on cropland and to be determined by FSA after the sale of the land. Tract is enrolled in the ARC-CO for the current farm bill. Vested drainage rights filed. Tract does not contain any restricted Wetlands (W). All areas are considered Prior Converted (PC) and are without restriction, according to NRCS. Taxes TBD.

Tract 2: Legal Description: E ½ NE ¼ 20-97-52 Turner County, SD. 89 +/- acres however final legal description and acres to be determined after survey of land. Buyer will be purchasing number of acres based on survey. Located on Davis, SD, ¼ mile west on SD Hwy 18 and 3 miles south on 460th Ave. This tract is located one mile south of the southwest corner of Tract 1. According to the Turner County Director of Equalization the land has a county soil rating of .675. According to Surety/AgriData predominate soils include: Egan-Ethan complex 2-6% slopes and Chancellor silty clay loam and a productivity rating of 79.1. According to the FSA there are 84.02 acres of cropland with an 84 acre corn base. Tract is enrolled in the ARC-CO for the current farm bill. The land includes extensive tiling, tile map available on our web site or by request. Vested drainage rights filed. Tract does not contain any restricted Wetlands (W). All areas are considered Prior Converted (PC) and are without restriction, according to NRCS. This tract includes 2014 Taxes: \$1,077.54.

TERMS: 15% nonrefundable down payment day of sale with the balance due at closing on or before January 15, 2016. Title insurance and closing costs split 50/50 between buyer and seller. 2015 taxes due in 2016 to be paid by the seller. 2016 taxes due in 2017 to be paid by the buyer. The number of acres sold in each Tract to be determined by survey completed prior to the auction with acres to be understood to be "more or less". The sellers do not warrant or guarantee that the existing fences lie on the true and correct boundary and new fencing, if any, will be the responsibility of the purchaser pursuant to SD statutes. The property is sold in as is condition and as a cash sale with no financing contingency. Sold subject to existing easements, restrictions, reservations, or highway of record, if any. Information is deemed to be correct but it is not guaranteed. All prospective buyers are encouraged to inspect the property and verify all data provided. Statements made the day of sale take precedence over all written advertising. Real Estate licensees are agents for the seller. Sold subject to confirmation of owner.

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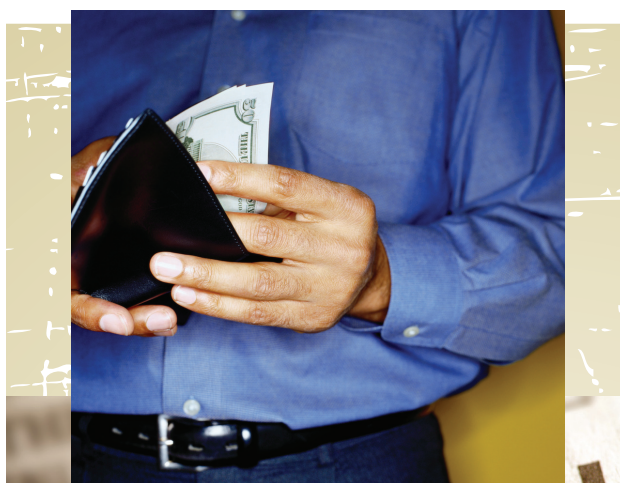
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