building roads, building shelters and homes, teaching agricultural technology, and helping

in Lesotho to help finish the work at the hospital.

He had learned enough of the local language to

converse adequately while teaching basic skills to

his helpers with the project. During this time he

met an entrepreneur from England who asked

him to join his company. As an employee with

Philroy LTD, Mike traveled through Europe,

learned Spanish by living with a family in Spain

for four months, and then traveled to South

America to the fishing town of Concepcion,

Chile. He spent the next three years building a

fish canning factory, hiring the employees from

this fishing community and marketing their

a trip home from Chile to visit his parents, Mike

was severely injured in a car accident caused by

a drunk driver. He was only 32 years old. He lost

his speech and the ability to use his arms and legs.

now lives at the Sanford Vermillion Care Center

in Vermillion. Through the incredible help of his

family and the fact that he still has his memories,

Mike's service to his country is hardly forgotten

nor is his patriotism and his unending desire to

help others stopped. With the aid of a speech

device/computer he can communicate, and will gladly share his story with a few jokes thrown in.

His druthers though would be a good game of

cribbage. As his four friends who play with him

will tell you, he has no mercy when it comes to

It has been 32 years since the accident. Mike

In 1979 Mike's world travels ended. While on

products to other parts of the world.

After his two years were up, Mike stayed on

modernize a hospital with electricity.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

• Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 2 p.m. at Care Center Dining Room, 125 Walker St.

• Vermillion High School production of "Count Dracula," 10 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens, and admissions is free to those with a Vermillion School District Activity card. Tickets are available at the door.

• National Music Museum (NMM) Brown Bag Lunch Program, "The Ambassador of Bluegrass, featuring Dick Kimmel," 12:05 p.m. inthe Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the NMM located on USD campus, corner of Clark & Yale St. Free and open to the public.

• S.D. Symphony and USD Music Faculty, 8 p.m. The public is invited to the Grand Reopening of Slagle Auditorium, newly refurbished, refinished and resplendent! The South Dakota Symphony will join USD's Music faculty to present a concert of Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, his Triple Piano Concerto, and arias for Rossini's Barber and Seville. Open to the public at no charge.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

• Vermillion Area Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-noon, downtown Vermillion at Ratingen Platz, Market & Main St.

• Övereaters Anonymous, 9 a.m., at Sanford Vermillion Hospital, 20 S. Plum -Administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the small conference room.

• Vermillion High School production of "Count Dracula," 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens, and admissions is free to those with a Vermillion School District Activity card. Tickets are available at the door.

• The 97th Annual DakotaDays Parade, "Raise the Dust," 10 a.m. The USD vs. Southern Utah football game is at 4 p.m. at the DakotaDome. For parade registration form go to www.usd.edu/campus-life/dakota-days/parade.cfm or for more information call 677-5666 or e-mail dakotadays@usd.edu.

 Annual Vermillion Community Native American Day Wacipi (Pow Wow) at the Armory. Grand Entry at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. with an evening meal served at 5 p.m. Call 624-9287 or 402-640-2473 for additional information. The event is free and open to the public.

• Chili Blues Cook-Off featuring Vermillion and the World's Finest Chili, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Washington Street Arts Center, 202 Washington St. Music by T. Wilson King and paintings by Alsgaard-Lien.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

• Vermillion High School production of "Count Dracula," 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens, and admissions is free to those with a Vermillion School District Activity card. Tickets are available at the door.

• A Prairie Center Rural School Reunion (Clay County) will be held from 2-5 p.m. at the Main Street Center, 320 W. Main St., Vermillion. All former teachers, students and their spouses are welcome to attend.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

• Al-anon meeting, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Epsicopal Church, corner of Main & Linden. For more information, call 624-9764

• Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), "Shakespeare's Henry the Fifth," course with USD English Dept., 3-5 p.m. at the W.H. Over Museum, Sletwold Hall. Limit 30. Call 605-367-5226 or visit https://www.olliuc.org for more information.

• Native American Day Holiday - no classes at USD and Vermillion Public Schools.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

• Vermillion Rotary Club Meeting, Noon-1 p.m., in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.

• Classes in Drawing, Painting & Printmaking for children K-6, 4:15-5:15 p.m. at Washington Street Arts Center. Emphasis on the fundamentals of art form composition and color. For more information, contact Nancy Losacker 605-659-5632 Beth (nlosacker@gmail.com), or Knedler (bethsamk@hotmail.com), 605-670-7940.

• Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), "More Histories & Mysteries of the National Music Museum," course from 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Oct. 11 at the National Music Museum (Limit: 20). Call 605-367-5226 or visit https://www.olliuc.org for more information.

• American Legion Wallace Post & Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m. at the Main Street Center located at 320 W. Main St.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

• Grief Support Group sponsored by Sanford Health, 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 26 in Sanford Vermillion Hospital Boardroom. Open to community members at no charge. To register or for more information, call Julie Harding, 605-638-8484

• Flu Shot Clinic, 4-7 p.m. in conjunction with a Children's Health Fair at Vermillion High School Commons, 1001 E. Main St. Vaccine is \$20; Mist is \$25. Free for youth age 6 months to 18 years of age (provided at no cost to this age group by the State of South Dakota). Sponsored by Sanford Vermillion.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

Honoring & Remembering: PO3 3rd Class Michael David Sealey

By Donna Schafer

VFW Auxiliary President Clay County Post 3061

PO3 3rd Class Michael David Sealey was born Dec. 25, 1946 to John and Agnes Sealey of rural Vermillion.

Mike did receive a draft notice, but enlisted at the age of 19 in the US Navy on May 19, 1966. He took his Basic Training at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, CA. Because of his previous experience as an engine mechanic, he was assigned as a Seaman Apprentice to the Basic Propulsion and Engineering School and then received Class A Engineman training.

Following the three month of basic training, Mike shipped out from San Diego to Okinawa, USFJ (United States Forces Japan) and served as an engineman on board to whatever ship he was assigned. The USFJ served as important strategic and logistic bases during the Vietnam War for all the US military forces.

After 18 months aboard ship in the waters off Okinawa, Mike redeployed to Da Nang, Vietnam where he spent the next 18 months on supply/Gun ships, as chief engineer.

The job of the boats was to transport supplies up and down the Quai Viet River, on the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) between North and South Vietnam. Mike's job now as a PO3 was to keep the boat motors running and provide backup on the guns if needed. The river was littered with underwater mines to which boats fell victim too often. North Vietnamese snipers and the sounds of distant gun fire were also reasons for contant vigilance on each and every trip up and down the

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Native American Day Holiday,

Business After Hours' hosted

Museum, Tuesday, Oct. 11 from 5

d'oeuvres and refreshments will be

served. Please join us to tour the

museum, make new contacts and

looking for an opportunity to

to host a Business After Hours

network with your peers? Sign up

showcase your business and

Business After Hours: Are you

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by The Friends of W.H. Over

to 7 p.m. Location: one block

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MICHAEL SEALEY

river.

In November of 1969 Mike received his Honorable Discharge orders and returned to the USA. He remained on Naval Reserve for the Naval Reserve Manpower Center in Bainbridge, MD until Feb. 20, 1972.

Mike was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Viet Nam Service Medal with FMF Combat Insignia with two Bronze Stars, the Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal with Device and the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon.

Following his discharge, Mike attended SDSU in Brookings, studying Mechanical Engineering. In the spring of 1974 he joined the US Peace Corps for a two-year tour of duty. His assignment was Lesotho in Southern Africa as a diesel mechanic. His duties were fixing machinery,

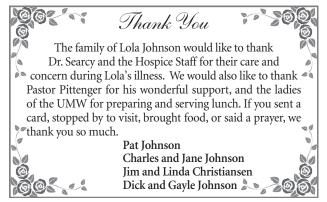
CHAMBER CHAT

• Photo Exhibit : Come to Café Brule in downtown Vermillion and view the Photo Exhibit by Jeanne Hanson. Café Brule is open daily from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. The exhibit is on display through Oct. 27.

• Mentoring Program: Clay-Union Foundation, Inc., formerly known as Big Friend-Little Friend of Union County, Inc., continues its mission of mentoring youth in these two counties. The program matches youth age 5-17 years old with qualified and screened adult volunteers. Each volunteer spends two hours a week with their match, and both the youth and the adults report many benefits by building a close relationship. New mentors and youth are always welcome to the program. Right now, the program has three adult female volunteers ready to match in Vermillion, and is seeking girls age 5-12 who are interested in having a mentor to spend time

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also needed to match with a 14year-old boy in Vermillion. To sign up a youth, please contact John P. Gille, program director at 605-421-5050, or email him at jgille60@yahoo.com for more information. The Clay-Union Foundation is supported by the United Way of Vermillion, as well as numerous other businesses and individual donors.





event! These events generally run from 5 to 7 p.m on a weeknight and the hosting business provides hors doeuvres and refreshments. If interested, please contact Ann

Vermillion Area Chamber of & Development Company 116 Market Street, Suite 103 Vermillion, SD 57069

> at: annb@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

Announcements:

with them. A male volunteer is

• Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), "Maneuvering through the Modern Middle East (Tim Schorn), 4-5:30 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 13 at the W.H. Over Museum, Sletwold Hall. Call 605-367-5226 or visit https://www.olliuc.org for more information.

• The Roadhouse, 911 E. Cherry St., will be hosting the Ed Meierkort/Touchdown Club, from noon-1 p.m. Ed, along with his staff, will show highlights from the previous week along with insights into the upcoming week's games. Event will run every Thursday during the USD Football season. Everyone is welcome!

• Overeaters Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., at Sanford Vermillion Hospital, 20 S. Plum — Administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the small conference room.

• Vermillion Area Farmer's Market, 3-7 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds. • Cancer Support Group meeting, 2:30 p.m. in the Sletwold Room at Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark.

• Vermillion Public Library Book Sale hosted by the Friends of the Vermillion Public Library as part of a fundraiser for the 2012 Summer Reading Program. Sale runs through Oct. 16 during normal business hours. Everyone welcome to attend. Donated books will not be accepted during the library construction project and the Library will not be hosting a book sale during this time.

PLANNING AHEAD:

• OCT. 14 — National Music Museum (NMM) Brown Bag Lunch Program, "Celebrating Life Through Story & Song," 12:05 p.m. in the Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the NMM located on USD campus, corner of Clark & Yale St. Free and open to the public.

• OCT. 14 – Music Recital: Weaver Guest Violinist, Anna Vayman, 7:30 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall located in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts on USD campus

• OCT. 15 — Music at Gayville Hall, "A Celebration of Hank Williams," 8 p.m. in Gayville, 502 Washington St. Call 605-267-2859 for more ticket information.

• OCT. 15 - Overeaters Anonymous, 9 a.m. at Sanford Vermillion Hospital, 20 S. Plum — Administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the small conference room.

• OCT. 15 — Music at Gayville Hall, "A Celebration of Hank Williams," 8 p.m. in Gayville, 502 Washington St. Call 605-267-2859 for more ticket information.

• OCT. 16 — Fall Festival at St. Agnes Parish with roast turkey dinner served from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Raffles begin at 1 p.m. Lots of fun kids games.

• OCT. 16 — Junior Voice Recital featuring Amanda Rich, 7 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall in the Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.

• OCT. 17 — Flu shot clinic, 7:30-9 a.m. at Sanford Vermillion main lobby, 20 S. Plum St. Vaccine is \$20; Mist is \$25. Free for youth age 6 month through 18 years of age (provided at no cost to this age group by the State of S.D.). Sponsored by Sanford Vermillion.

• OCT. 17, 31, NOV. 14 & DEC. 5 - Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), "Shakespeare's Henry the Fifth," course with USD English Dept., 3-5 p.m. at the W.H. Over Museum, Sletwold Hall. Limit 30. Call 605-367-5226 or visit https://www.olliuc.org for more information.

• OCT. 18 — Flu shot clinic, 4-6 p.m. at Sanford Vermillion main lobby, 20 S. Plum St. Vaccine is \$20; Mist is \$25. Free for youth age 6 month through 18 years of age (provided at no cost to this age group by the State of S.D.). Sponsored by Sanford Vermillion.

• OCT. 19 — "The Pillars of the Earth Movie Part 1 of 4," will be shown from 7-8:45 p.m. in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library. This epic of kings and peasants centers on the building of a magnificent church in 12th century England. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk. Bergen Peterson, adjunct professor for USD Beacom School of Business will be facilitating this discussion from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 17.

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 or contact the Plain Talk at 605-624-2695 or e-mail david.lias@plaintalk.net.

adoption day Oct.

Animal shelter to host

Heartland Humane Society invites the community to a Meet and Greet Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the 4H Grounds Alcoa Arena, located at 700 Whiting Drive in Yankton. Animals will be available for adoption and the dogs and the puppies from foster care will be available to meet as well.

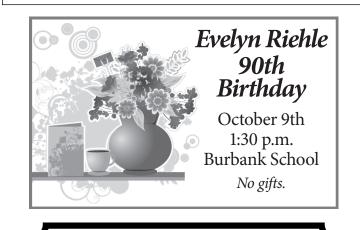
"Heartland Humane Society is at full capacity with cats and kittens," said Kerry Schmidt, executive director at Heartland Humane Society. We have had a lot of interest in the puppies especially, so this is a great time to meet them, too!"

The shelter suggests filling out an application for adoption prior the event. Contact

Heartland Humane Society 605-664-4244 or email hhs@midconetwork.com for more information. To view current animals up for adoption, stop at the shelter located at 601 ½ Burleigh in Yankton or go to www.heartlandhumanesociety.net

Heartland Humane Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves Yankton and Clay counties in South Dakota and Cedar County in Nebraska and surrounding communities, protecting and enhancing the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people. Visit Heartland Humane Society online at

www.heartlandhumanesociety.net.



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