

Merkle will share story at Bergen Lutheran Oct. 30

Bret Merkle will share his amazing story of "Tragic Blessing" at Bergen Lutheran Church, rural Meckling, as part of the annual "Come to the Table" event on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 2 p.m.

Bret's inspiring story recounts the touching story of his journey from athletic achievement and physical strength as a two-time all-state quarterback, to surviving a harrowing motorcycle accident that left him fighting for his life and permanently paralyzed from the waist down.

Bret fought through 20 surgeries, six months in the hospital and years of physical rehabilitation. Through it all, Bret learned how to walk again and although still 80 percent paralyzed, Bret says he walks by faith. Bret continued on with his education in spite of his physical limitations and chronic pain. He finished with a law degree and an MBA degree and is now a trial attorney in Sioux Falls.

All are welcome to attend this event and hear the inspiring story of how Bret Merkle overcame many obstacles to find victory and joy in life. "Come to the Table" is sponsored by the Bergen Lutheran Church WELCA. The church is located seven miles west of Vermillion on Timber Road.

THANK YOU

The family of Wanda Hannahs wishes to express sincere appreciation for those many acts of kindness, messages of sympathy and words of comfort received during this difficult time.

A special thanks to the Wakonda High School Class of 1980.

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This Weeks Happenings:

Announcement: 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.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI): "Justice: What Is the Right Thing To Do?" with Dean Spader. Classes held Wednesdays, beginning Oct. 26 through Nov. 16 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Classroom 4, 816 E. Clark. (Limit 25). Call 605-367-5226 or visit <https://www.olliluc.org> for more information.

Grief Support Group sponsored by Sanford Health to meet Oct. 26 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Sanford Vermillion Hospital Boardroom. Open to community members at no charge. To register or for more information, call

CHAMBER CHAT



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Arthur A. Volk Accounting Symposium/Beacom Opportunity Fund - "The American Economy: Front and Center on the Global Stage" featuring Christopher Cox, a long-standing leader in Congress and chair of SEC. Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Wayne S. Knutson Theatre, Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts on USD campus.

The Pillars of the Earth Movie Part 2 of 4 will be shown on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 7 to 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 on Thursday, Nov 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. Hot drinks and refreshments will be provided.

USD Career & Graduate School Fair is Thursday, Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Muenster University Center. Part-time jobs, internships, and full-time employment. Open to USD students and the general public.

The Roadhouse, 911 E. Cherry St., will be hosting the Ed Meierkort/Touchdown Club Thursday, Oct. 27 from noon to 1 p.m. Ed, along with his staff, will show highlights from the previous week along with insights into the upcoming weeks game. Event will run every Thursday during the USD Football season. Everyone is welcome!

Vermillion Area Farmers Market, Thursday, Oct. 27 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds.

Clay County Historical Society Potluck, Thursday, Oct. 27 at 6:05 p.m. at the Austin Whittemore House, 15 Austin St., followed by Bill Ranney's program on the Clay County Poor Farm.

Overeaters Anonymous meet Thursday, Oct. 27 at

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

Jazz Night: C.J. Kocher and Friends, Thursday, Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m. C.J. Kocher is joined by great musicians from the area and beyond, for an evening of amazing Jazz, Jazz, Jazz. Location: Colton Recital Hall in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts on USD campus. Free and open to the public.

National Music Museum (NMM) Brown Bag Lunch Program, Friday, Oct. 28 at 12:05 p.m.: "The Dizzying Diversity of American Music." October Free Fridays & Brown Bag Lunch Programs sponsored by Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Co. Location: Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the NMM located on USD campus, corner of Clark & Yale St. Free & open to the public.

Overeaters Anonymous meet Saturday, Oct. 29 at 9 a.m. at Sanford Vermillion Hospital, 20 S. Plum - Administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the small conference room.

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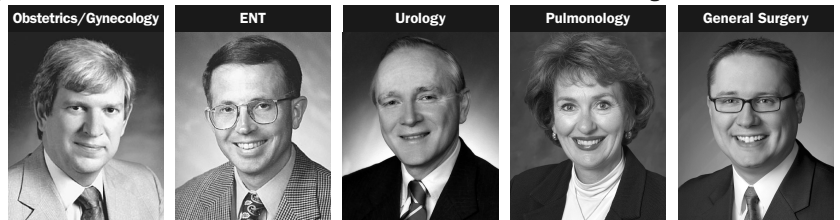
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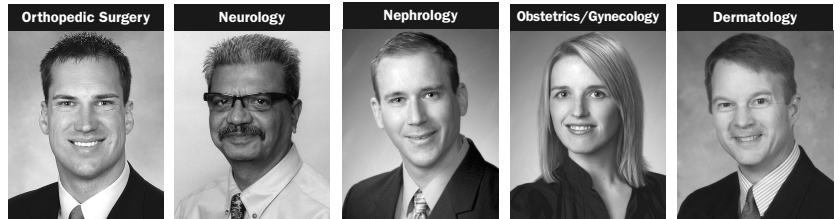


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