

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

- Brown Bag lunch program, "Rock the Piano!" featuring Vermillion native, Adam Nelson (Chicago) at 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. Free and open to the public. Support for October's "Free Fridays" admission to the museum is made possible by Midcontinent Communications.
- Music Concert: The USD Symphony Orchestra presents their October concert at 7:30 p.m. in Slagle Hall Aalfs Auditorium on USD campus. Open to the public at no charge.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

- Dakota Invitational Oral Interp Festival at Madison (TBA).
- 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. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles.
- Fun and Games will be held in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library on from 1-4 p.m. Adults and youth ages 12 and up will play board games and put jigsaw puzzles together. A wide variety of challenging and interesting games and puzzles will be available to provide mental stimulation. Drinks and snacks will be provided.
- Music Show at Gayville Hall, 502 Washington St., Gayville with "A Celebration of Hank Williams," featuring John and Susan McNeill, Nick Schwebach and Owen DeJong at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call (605) 267-2859.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

- St. Agnes Parish Fall Festival. Roast turkey dinner served from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Raffles begin at 1 p.m. Bingo, country store, and lots of fun kids games.
- The University of South Dakota Music Department presents its Fall Choral Showcase at 3 p.m. at Aalfs Auditorium in Slagle Hall on the USD campus. The concert features the Men's and Women's Chorus, the Concert Choir and the Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. David Holdhusen. The choirs will perform music by master composers like Rossini and Handel, as well as moder repertoire, spirituals and folk songs. The concert is free and open to the public.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

- Christmas shopping with the Shepherd Roegiers, Monday through Thursday, Oct. 22-25 at USD's Muenster University Center from 9:30 am.-4:30 p.m. Sheepskins, slippers, gloves and more.
- Early Dismissal at Vermillion Public Schools at 2 p.m.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences from 2:30-8 p.m.
- Brookings Oral Interp Fall Festival (T), TBA.
- Lecture: The Realities of Virtual Relationships at 7 p.m. at Farber Hall located in Old Main on USD campus. In an age of Facebook and virtual worlds when is a relationship real, when is it virtual. Featuring Pamala Clift, The Roadside Philosopher, author of "Virgin's Handbook on Virtual Relationships."
- 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, OCTOBER 23

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

- Vermillion Area Farmers Market from 3-7 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds.
- The Vermillion High School Volleyball Team is hosting a Dig Purple for Payton Hand, a young sixth grader who is fighting leukemia and recovering at the Ronald McDonald House from side effects linked to transplants and chemotherapy. The volleyball match begins at 5 p.m. To help Payton and her family, please consider donating to Dig Purple for Payton in the following ways: Straight donation or attending the match and participating in several game time activities to help the family.
- One-man presentation of Benjamin Franklin by G. Robin Smith at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 10 Linden Ave., at 7 p.m. Fund raiser for Salvation Army and Vermillion Ministerial Association.

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.

Dig Purple for Payton on Oct. 25

Payton Hand, 12, has waged a miraculous fight after being diagnosed with leukemia last February, and the high school volleyball teams of Vermillion and Elk Point-Jefferson have planned a "Dig Purple for Payton" fundraiser to help her Payton and her family as she continues to battle this illness.

Payton was diagnosed with Philadelphia Chromosome Leukemia Feb. 10, 2011. Prior to diagnosis, doctors simply could not figure out why the once audacious young girl had lost her spunk. Over the past 18 months, Payton has overcome almost insurmountable odds.

This February, doctors warned the family Payton may not have long to live and that they should consider saying their goodbyes. However, Payton fought back through the spring and summer to allow for a second chance. In early August, Payton received her second bone marrow transplant and as of Sept. 4, is cancer free

Get Involved!

What: Dig Purple For Payton

When: 5 p.m. October 25

Where: Vermillion/EPJ volleyball match at Vermillion High School

Sponsored by: Vermillion High School volleyball teams

Why: To help Payton and her family. Payton Hand, 12, a sixth grader at Vermillion Middle School was diagnosed with Philadelphia Chromosome Leukemia Feb. 10, 2011. In early August, Payton received her second bone marrow transplant and as of Sept. 4, is cancer free and on the long road to recovery.

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Recently, Payton was allowed to move into the Ronald McDonald House away from the constant monitors and alarms going off around her. Payton's courageous fight continues as she battles the side effects linked to transplants and recovering from 18 months on and off chemotherapy.

To help Payton and her family in this fight, please consider donating to Dig Purple

for Payton in the following ways: straight donation, or attending the Oct. 25 Vermillion/EPJ volleyball match in Vermillion and participating in several game time activities to help the family.

Payton would be a sixth grader at Vermillion Middle school this fall and has two young brothers who attend Elk Point Jefferson schools. Please help our communities help this fantastic young girl.

Candidate forum to be held Oct. 23

The Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company (VCDC) Legislative Affairs Committee is sponsoring a Clay County Commissioner and State Legislator Candidate Forum.

The forum is Tuesday, Oct. 23, at City Hall Council Chambers, 25 Center St., beginning at 7 p.m. It will be a question-and-answer forum.

The public is welcome and encouraged to submit questions to the following candidates:

Clay County Commissioner - Two open seats: Ruth Bremer, Travis Mockler, Raymond (Dusty) Passick, Stanley Peterson and Leo Powell.

District 17 State Senator - One open seat: Tom Jones and John Chicoine.

District 17 State Representative - Two open seats: Marion Sorlien, Nancy Rasmussen and Ray Ring.

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Chamber Business:

Free "Welcome Hunters" 12"x18.5" color posters are available at the VCDC office, courtesy of SD Tourism. If you would like to display the poster in your business window to welcome the hunters to the Vermillion area please stop at the VCDC office, call 624-5571 or e-mail annb@vermillionchamber.com.

Public Forum: The combined Clay County Commissioner and District 17 Legislative Candidate Forum is Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Vermillion City Hall Council Chambers, 25 Center St. The forum will give the public not only the opportunity to get to know the candidates and where they stand on important issues, but it will also give the audience the chance to address the candidates with any questions they may have. Open to the public. Sponsored by the VCDC Legislative Affairs Committee.

Are you a company (or know of a company) that has...
 - A product or service that has been successfully sold in domestic markets?
 - Management with the interest and capability to consider opportunities overseas?

We can help! Join us at our upcoming export awareness workshop on Oct. 23, noon-1 p.m. at Red Steakhouse. Lunch is sponsored by The Vermillion Area Chamber and Development

Company, Yankton Area Progressive Growth, and North Sioux City Development. There is no charge for the workshop. It is expected to last 45-60 minutes and is targeted towards companies that have never exported or have very limited experience with exporting.

Top concerns about exporting:
 1. Fear of not getting paid once the product has been shipped
 2. Unfamiliarity with the buyer's language
 3. Perceived loss of control when dealing with a foreign buyer
 4. Production is already at full capacity
 5. Decision makers are unsure of where to start.

The South Dakota International Trade Center, the Small Business Administration, the Governor's Office of Economic Development, U.S. Commercial Service, the South Dakota Small Business Development Centers, the Great Plains International Trade Association, and South Dakota Department of Agriculture have teamed together to provide a statewide series of workshops to raise awareness and to connect South Dakota companies to the resources available to begin exporting their products.

For more information on area workshops and to register, visit www.export.gov/southdakota and click on "To register for workshops" or call the VCDC at (605) 625-5571.

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 weekday and

the hosting business provides hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. If interested, contact Ann at annb@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

Announcements:

Travel to Cirque Du Soleil: Quidam at the Tyson Events Center, Tuesday, Dec. 18. The Main Street Center and WH Over Museum are joining together to attend this event if a minimum of 20 tickets are sold. The bus will pick up in Vermillion and return to Vermillion after the event. Tickets are \$45 or \$56.25 depending on choice of seats. The seats reserved are in section 110 and will be held for our group until Nov. 2. Tickets should be reserved as soon as possible.

There are more expensive seats (\$71 or \$104) if preferred, but they need to be ordered separately. Please sign up at the Main Street Center, 320 W Main with a deposit of \$25 and the remainder due by Thursday, Nov. 29 or you may pay in full when reserving your ticket. Make checks payable to Tyson Events Center. Any questions, call Crystal at 624-8072.

David's Art Company Presents: Artworks by Danielle P. De Jager-Loftus. "Take, Put Abandon" is an exhibit of mixed media works filled with symbolism reminiscent of Paleolithic Art. Exhibit runs through Oct. 26 at Cafe Brule in Downtown Vermillion.

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