COMMUNITY CALENDAR

• National Music Museum (NMM) Brown Bag Lunch Program, "Sodbusters: Folk Music of the Upper Midwest," featuring Jami Lynn Buttke, 12:05 p.m. in the Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the NMM located on USD campus, corner of Clark & Yale streets. Free and open to the public.

• Homecoming Dance, 9-11:30 p.m. at Vermillion High School.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

• 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 confer-

• High School Marching Band in DSU Parade, 10 a.m. in Mitchell.

• Washington Street Arts Center to host fiction reading and book signing by authors Chuck Nauman and Jerry Wilson from 7-9 p.m. at Washington Street Arts Center, 202 Washington St. Event also includes a reception for the authors & artist Agnes "Bobbie" Alsgaard-Lien.

• Clay County Preservation Commission meeting, 10 a.m.-noon at Washington Street Arts Center, 202 Washington St.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

• One Book South Dakota - "The Journey of Crazy Horse: A Lakota History," 3-5 p.m. in the Community Room of Vermillion Public Library. Copies of the book and study guide are available at the Circulation Desk. Jamie Sullivan of Mount Marty College will facilitate the discussion. Refreshments served.

• The fourth annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure will be held at the DakotaDome. Help find a cure for breast cancer. Register today at www.komensouthdakota.org/race.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

• 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), "Personal Transitions & Change," course from 1-2:30 p.m. Mondays through Oct. 24 (No class Oct. 10) at the W.H. Over Museum, Sletwold Hall. Call 605-367-5226 or visit https://www.olliuc.org for more information.

• Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), "Stories & Poetry of the Civil War," course 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays through Nov. 7 (No class Oct. 10) at the Vermillion Public Library. Call 605-367-5226 or visit https://www.olliuc.org for more infor-

• Noon International Forum, "Changes in the Middle East," in the Muenster University Center (Rooms 215/216A) on USD campus. Sponsored by the Beacom School of Business as part of the International Education Week. Panelists include: Dr. Musheera Anis (Arabic and a native of Egypt), Nagla Anees (USD Medical School and native of Egypt) and Achala Sebit Moi (Social Work Junior and a native of Africa's newest nation: Southern Sudan). Moderator: Dr. Benno Wymar (Economics). Event is open to the public at no charge.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

• 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 nlosacker@gmail.com), 605-659-5632 (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.

• All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30-8 p.m. at the Eagles, 114 W. Main St. All proceeds go to charity.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

• 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.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Vermillion Area Farmer's Market, 3-7 p.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds.
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.olli-

uc.org for more information.

• Osher Lifelong Learning Insitute (OLLI), "Waiting for Coyotes Call: Preserving History & Prairie on the Missouri Bluff" course, from 10 a.m.-noon at the Severson Cabin, 30998 Bluff Road. (Limit: 20) 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

• Potluck hosted by Clay County Historical Society Board, 6:05 p.m. at the Austin Whittemore House at 15 Austin Street with program to follow by John Grayson on Preservation and Restoration of Historical Homes and Districts.

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• OCT. 1 — Music at Gayville Hall, "The Hay Country Jamboree," 8 p.m. in Gayville, 502 Washington St. Call 605-267-2859 for more information.

• OCT. 2 — USD Theatre Department presents, "God of Carnage," 2 p.m. at Knutston Theatre, Fine Arts Bldg. on USD campus. For ticket information, call

• OCT. 3, 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. 5 — DakotaDays Community Carnival and Picnic will be at Prentis Park sponsored by the USD DakotaDays Executive Board. The event will feature a variety of activities, games and entertainment for all ages including a kid friendly drive-in movie on the lawn. Any money raised at the event will be donated to USD IgNITE, a student group dedicated to fighting RETT disease.

• OCT. 6 — 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

• OCT. 6 — Al Neuharth Award program honoring C-Span founder, Brian P. Lamb, at 7 p.m. in Slage Hall Auditorium on USD campus. No tickets required for general seating; free tickets for preferred seating may be requested until Oct. 3 by

calling 605-677-6060 or e-mail: jharris@freedomforum.org.
• OCT. 7-9 — Vermillion High School production of "Count Dracula," 10 p.m. Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 8 and 2:30 p.m. Oct. 9. 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.

• OCT. 8 — 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.

 OCT. 8 — 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. • OCT. 9 — 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. • OCT. 11 — American Legion Wallace Post & Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m. at the

Main Street Center located at 320 W. Main St.

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.

Honoring & Remembering:

Corporal Samuel Kenneth Lyman

By Donna Schafer

VFW Auxiliary President Clay County Post 3061

Corporal Samuel Kenneth Lyman was born April 12, 1932 to Samuel Bradley and Myrtle Agnes (Togstad) Lyman. His birth took place in his home in Nimrod, MN. His mother was assisted by a midwife, Ernestina Rice, a Chippewa who was originally from Canada. Ken believes she helped to deliver most of the babies in that

At the ripe old age of 16, Ken left home. He went to Minneapolis where his sister and her family lived. It was very difficult to find work in 1948 and while looking for work he had many varied experiences, some of which were good and kind and some which were not.

He decided to join the Army Air Force. "Because it was near Christmas they would allow me to go home before leaving for basic training. But because I had lied about my age and had run away from home, I declined and took the Rock Island Line out of Minneapolis to Texarkana, Arkansas and transferred to San Antonio, TX,"

Ken's basic training was at Lachlan Training Center which took 13 weeks. He did take his leave to go home before going to his next training. In Viloxi, MS, at Keesler Field, he started Radar Airborne Mechanic's school for about 10 weeks. He was washed out without prejudice and returned home for a short leave.

At the end of his leave while waiting to ship out overseas, he went to the state of Washington. He was at the Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane. "Col. Le May had troops doing push ups, field track, marching and other activities to keep us in shape," he said. "The junior officers didn't like him



SAMUEL LYMAN

for it, but he didn't just order them to do it, he

"While there, I picked up a prisoner who had gone AWOL. He had four kids and a wife to support on low wages. After the trial he was given a dishonorable discharge and sent home to his family. I received a letter from him saying he was home and happy," said Ken.

Ken shipped to New Jersey, then on to the USS Hodges. He was the only one on the ship who did not get sick so he had the privilege of cleaning latrines for about three weeks! They left the New York Harbor, across the Atlantic Ocean, then through England and France on the North Sea, and landed in Hamburg, Germany and took a train to Weisbaden.

"We stayed at Camp Lindsey, World USAFE Headquarters, in downtown Weisbaden. It was also the base for the Storm Troopers. The job I was given required top secret classification. So, my parents, the sheriff and others had to fill out papers and etc. to verify my eligibility. The day that the sheriff called on my parents, they thought he was going to tell them that I was dead! You can imagine how happy they were to hear that all he needed was information," said Ken.

"One day while I was at Weisbaden, a man came to the door of the barracks. When I saw him, I was so surprised that he was a brother of my good high school friend. I found out later that while driving a gasoline tanker which supplied gas for airplanes, he was caught black marketing

When I went to Casablanca, French Morocco, we slept in tents. Our job was to build the base, Citisilema. The base needed to have a runway built for the very heavy B36, six engine planes for landing and these planes had to use reversal props on landing.

"I was in Morocco for over a year. While I was there I became a currier for the Air force. I went to various countries such as England, France, Greece and other parts of Germany," Ken said. "My destination could be an embassy or Air Force, Army or Navy base. The information I carried was in a brief case with a security lock for which I did not have the key. I also, carried an automatic 45 pistol. During my time there, Col. Le May became a four star general under the Strategic Air Command.

When it became time for me to leave the service I was sent to Mitchell Field, Long Island, New York, the CDQ for commissioned and non commissioned officers. I was later moved to Motor Pool.

While there I did a little work on the side. In Long Island I worked for Macys. I sold Double Day Books, and worked for Fairmont Window Company assembling aluminum windows.

I was discharged in January of 1953.

Red Road Gathering continues today

The 22nd annual Red Road Gathering, "Personal Transformations for a Collective Transition," began Thursday at the National Guard Armory in Vermillion.

The two-day event provides a compassionate healing environment through culturallybased information and supportive activities for all participants. Red Road Gathering activities are used to de-stress and network as each day starts with a Prayer Walk at 7 a.m. led by Dylan Daniels, a Vermillion High School student.

Both days will feature presentations by nationally- and internationally-renowned presenters and speakers sharing stories of healing and health recovery. They include Rick Thomas, Dr. Beth Boyd and Gene D. Thin Elk from the Isanti,

Seneca and Sicangu Lakota tribes, respectively. The Healing Village, a cadre of complementary and holistic health practitioners from the United States and Canada, will offer their services free of charge. Intertribal Native American drum groups Wakiyan Maza, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and Wohitika, Menominee Nation of Wisconsin will provide honoring and traditional songs.

To salute veterans of foreign wars, names of casualties from Operation Desert Storm and Enduring Freedom will be honored. Those killed in Iraq and Afghanistan will be remembered along with the names of journalists killed since the conflicts began. The Killed in Action and Missing in Action roll from the Vietnam era of South Dakota Veterans will also be

recited at the Red Road Gathering. Readers of the roll are tribal community members, Vermillion community leaders, students, staff and faculty from USD as well as friends and families of those killed or missing in action. The roll call will begin

as veterans attending the Red Road Gathering carry the Wase Wapka Eagle Staff, colors of the Lakota Nations and the United States flag.

For more information contact Kathy Husby at (605) 677-7234.

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Chamber Business:

Business After Hours' hosted by The Friends of W.H. Over Museum, Tuesday, Oct. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. Location: one block east of the DakotaDome. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. Please join us to tour the museum, make new contacts and socialize!

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 to 7 p.m. on a weeknight and the hosting business provides hors doeuvres and refreshments. If interested, please contact Ann

annb@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

Announcements: • 2011 USD Dakota Days

Community Window Painting Contest. Paint the town red as the University and Vermillion Community prepare for the parade and football game. In order to maximize school spirit, community businesses will have the opportunity to have a campus organization assist them to decorate and prepare for the parade should they want the extra help. The theme is 'Raise the Dust'. The winners of the window painting contest will receive recognition and game day prize packages at the football game on Saturday, Oct. 8. Go to www.usd.edu/dakotadays under the "Community Information" tab for more information as well as competition rules and registration forms for the window painting contest and also parade entries. All submissions are to be completed by Sept. 23 at 5 p.m. If you need additional information please contact Student Services at

• Employers and Human

Vermillion Area Chamber of Resource Managers: Do you have applicants or employees with inadequate math or reading ability? Southeast Job Link can help them improve these skills or earn a GED. Southeast Job Link,1024 West Cherry in Vermillion, 677-6913.

2011 Al Neuharth Award for Excellence in the Media

Thursday, October 6, 2011

THURSDAY October 6

6:15 p.m. Doors open for general seating.

> 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Award presentation and remarks by Brian Lamb.

Robert L. Slagle Hall Auditorium The University of South Dakota Vermillion, South Dakota

This event is free and open to the public.

To receive up to six free tickets in advance, write to jharris@freedomforum.org or call 605/677-6060 before Oct. 3.

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In the 1970s, Lamb was Washington bureau chief for Cablevision magazine and began publishing his own biweekly newsletter called The Media Report. Inspired by his work in

the fields of broadcasting

and journalism, he crafted

a vision of a national

public affairs network that would offer viewers across the country gavel-to-gavel coverage of the U.S. Congress. That channel, C-SPAN, debuted in 1979 and has since expanded to include three networks, a radio station and a diverse web presence.

Lamb is this year's recipient of the Al Neuharth honors lifetime achievement in the media. The

Award for Excellence in the Media, which award is named for USA Today and Freedom Forum founder Al Neuharth, a South Dakota native and 1950 graduate of USD.