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**2022 Legislative Session Events Scheduled for Vermillion**

 The Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company (VCDC) is excited to announce that the Legislative Cracker Barrels are on the docket for Saturday, February 12th, 2022, and Saturday, February 26th, 2022, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Both sessions will be held in Vermillion City Hall’s Council Chambers at 25 Center Street.

These upcoming Cracker Barrel sessions will present an opportunity for the district 17 legislators Senator Arthur Rusch, Representative Sydney Davis, and Representative Rich Vasgaard to discuss this legislative session’s pressing topics.

 “Having the opportunity to experience discussions with local leaders through these Cracker Barrels allows the community to be informed about their commonwealth and stay informed on conversations happening up in Pierre,” says Nate Welch, President and CEO of the Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company. “These discussions also allow individuals in our city to connect with their elected officials. We take delight in providing an attainable and fascinating conversation with our local legislators. We truthfully hope that the community will venture out to hear what this legislative session has to offer.”

 Breakfast and coffee at the event are sponsored by USD Administration, Biomat USA, CorTrust Bank, First Dakota National Bank, First Bank & Trust, Clay County Democrats, Clay County Republicans, and the League of Women Voters.

Both Legislative Cracker Barrel events are free, and the public is encouraged to attend one, or both, sessions. For those who cannot physically attend, the sessions will be live streamed on the VCDC’s Facebook account at @LiveVermillion and broadcast live on local Channel 3.

 Whether you’re attending in person or watching at home, the public is invited to submit questions ahead of time or on the day of the event. The VCDC staff will be collecting questions throughout February via phone call at 605-624-5571 or via email at vcdc@vermillionchamber.com. While the event is airing live, questions can be left in the comment section or submitted via email or phone. For those attending in person, notecards will be available and relayed to the moderator by VCDC staff.

For more information on these upcoming events, please contact Brittany DeJong, Chamber Manager, at the VCDC offices at 605-624-5571 or via email at Brittany@VermillionChamber.com.