

CHAMBER CHAT

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Chamber Business:
Announcement: A Holiday Gift from the Chamber Members to the Community: The VCDC is conducting a Vermillion Bucks sale. We are offering \$10,000 in Vermillion Bucks available for purchase in \$100 bundles of \$20 denominations at the discounted rate of \$85 per bundle. This equates to an immediate discount of 15 percent off on all



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products and services in Vermillion. They can be purchased at the VCDC office at 116 Market Street.

Limited to two bundles per family.

Announcements:

* Great opportunity helping the Salvation Army. We are looking for groups/organization that could take a part of a day to help ring the Salvation Army bells between now and Christmas at Walmart, Hy-Vee, or Jones' Ace Hardware. Your involvement goes a long way in helping meet needs in our community throughout the year. You can contact Devon Davoux at 675-9679 or djd117@msn.com.
* Holiday Homeless

Relief Drive for Volunteers of America, Dakotas' Veteran's Outreach through Dec. 13. Needs Items: Towels, Sheets (single bed), shower curtains, alarm clocks, hygienic products (shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, etc.), flatware sets (4-setting), gift cards (Walmart, Target, K-mart, Hy-Vee, Shopko), household kitchen items (pots, pans, utensils, etc.), winter coats, and gloves/hats. (No Cash or Checks)

Donated items Drop-off/Mail Location: Vermillion Plain Talk, 201 W. Cherry (Hours: 8 to 5 p.m.—closed from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.)

Sand Creek Post & Beam to expand in South Dakota

Sand Creek Post & Beam, a Nebraska-based manufacturer, will expand into South Dakota with a location in North Sioux City. The company is expected to create 20 jobs in North Sioux City over the next three years.

Sand Creek Post & Beam is the leading manufacturer of custom-designed, wood post-and-beam barn kits. The company features traditional barn styles, building barns that are authentic both in design and materials. Currently, Sand Creek Post & Beam barns stand proudly in 49 states and Canada.

"I couldn't be more pleased to welcome Sand Creek Post & Beam to South Dakota," said Gov. Dennis Daugaard. "The decision of such a well-known, progressive company to locate in South Dakota speaks volumes about our favorable business climate."

In 2011, Sand Creek Post & Beam was named Nebraska Small Business of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration, and the firm was selected as one of the fastest-growing, privately held companies in the nation by INC. magazine in each of the last

four years.

"Barns are an important part of our shared Great Plains heritage," said Sand Creek Post & Beam President and CEO Len Dickinson. "Currently, most of our timbers come from the Black Hills. We are confident another of South Dakota's great natural resources — its well-trained sales people in the North Sioux City area — will be a natural fit for us and our iconic structures."

The Governor's Office of Economic Development and the North Sioux City Economic Development Corporation were instrumental in assisting with site selection. Sand Creek Post & Beam will be located at 600 N. Derby Lane, Ste 1B, North Sioux City, SD 57049.

Sand Creek Post & Beam has joined with the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation to assist in the hiring of qualified candidates for the new positions. Individuals interested in applying for a position at the North Sioux City facility should inquire at the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation's North Sioux City office, located at 504 River Drive.

Yankton superintendent pleads guilty to DUI

■ Gertsema resignation effective June 20, 2013

By Travis Gulbrandson
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The Yankton School District's superintendent was sentenced in Vermillion Tuesday morning for a charge

relating to a DUI arrest in October.

Joseph Gertsema pleaded guilty to first-offense DUI, and was fined \$350. He will have to pay an additional \$170 in court-related costs, as well.

Magistrate Judge Tami

Bern also revoked Gertsema's driver's license for a period of 30 days.

"I'm glad it's over, and I look forward to spending Christmas with my family," Gertsema said following the hearing. Gertsema's court

appearance comes on the heels of his resignation as superintendent, which the Yankton School Board accepted at their regular meeting Monday night.

His resignation will be

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Feds in N.J. arrest former USD student who sparked bomb scare

By David Lias
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A former University of South Dakota student from Essex County, NJ was arrested Wednesday morning, Dec. 5, on charges related to a January 2012 bomb scare in Coyote Village, a student housing complex on the USD campus.

Anthony Nicholas Gallo, 20, has been charged with transportation of explosive materials without a license or permit issued by the U.S. Attorney General. He appeared Dec. 5 before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark Falk in Newark, NJ federal court.

Court appearance

The Associated Press reported Dec. 5 that during Gallo's first appearance in a Newark federal courtroom that afternoon,

attorney Steven Martino said Gallo did not pose a danger to anyone and questioned why, if he had posed a serious threat, federal authorities waited 10 months to arrest him.

"Anthony is a good kid, and we'll show what they (the government) are portraying him as is not what he is," Martino said.

Joyce Malliet, an assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, argued for keeping Gallo in custody, saying he was seemingly obsessed with building and detonating explosives and had bragged in graphic detail on Facebook about his alleged exploits.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark Falk said he didn't have enough information on the case to make a decision, and ordered Gallo to remain in federal custody until a custody hearing could be held

Friday.

Gallo, handcuffed and smiling at his parents in court, didn't speak other than to acknowledge to the judge that he understood his rights.

Currently a student at Bergen County Community College, Gallo had been enrolled at the University of South Dakota from the fall of 2011 until his withdrawal on Jan. 17, according to USD spokesman Phillip Carter.

According to the complaint, on Jan. 8, 2012, Gallo traveled to Pennsylvania with potassium chlorate and magnesium in a PVC (polyvinyl chloride) pipe, planning to cause an explosion. According to a release from Matthew Reilly, public affairs officer of the U.S. Attorney in the District of New Jersey, Gallo never applied for the requisite user permit or

license that would allow him to transport chlorate explosive mixtures.

On Jan. 19, 2012, Gallo was admitted to the emergency room of a hospital in New Jersey for burn injuries from another potassium chlorate explosion.

Call from parent

On Feb. 7, 2012, one of Gallo's parents contacted officials at USD in Vermillion requesting that Gallo's belongings be packed and stored for

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Reminder: 2nd Semester Bus Passes are due before Monday, January 7, 2013. All riders, within 5 miles of their building, will need to have their 2nd semester pass visible entering the bus when school resumes on Monday, January 7th.

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from our family to yours

- LavAZza Italian Espresso 2-8oz. cans \$2.75
- Marie Callender's Cornbread Mix 2 for \$3
- 8" Generic & Catholic Candles \$1.00
- 8 oz. Hand Sanitizer \$1.29

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TUES - FRI: 10am-5:30pm
SAT: 10am-2pm

Rejoice in the Gifts of the Season

May Christmas deliver the best gifts of all to you and yours this year:
Peace, Love, Health, Happiness & Friendship

Merry Christmas, and best wishes for a blessed New Year.

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