

### CHAMBER CHAT

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**Chamber Business:**  
 Join District 17 Legislators, Sen. Tom Jones and House representatives Nancy Rasmussen and Ray Ring for an update on the 88th legislative session. The cracker barrel sessions will take place from 10 a.m.-noon Feb. 2 and March 2 at the City Hall Council Chambers at 25 Center St. The events are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to join us for some great discussion. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary, Clay County Democrats, Clay County Republicans and the VCDC Legislative Affairs Committee.

Business After Hours and Ribbon Cutting Celebration at HeartPrint Home Care, 2610 East SD Highway 50 (across the highway from New 2 You), is Wednesday, Feb. 13. Business After Hours will be from 5-7 p.m. with the ribbon-cutting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. join us to help HeartPrint Home Care celebrate their new location, make new contacts, socialize and find out what they have to

offer. Appetizers and refreshments will be served, plus a take-home gift for everyone. The Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company (VCDC) is seeking nominations for the 2013 Vermillion Community Leader Award and the 2013 Vermillion Area Family Business Award.

The VCDC is looking for a Vermillion area individual with a strong record of success, community involvement, and community service. This award recognizes the accomplishments of a Vermillion area individual and his/her contributions to our community.

The VCDC is also looking for a family business with a strong record of success, family involvement, community service, multi-generational culture and a positive family business structure. This award recognizes the accomplishments of a Vermillion area family business and their contributions to our community.

The VCDC invites you to nominate your choice for one or both awards. The winners will be presented their awards at the Annual Vermillion Area Chamber and Community Awards Banquet on March 14. Nomination forms are available at [www.vermillionchamber.com](http://www.vermillionchamber.com) or at the VCDC office at 116 Market Street,

phone 624-5571. The nomination deadline is Feb. 18.

**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 weeknight and the hosting business provides hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. If interested, contact Ann at: [annb@vermillionchamber.com](mailto:annb@vermillionchamber.com) or at 624-5571.

**Announcements:**  
 The City of Vermillion is hosting a Citizens Academy in spring 2013 for citizens over the age of 18. The Citizens Academy is a free, hands-on, interactive public information program that allows citizens an insight into City services and the functions of City Departments. Applications are available at City Hall or online at [www.vermillion.us](http://www.vermillion.us). Vermillion residents are given first consideration. Class size is limited to 20 participants.

The Clay-Union Foundation is offering a \$500 community service scholarship to graduating seniors from Vermillion or Elk Point-Jefferson High School. Applications are available at <http://www.clay-unionfoundation.org/> under the events tab. Students will be able to fill out the application online,

and e-mail it directly for consideration. Applications will be accepted until March 1, and then reviewed by the board. Awards will be announced at their school awards night, with the scholarship given in January of their second semester. For further information, call John Gille at (605) 421-5050 or e-mail [jgillerrsd60@yahoo.com](mailto:jgillerrsd60@yahoo.com).

Are you interested in an intern for your business? USD students are eager to gain real-world work experience with you. Internships can be paid or unpaid and students can gain college credit for their experience with you. If you are interested in accepting interns at your business, contact Carly at [Carly.Heard@usd.edu](mailto:Carly.Heard@usd.edu).

**Exhibition:** "Picturing Native: Photographs from Edward Curtis, Horace Poolaw and Zig Jackson" at John A. Day Gallery located in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts on USD campus. On display through end of January.

DavidaArtCompany presents: Detroit Anthology, an exhibition of prints by Jay Wallace now through Feb. 22. Hosted by Cafe Brule, 24 W. Main St. For more information contact [michele4csg@yahoo.com](mailto:michele4csg@yahoo.com) or visit [meruscreative.com](http://meruscreative.com) to see more artwork by Jay Wallace.

## School board wary of sentinel idea

**By David Lias**  
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Judging from discussion Monday night at the Vermillion School Board meeting, it appears that school sentinels won't be part of the future security plans in the community's four public school buildings.

Hours later, on Tuesday, the South Dakota House passed HB 1087, the "school sentinels" proposal, which will let school districts choose to arm employees or other volunteers against attacks. The South Dakota Senate will next deliberate the measure.

Under compromises hashed out earlier in a legislative committee, local law enforcement has to sign off on the plan, and any sentinels have to undergo more than 40 hours of training.

A portion of the bill that remained unchanged is its local control aspect, which was the focus of discussion among Vermillion School Board members Monday.

"The House amended the bill to require 47 hours of gun training, and also a decision by the school board to allow a gun or guns in the school, or who is going to be appointed to have a gun would be made in executive session," Superintendent Mark Froke said.

He noted that all education groups in South Dakota appear to oppose the legislation.

"In Vermillion, I don't think we really have a need for it, because we have the resource officer at the high school, who is also in close proximity to Jolley (Elementary)," Froke said. "Also, the police station is just as close to the other two schools (Austin Elementary and Vermillion Middle School) as I am."

"Of course, they (local law enforcement) are trained individuals who can respond to a problem," he said. "The main thing I see is the possibility of accidents if you have guns in the schools."

School Board President Chris Esping noted that legislative summaries that she's read in recent days include many e-mails from several schools that are in favor of the school sentinel bill.

"These are schools that are far away from a hospital, or would have 20 minutes or more of response time for a first responder," she said. "It (the bill) does give the school boards the authority, and that's the other arguing point - that it should be a local decision, which I agree with."

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