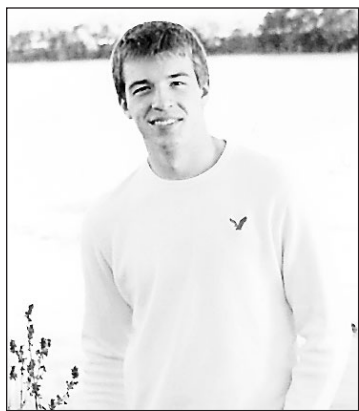


# April students of the month announced



ERIC STORM



JENNIFER JURGENSEN

Eric Storm and Jennifer Jurgensen were recently honored as the Vermillion High School April Students of the Month. Faculty recommendations gave these two high marks in their academic and extra-curricular performance. First Bank & Trust will provide a \$100 scholarship to each of them for this designation.

Storm's interests include math and science with a plan to study aerospace engineering at either the University of Kansas or Oklahoma State University. He is the soccer team captain and was selected as an all-state midfielder. His parents are John Storm and Karla Haught.

Jurgensen has been involved with Marching Band, Concert Choir, bowling, National Honor Society, and Thespian Club. Her plans are to attend South Dakota State University and to major in

pharmacy. Her parents are Mike and Laurie Jurgensen.

Many other VHS seniors were nominated with excellent academic and extra-curricular records. These included Ellen Brown, Michelle Olson, Megan Schliesman, Doug Kronaizl, Anthony Henderson, Joe Geis, Benedict Gombocz, Corey Miller, Gage Thomas, Ben Kozak, Janani Ragathanam, and Virginia Bergman.

Previous 2010-2011 recipients were September-Ashley Brunick and Dexter Mehlhaf, October-Alex Card and Amber Walker, November-Sarah Szymonski and Sam Jensen, December-Levi James and McKenzie Huska, January-Emily Van Den Hul and Owen Korcуска, February-Andrew McCann and Hannah Ford, March-Carlee Sorensen and Alex Larson.

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coordinator at Anne\_Doherty-Stephan@nps.gov or call her at 605-665-0209, Extension 29.

The NPS plans to move forward in a number of other areas, Mietz said. Those areas include water quality, invasive species, cottonwood regeneration, bank erosion, soil bioengineering and monitoring the impact of endangered species habitat.

The NPS works with Nebraska and South Dakota to coordinate river access for visitors, Mietz said. In addition, the NPS finds opportunities for additional work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, he said.

At the federal level, the NPS and U.S. Sen. Ben Nelson (D-NE) are working together on Ponca State Park, Mietz said. The park in northeast Nebraska attracts 500,000 visitors annually, he said.

Mietz plans to increase the NPS presence with more law enforcement rangers along the river. The rangers will work with issues such as the ban of personal watercraft on the MNRR, he said.

The rangers will focus on public awareness during the first year, then tougher enforcement in the following years, Mietz said.

"How can we best educate folks and then move to enforcement?" he asked.

Mietz also promoted major events at Yankton during the next month. They include the National Junior Ranger Day and Fishing Derby on April 30 at the Gavins Point Fish Hatchery, the Watershed Education Festival on May 6 at Riverside Park, the Missouri River Clean-Up on May 7 kicking off at the Riverside Park boat ramp, and the Clean Boat Event on May 21 at sites below Gavins Point Dam.

The Watershed Education Festival anticipates 389 students in grades 7-12 from Yankton Middle School, Sacred Heart School of Yankton and Vermillion Middle School in South Dakota and Crofton, Lynch and Laurel-Concord in Nebraska.

The attendance has soared for the three-year festival, increasing from 165 students its initial year to 289 last year and 389 this year, said organizer Mary Robb with the City of Yankton.

"The kids love it, and the teachers look forward to it each year," she said. "It's free, it's close to all the schools in the area and it's a very educational experience right here in their back yard."

The festival provides unique opportunities, said NPS Ranger Dugan Smith.

"It's more than having someone speak at you. There is interaction and hands-on learning," he said. "And people learn what our agencies do."

The festival will adjust to the greater demand and

shouldn't have problems, said Paul Lepisto of Pierre, regional coordinator with the Izaak Walton League of America.

"Our group size has gone from 15 students the first year to 22 the next year and 30 to 35 this year," he said. "Our presenters will need to deal with a much larger group of students, but we can handle it with our teachers and volunteers."

The festival features 11 presenters, with students able to attend six of the 15-minute sessions. The morning will conclude with the keynote address by Vicki Richmond, director of Missouri River Relief. The Columbia, MO, organization will also provide equipment and personnel for river clean-up while in the area.

The festival will broaden its topics this year, Smith said.

"We are emphasizing the cultural and historical as well as the environmental," he said. "Jerome Kills Small from the University of South Dakota will give a presentation on the Native American relationship with the Missouri River."

The festival has already become a tradition, Robb said.

"We had teachers from Vermillion and Sacred Heart tell us the first year, before they even got on the bus to return home, that we should make sure to invite them the next year," she said. "And that was before we even decided to have it another year."

Many students return with their families for the next

day's river clean-up, Lepisto said. The clean-up, now in its eighth year, picked up 2.6 tons of trash in just its first year.

"Missouri River Relief said this is one of their favorite places to come to," he said.

This year's clean-up faces a critical challenge, Lepisto said.

"The river is really going to run high this year, and that's going to make it much more difficult for the clean-up. The snowpack will continue melting," he said.

"The Corps just announced (Thursday, April 21) that it was ramping up its Missouri River releases to 39,500 cfs (cubic feet per second). We're dealing with high water. We have to be careful where we drop off people for the clean-up, and they have to be careful where they walk."

The three May events at Yankton have created a river awareness that may have been lacking even among lifelong area residents, Lepisto said.

"People learn the different issues that the river is facing," he said. "They weren't aware that the Missouri River was facing those challenges. Now, they open their eyes and ears to what is going on in their back yard."

For more information on the events or to volunteer, contact Robb at mrobb@cityofyankton.org or (605) 668-5211; Smith at dugan\_smith@nps.gov or (605) 665-0209; or Lepisto at plepisto@iwl.org or (605) 224-1770.

## CHECK IT OUT

By Anne Marshall

### Activities at the Library

The Friends of the Library will sponsor a spring book sale from May 4 through the 8. They are looking for volunteers to set up and take down, sort materials, and cashier. Donations from the book sale help support the Summer Reading Program and other events at the library. Contact Misi at 677-7060 for more information.

Hours of the book sale are on Wednesday, May 4, Thursday, May 5, and Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Friday, May 6 the hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, May 8 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Vermillion summer parks and recreation registration guide is available at the circulation desk. The sign up for summer fun is on Wednesday, May 4 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the National Guard building at 603 Princeton Street.

The May Book Page is also available at the circulation desk. Pick up your copy today.

### Weekly Online Book Club

The DearReader.com Book Club offers many selections to Internet patrons. Each book runs for five days, Monday through Friday. Some genres offer selections every other week. Check out this service by registering at the library's Web site, <http://vpl.sdl.net> and clicking on the book club icon. The Online Book Club is asking its readers to write and

tell what they enjoy about this special library service. The featured for the week of May 2 are:

**AUDIO BOOK:** Check on-line for this week's selection.

**BUSINESS:** The Genius Machine, by Gerald Sindell.

**FICTION:** Freedom, by Jonathan Franzen.

**GOOD NEWS:** Hope Will Find You, by Naomi Levy.

**MYSTERY:** Mr. Monk is Cleaned Out, by Lee Goldberg.

**NON-FICTION:** Into the Storm, by Lee Timmer.

**PRE-PUB:** Check on-line for this week's selection.

**ROMANCE:** Kentucky Bride, by Hannah Howell.

**SCIENCE FICTION:** Starbound, by Joe Haldeman.

**TEEN:** Goddess Boot Camp, by Tera Lynn Childs.

**THRILLER:** House Justice, by Mike Lawson.

**CLASSIC UPCOMING BOOK FOR MAY:** Iola Leroy, by Frances Ellen Watkins.

### New Adult Fiction

Boone Drake is a young cop rising rapidly through the ranks of the Chicago Police Department. He has beautiful wife, nice starter home, a great partner, and a career plan that should land him in the Organized Crime Division within five years. Until, everything goes wrong. A longtime Chicagoan, the son of a police officer, and the brother of two cops, author Jerry Jenkins brings his readers a new novel, "The Brotherhood."

Mexican author Carlos

Fuentes, winner of the Cervantes Prize, is one of the world's most acclaimed writers. He brings readers a stunning new novel that is a magnificent epic of passion, magic, and desire in modern Mexico. "Destiny and Desire" is a tapestry set in a world where free will fights with the wishes of the gods. This novel is translated by Edith Grossman.

Deep in the heart of Oxford's Bodleian Library, scholar Diana Bishop requests a manuscript called Ashmole 782 in the course of her research. Coming from an old line of witches, she senses this ancient book might be bound up with magic. The opening of the book sets off a stirring of daemons, witches, and vampires within the library's reading rooms. "The Discovery of Witches," by Deborah Harkness, is the first book in the All Souls trilogy. The second novel will be published in 2012.

The fictional writings of E. L. Doctorow comprise a towering achievement in modern American works. "All the Time in the World" is a never before published collection of six short stories about people who are distinct in their surroundings.

Best selling author Alex Berenson brings his fans another suspense thriller in

"The Secret Soldier." John Wells may have left the CIA, but he hasn't left the high-stakes world of espionage, where hidden battles determine the fate of nations as he goes underground in Saudi Arabia and Lebanon.

### New Adult Biography

One of the most popular and mysterious figures in American literary history, J. D. Salinger eluded fans and journalists for most of his life. Here is a new biography, energetic and magnificently researched, that shows a true picture of a life that spanned nearly the entire twentieth century. Author Kenneth Slawenski explores Salinger's privileged youth, long obscured by misrepresentation and rumor, revealing the brilliant, sarcastic, vulnerable son of a disapproving father and doting mother. "J. D. Salinger: A Life" is a read no lover of literature can afford to miss.

Fifteen-year-old Carolyn Maull McKinstry was just a few feet away when the Klan-planted bomb that killed four of her friends exploded in the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. It was one of the seminal moments in the American Civil Rights Movement, a sad day in American history, and the turning point in a young girl's

life. "While the World Watched," by Denise George, author of 24 books and over magazine 1,500 magazine articles, is a unique and moving exploration of how racial relations have evolved over the past five decades.

Howard Sounes, author of the definitive "Down the Highway: The Life of Bob Dylan," spent more than two years investigating every aspect

of Paul McCartney's life and work. "Fab: An Intimate Life of Paul McCartney" is unlike previous biographies of the Beatle icon. The author pays equal attention to the story of his time with the group and the ongoing story of his post-Beatles career, creating a comprehensive volume that spans the long arc of the artist's life and work.

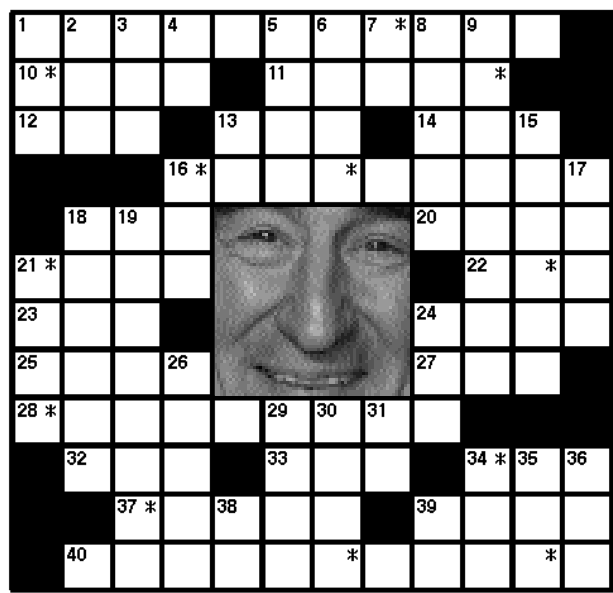
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- ACROSS**
- "Criminal Minds" role (2)
  - Declare firmly
  - Is \_\_\_ leader; easily attracts followers
  - "\_\_\_ and Stacey"
  - Jackie O's second
  - "Sweet Nothing in My \_\_\_"; 2008 TV movie
  - Gary Sinise's role (2)
  - "\_\_\_ Man Answers"; 1962 Sandra Dee film
  - Word in the title of a New Year's song
  - "\_\_\_ Decision" 2001 Mare Winningham TV movie
  - "The Ballad of the \_\_\_ Cafe"; 1991 Vanessa Redgrave film
  - Composer Berlin, to pals
  - Lubricates
  - Plant part
  - Trip producer?
  - Role on "CSI" (2)
  - Hitchcock or Scorsese: abbr.
  - "Boys Don't \_\_\_"; 1999 Hilary Swank movie
  - Jethro Bodine, for one
  - "1,000 Places \_\_\_ Before You Die"; 2007 series
  - 1982 best actor in a comedy Emmy winner
  - "Private Practice" role (2)
- DOWN**
- Role on "Roseanne"
  - \_\_\_ Arden
  - Barber or Buttons
  - 1996 best drama series Emmy winner
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