# **One Book South Dakota Author To Visit Vermillion**

The 2015 One Book South Dakota is "Ordinary Grace", by William Kent Krueger. The Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library will host a facilitated discussion of the book at 3:30 pm on Monday, September 21st, 2015. The discussion will be facilitated by Cyndy Chaney on behalf of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Following the facilitated discussion, there will be a Meet & Greet with William Kent Krueger at Raziel's, downtown Vermillion, from 5 - 6:30 pm. We will end the evening with a special presentation by the author at 7 pm, back at the library.

In the novel, published by Simon and Schuster and set in southern Minnesota, Krueger explores the issue of spirituality and his own childhood, writing about issues that he's grappled with since a young age. The novel is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

Since 2003, the One Book South Dakota program has encouraged all South Dakotans to read and discuss the same novel or memoir throughout the course of a year. Community and book groups receive books on loan and can invite a South Dakota Humanities Council scholar to facilitate discussion. The South Dakota Humanities Council printed 3,000 special edition copies of the book for the purpose of circulating them around the state, along with a custom study guide. Krueger will discuss "Ordinary Grace" in several communities this summer as part of his One Book Author Tour. Raised in the Cascade

Mountains of Oregon, William Kent Krueger briefly attended Stanford University—before being kicked out for radical activities. After that, he logged timber, worked construction, tried his hand at freelance journalism, and eventually ended up researching child devel-opment at the University of Minnesota.

He currently makes his living as a full-time author. He's been married for over 40 years to a marvelous woman who is an attorney. He makes his home in St. Paul, a city he dearly loves. His work has received a number of awards, including the Minnesota Book Award, the Loft-McKnight Fiction Award, the Anthony Award, the Barry Award, the Dilys Award, and the Friends of American Writers Prize. His last five novels were all New York Times bestsellers. "Ordinary Grace", his stand-alone novel published

in 2013, received the Edgar Award, given by the Mystery Writers of America in recognition for the best novel published in that year.

The One Book South Dakota events in Vermillion are made possible by the generous support of the Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Vermillion Public Library, and the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The South Dakota Humanities Council is a nonprofit organization founded in 1972 whose sole mission is to deliver humanities programming to the people of South Dakota.

The Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library is located at 18 Church Street in Vermillion. For more information call the Library at 605-677-7060

## Lottery Commissioners Make Odds Worse, So Powerball Jackpot Will Be Harder To Win

#### BY BOB MERCER

STATE CAPITOL BUREAU

PIERRE - Sales of Powerball lotto tickets sagged 18 percent in South Dakota during the past year.

The reason: People won jackpots too often.

The effect: Jackpot amounts never grew large enough to

stir more people to buy more tickets. The South Dakota Lottery Commission agreed Thursday to try to change that.

Commission members voted 7-0 to adopt rule changes that will make winning the Powerball jackpot more difficult.

Come Oct. 4, assuming the Legislature's rules review committee agrees, the odds will become one in 375 million. They have been one in 292 million.

The multi-state group that runs Powerball proposed the changes

South Dakota needed to go along with the plan or drop out of Powerball, according to state lottery director Norm Lingle.

Powerball is the top-selling lotto game in South Dakota, he said.

"We aren't seeing the jackpots like we used to," Lingle told the commission.

He noted the overall odds of winning some prize at Power-

ball would improve to one in 25 from the present one in 31. "Powerball accounts for nearly 50 percent of our lotto sales in South Dakota so it's a very important game for us," Lingle said.

The new matrix calls for drawing five of 69 balls and one of 26 balls. The current matrix is five of 59 and one of 35.

The rules review panel will look at the changes on Aug. 17. Lingle didn't receive any questions from commissioners. No one testified at the public hearing and no one sent written

comments. Unaudited figures show South Dakota's overall revenue

from lotto games was \$25.3 million for fiscal 2015 that ended June 30, a decrease of 11.3 percent, Lingle said. Meanwhile instant scratch-off ticket sales rose 1.2 percent

to \$25.8 million, which Lingle said was the second-most on record. He said the only year that was better was the lot-tery's first year in 1988, when sales topped \$26 million.

State government's half-share of video lottery revenue went up 7.5 percent to nearly \$98.3 million. New line-up games were "a significant factor," Lingle said.

Joe Willingham, the sales director for lotto and scratch tickets, said the decline in lotto sales was "pretty much nationwide.3

"Everybody's suffering," Willingham said.



BY COLETTE KESSLER FOR THE SOUTH DAKOTA SOIL HEALTH COALITION

The South Dakota Soil Health Coalition is moving forward with plans for improving the health and productivity of South Dakota soils. "Production agriculture is dependent upon the soil's capacity to function properly and through the new Coalition, we are hoping to held people further understand natural resources thus adding value to their current agricultural production," says Doug Sieck, SD Soil Health Coalition Board Chair who ranches near Selby, SD. "Soil is more than just a medium for growing crops and grass. It is composed of relationships between billions of living organisms. It's amazing how microorganisms respond to feeding and management just as a herd of cattle, or a grain crop responds to feeding and management." The Coalition's mission statement reads: "To promote healthy soil." Jeff Zimprich, State Conservationist, Natural **Resources Conservation** Service (NRCS), Huron, SD, is pleased with the progress being made. "It speaks well for the South Dakotans when we see the cooperative spirit of people and entities spread across the state coming together so quickly for this important cause,' says Zimprich. Existing SD groups and organizations are generously helping the new entity with by-laws, articles of incorporation and apply-ing for a 501c3 status. "We're fortunate in South Dakota to have energetic and experienced professionals-on the farm or ranch, in organizations, and in state and local government–all putting energy of their own expertise toward bettering the health of our soil, the foundation of our \$25.6 billion agricultural industry," says Zimprich. Many organizations and entities are stepping up to support the new farmer/ rancher-led, grass-roots coalition including South Dakota's Conservation Districts, the NRCS, South Dakota State University, SDSU Extension, the State of South Dakota Department of Agriculture, SD No-Till Association and the SD Cattlemen's Association. Particularly, the successful SD Grassland Coalition who is providing leadership and fostering development of the SD Soil Health Coalition, with the long-term goal of its beseven South Dakota farmers and ranchers volunteered to serve on the first Board of Directors: Al Miron, Minnehaha Co.; Bryan Jorgensen, Tripp Co.; Dennis Hoyle, Edmunds Co.; Dan Forgey, Potter Co; Levi Neuharth, Stanley Co.; Terry Ness, Hughes Co., and Doug Sieck, Walworth Co. who is serving as Chair.

resource healthy and productive. The next monthly meeting will be August 20, 2015 in Mitchell. The SD Soil Health Coalition can be reached via email at sdsoilhealth@ gmail.org or visit their web site: www.sdsoilhealth.org to contact the board members or find membership information. The Coalition has also started a presence on social media. Find the South Dakota

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The Main Street Center is honored to be able to work with Josh and the staff of Hy-Vee on the coupon fundraiser that was held in July. It is necessary for the Center to work with other businesses and organizations to raise funds to help with the daily operation of the Center. The Center is so thankful that Hy-Vee and the community participants were willing to donate so generously to our cause.

### Nicole Doerr Sanford Vermillion July **2015 PRIDE Employee of the Month**



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Pictured: Nicole Doerr, July Employee of the Month and Gayle Matzke, Director of Nursing, Sanford Care Center Vermillion

Vermillion, SD - Nicole Doerr, CNA/Med aide, Care Center, was selected as the July Sanford Vermillion PRIDE Employee of the Month. She has been employed with Sanford since 2012.

Nominations for Nicole included the following:

Nicole is a wonderful CNA. She's always pleasant and hard working. She always has a smile and a kind word to share. The work is always done on Nicole's shift and she is always willing to help out. Nicole's been employed here for a while and never slacks off - she is efficient with a great attitude!

"Nicole is bubbly and a very flexible team player. She is always willing to work and help out wherever needed with a smile," comments Gayle Matzke, Director of Nursing, Sanford Vermillion Medical Center.

Nicole is a native of Yankton, SD and currently resides in Vermillion. Nicole attends the University of South Dakota majoring in nursing. In Nicole's spare time she likes to camp, hunt, hike and go boating.



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Sieck and the other members are actively reaching out to fellow farmers and ranchers, both with large and small acreages, urban neighbors, and others who want to learn more about keeping their soil

Soil Health Coalition page on Face Book and the member group, and on Twitter, @ SDSHCoalition.





room, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> bath, laundry, possible 1 bedroom (no egress) and a storage room. Large fenced back yard with patio area, storage shed and potential garden. Removable front ramp. Close to elementary and middle schools.

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