

SCHOOL RETIREES HONORED



Individuals recognized for retiring from the district include (l to r): Lynn Moore, secretary at Jolley Elementary; Cliff Moore, middle school math teacher; Anne Manning, elementary teacher and reading specialist; and Cinda Passick, second grade teacher at Jolley Elementary. Julie Stewart, second grade teacher at Jolley Elementary and Larry Meins, high school custodian, are also retiring but are not pictured.

SCHOOL DISTRICT HONORS STAFF



The Vermillion School District held their annual awards program at the end of the last day of school, which was Tuesday, May 22. Staff members received teacher of the year awards and were recognized for longevity with the school district as well as retirement. Middle School Principal Pat Anderson was also recognized for being selected Regional Middle School Principal of the Year. Individuals awarded teacher of the year in each building are pictured (l to r): Cliff Moore, middle school; Dan Mart, Jolley Elementary; Lenni Billberg; and Lynne Bye, Austin Elementary. Cliff Moore was also selected district teacher of the year.

Personalized voter information available online

South Dakota Secretary of State Jason Gant announced today that personalized voter information is available online through the Voter Information Portal (V.I.P.) at sdsos.gov. Any person registered to vote in South

Dakota can use V.I.P. to access information for upcoming elections including the June 5 primary election. "Those registered to vote in South Dakota can simply enter their name and date of birth to access

the information," Gant said. "There they will find all sorts of helpful information like their voter registration status, polling place, location, sample ballot and absentee ballot tracking if applicable."

Voters can use V.I.P. to check on everything from their political party to county and address of registration. Additionally, general information like acceptable forms of voter identification for polling places, how to update a registration and contact information for county election officials is accessible.

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Living River Group hosting film series

For the second year, the Living River Group of the Sierra Club will present a series of films about ecological issues that affect people and the land right here in South Dakota.

The public is invited to view "America's Lost Landscape: The Tallgrass Prairie," Tuesday, June 19. All films in the series will be shown each month at 7 p.m. in the W.H. Over Museum on the USD campus. Lively discussions are sure to follow.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

"America's Lost Landscape: The Tallgrass Prairie." This film tells the story of one of the most astonishing alterations of nature in human history. Prior to Euro-American settlement in the 1820s, one of the major landscape features of North America was 240 million acres of tallgrass prairie. But between 1830 and 1900—in the space of a single lifetime—the tallgrass prairie was steadily transformed to farmland. The film also highlights prairie preservation efforts and explores how the tallgrass prairie ecosystem may serve as a model for a sustainable agriculture of the future.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

"Pipe Dreams." The film documents the path of the proposed Keystone XL Pipeline through interviews with the people who would be most affected by

its construction. The pipeline would carry a thick, sticky form of crude oil known as oil sands from Alberta, Canada, through the Midwest to refineries in the Gulf Coast of Texas. Trans-Canada tried to force ranchers to sign easements more or less blind and threatened them with eminent domain suits. It was one of eight films shortlisted for the Academy Award for best documentary.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

"David Versus Monsanto." Imagine that a storm blows across your garden and that now, genetically manipulated seeds are in your crops. A multinational corporation demands that you surrender your crops, then sues you for \$200,000 for the illegal use of patented, GM seeds. The definitive documentary on the genetically modified food industry, this is the story of Canadian farmer Percy Schmeiser and his legal struggle with corporate biotech company Monsanto. This first-hand account reveals the increasingly familiar tale of Monsanto harassing farmers with every means possible—civil lawsuits, stalking, trespassing, slander, threats, and crop contamination.

This film series is sponsored by Vermillion's Living River Group of the Sierra Club:
southdakota.sierraclub.org/LivingRiver.

Vermillion singers at 'The Hay Country Jamboree' Saturday

Gayville Hall presents its recurring musical variety show, "The Hay Country Jamboree," at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, in Gayville.

Show regulars, including country music hosts John and Susan McNeill and bluegrass banjo player and funnyman Daniel Kilbride, will welcome the Vermillion trio "Good People" as the evening's special guest.

The trio, which debuted two years ago on the Gayville Hall stage, features Bruce Gray and mother and daughter Rebecca and Cindy Gehm. They perform a mix of folk, gospel, and mountain type music.

Staged the first Saturday every month through November, each Jamboree features three



Cindy and Rebecca Gehm of the Vermillion trio "Good People" join other performers at "The Hay Country Jamboree" in Gayville on Saturday, June 2, at 8 p.m.

or more musical acts on stage together trading old-time tunes, country, bluegrass, and humor, according to show producer, Doug Sharples. The shows are two hours long, including a short intermission

midway, and are presented in an alcohol- and smoke-free setting.

Gayville Hall is at 502 Washington Street in Gayville. Tickets are \$12.50 at the door, or \$15 reserved. Call 605-267-2859.

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