

Westreville Festival scheduled June 15

The second annual Westreville Festival, held at the Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church, just north of Vermillion on 308th St. (off the S-curve on Highway 19), will prove to have something for everyone.

It will take place on Saturday, June 15. Come at 8:30 a.m. to register for the events or go to www.westrevillefestival.wordpress.com to find more information.

There will be a 5K and a 10K Fun Run with medals going to the top three finishers in each event; a 10K Bike Ride; a one- or three-mile historic Cemetery Walk; and reminiscing and treats in

the church basement. All these events begin at 9 a.m.

The kids will be treated to "The Amazing Race." Kid's activities are free and will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The Amazing Race will have kids paired up in teams to figure out clues and meet challenges at every destination to which their clues may lead them. Lots of prizes and adventures await.

There will also be "digging for gold" and other surprises for the kids on the church grounds.

The entry fee for the races or for the T-shirts is \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids. Local Westreville artist Mary Hesla Melzer designed the T-shirts

and Mohr's Printing in Wakonda made them. A piece of Carla Ostrem's pie and a T-shirt are included in the registration. Nancy Carlsen, creator of the Historic Clay County Cemetery books will be on-hand with the books to discuss local history. PVLC WELCA will provide treats and coffee.

The Westreville Festival is a fundraiser for the Eckert Children Scholarship Fund and the historical marker project in Westreville. Pleasant Valley Church is located at 45918 308th St., Vermillion, SD 57069.

For questions, call Grace Freeman at 624-5369 or e-mail gracefreeman@live.com.

RETIRING EDUCATORS



Pictured are Vermillion School District educators who have decided to retire. Pictured are Marianne Upward, director of special services; Janet Beeman, high school art; Anne Dunham, middle school librarian; and Sally Stohl, middle school science.

(Photo courtesy of Vermillion School District)

USD course a training method in disaster recovery

People caught up in disasters, like the tornadoes that devastated Moore, OK, and Granbury, TX, this past month, require more than life-saving first aid – they need psychological first aid. First responders do heroic work saving lives but what about the stress on them and the people they save? That's why the Disaster Mental Health Institute (DMHI) at the University of South Dakota is developing and assessing various psychological first aid training for the general public, veterans and first responders.

Since 1993, the DMHI has trained experts and first responders in preparation for and following the aftermath of some of the world's biggest disasters. DMHI faculty have been engaged both nationally and internationally in disaster preparedness and response, and crisis intervention, and the DMHI is implementing its experience in disaster response training to help the general public cope with disasters and traumatic events as well as the day-to-day stress of life, using

community-based Psychological First Aid (PFA).

"This is the form of psychological support endorsed by the National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB)," explained Gerard Jacobs, Ph.D., USD psychology professor and director of the Disaster Mental Health Institute. "The National Biodefense Science Board's recommendations were to train the general public and, in turn, have more specialized training for first responders, disaster relief workers and civic officials."

Chartered by Congress to develop preparedness and response plans for bioterrorist attacks and public health emergencies, the NBSB advocated that PFA training be made available to the public to prepare for and accelerate the recovery process from disasters.

"Community-based PFA teaches people how to respond and, more importantly, to be able to take care of family, friends and colleagues more effectively during times of crisis," said Jacobs, who was one of the Institute of Medicine

committee that authored "Preparing for the Psychological Consequences of Terrorism: A Public Health Strategy." "With that in mind, we are currently conducting research on the effectiveness of our PFA programs for EMS personnel and for veterans, and we are evaluating the effectiveness of the American Red Cross PFA course for the general public."

Jacobs added that Randal Quevillon, Ph.D., USD psychology professor, is supervising research on the effectiveness of PFA for Native Americans and that a more-detailed PFA course is currently part of the psychology curriculum at USD, and a required course for USD students minoring in Disaster Response (non-psychology majors) and for psychology majors completing the Specialization in Disaster Response. Additionally, DMHI continues to offer the Graduate Certificate in Disaster Mental Health and the Doctoral Specialty Track in Clinical/Disaster Psychology.

For more information, go to www.usd.edu/dmhi.

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



Educators of the Vermillion School District who received Teachers of the Year honors are Ann Dunham, librarian, middle school; Marcia Olson, chemistry, high school; Laurie Cusick, second grade, Jolley Elementary; and Mary Fink, first grade, Austin Elementary.

(Photo courtesy of Vermillion School District)

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF PRESS BRIEFING

05/19/13 09:08 – A deputy responded to a report of a calf on the road near Burbank. The calf was returned to the pasture. The landowner arrived in the area and was notified of the problem.

05/19/13 13:47 – A deputy attempted to locate the source of a 911 call from a cell phone west of Vermillion. The phone was not located. No emergency was reported and it appeared to be an accidental dial.

05/19/13 20:18 – A deputy responded to assist Vermillion Police officers with a death investigation at a Vermillion residence. The death was determined to be due to natural causes.

05/19/13 21:18 – A deputy responded to a report of a domestic assault north of Vermillion. The suspect had left the residence. A man was charged with assault the next day when he was located.

05/20/13 11:01 – A deputy responded to a medical emergency at a rural residence and assisted Wakonda First Responders and the Vermillion Ambulance.

05/20/13 17:24 – A woman wanted for Pennington County charges visited an inmate at the Clay County Jail. The woman was arrested and returned to Pennington County.

05/20/13 18:39 – A deputy transported a patient from the Sanford ER to the Human Services Center in Yankton for an involuntary mental illness hold.

05/21/13 15:16 – A deputy observed a man driving in Vermillion with a small child on his lap. The vehicle was stopped and the driver cited for not having the child in a car seat.

05/21/13 18:51 – A deputy responded to a fire at a residence in Irene and provided traffic control for fire units.

05/21/13 19:09 – A deputy transported an inmate to the Yankton County jail and a patient to the HSC in Yankton for a mental hold and then picked up another inmate at the Yankton County Jail for transport to the Clay County Jail.

05/22/13 15:57 – The School Resource Officer

investigated a report of an assault at Jolley Elementary School where one boy beat up another on the playground. Charges are being considered by the States Attorney.

05/22/13 16:36 – A deputy served two protection orders to a juvenile at a rural residence.

05/23/13 09:40 – A vehicle was stopped and the driver cited for driving 80 mph in the 55 mph zone on University Road.

05/23/13 10:16 – Three 911 hang-up calls were received from a resident in Wakonda. The caller would not give her name but the address information was transmitted. A deputy responded to the residence and found no emergency or problems there.

05/23/13 11:14 – A vehicle was stopped and the driver was cited for speeding at 51 mph in a 35 mph zone near Wakonda.

05/23/13 12:53 – A deputy responded to assist medical personnel and the Vermillion Police at a medical emergency in Vermillion. A patient was transported by ambulance.

05/24/13 00:01 – A report was received of a woman knocking on a door asking for water and for the sheriff to be called because she was tired of walking. A deputy located the woman and made sure she was OK and then gave her a ride to a gas station. She said she was walking to Yankton.

05/24/13 08:31 – Deputies investigated a one-car rollover accident. The occupants had left the scene but they were located and the driver was charged with DWI, a parole violation and other traffic offenses.

05/24/13 08:38 – A report was received of a semi improperly passing another vehicle at an intersection nearly causing an accident. A

deputy responded but was unable to locate the suspect vehicle.

05/24/13 18:12 – A vehicle was stopped and the driver cited for speeding at 71 mph in the 55 mph zone south of Irene.

05/24/13 23:57 – A deputy stopped to check on a vehicle parked along the highway

with flashers on. There was no need for assistance.

05/25/13 20:36 – A deputy responded to a report of traffic cones in the driving lane west of Vermillion. The deputy moved the cones out of the road.

Total Records: 22

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