

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### St. Agnes will serve tacos Nov. 11

The St. Agnes Youth Group is having their 23rd annual taco dinner fundraiser Sunday, Nov. 11, from 5-7 p.m. at the St. Agnes School Gym.

In honor of Veterans Day, all veterans will eat for free. This is an all you can eat meal – adults \$6, children \$4 and 5 years old and younger are free. The proceeds will go toward the youth group ski trip to Mankato in February. For more information, contact Ray Hofman at 624-6457. Catholic United will have matching funds for this project.

### Dept. of Ag seeks producers' input

Coordinating efforts with the Governor's Drought Task Force, the South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA) is asking farmers and ranchers who struggled with this year's extreme drought conditions to send their ideas on drought disaster relief. "SDDA wants to know how we can best help our producers through this drought year," said South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture Walt Bones. "Hearing their ideas first-hand is the best way to do that."

Producers are encouraged to e-mail their comments and suggestions by Friday, Nov. 16, to [agmail@state.sd.us](mailto:agmail@state.sd.us), call 605-773-5425, or write the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, 523 E Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.

Agriculture is South Dakota's No. 1 industry, generating nearly \$21 billion in annual economic activity and employing more than 80,000 South Dakotans. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's mission is to promote, protect, preserve and improve this industry for today and tomorrow. Visit us online at <http://sdda.sd.gov/> or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

### Clay-Union Foundation seeks mentors

The Clay-Union Foundation mentors youth age 5-17 years old, and is actively seeking adult mentors to match with children in our area.

There are two boys in Union County, one 13 years old in Elk Point, and a 12-year-old near Jefferson. Vermillion has an adult male volunteer ready to match, and he would like to locate a boy 10-13 years old to share his interests in gardening, farming, books and bicycling.

The program also has a request for three adult African-American volunteers to match with 5-, 8- and 10-year-olds in Vermillion.

Background checks and interviews are performed with all volunteers, and the goal is to spend two hours per week with their match. Applications are available at <http://www.clay-unionfoundation.org/> or call John Gille at (605) 421-5050 for more information.

Mentoring benefits all members, so consider joining the program. The Clay-Union Foundation is funded in part by donations to the United Way of Vermillion, and area businesses and donors.

### Clay Co. 4-H recognition event is Nov. 11

The Clay County 4-H Recognition Event is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Clay County 4-H Center in Vermillion beginning at 2 p.m. Area 4-H members, leaders, families and friends are invited to attend.

Clay County 4-H members will be recognized for their achievements, project accomplishments and participation during the past year. Various local sponsors will present special awards.

The Friends of 4-H and Meritorious Service awards will be presented to local individuals in recognition of their community support of the 4-H program.

# Gant announces election fact sheet

Secretary of State Jason Gant released a fact sheet to address questions and eliminate any confusion about voting in the November 6th general election. The South Dakota Voter Information Portal (VIP) is available at [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov) website giving voters the opportunity to look up pertinent information pertaining to voting.

1. How do I find my polling place?

Access the Secretary of State's website at [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov). Go to "Where Do I Vote?" and enter your first and last name and your date of birth. Click "Search."

2. If I don't vote on a candidate or question, will my other votes still be counted?

Yes, you are not required to cast a vote in every race or on every question. If you choose to leave a race or questions blank, the rest of the votes on your ballot will still be counted.

3. What are the rules about campaigning in or near polling places?

State law prohibits electioneering within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place. This means anyone who is advocating for the election or defeat of a candidate or a ballot issue must be at least 100 feet away from the entrance to the polling place.

4. What forms of ID can I use to vote?

Acceptable forms of ID include:

- South Dakota driver's license or nondriver ID card
- U.S. government photo ID
- Current student photo ID from a South Dakota high school or South Dakota accredited institution of higher education
- Tribal photo ID

If you do not have a photo ID, you can sign a personal identification affidavit.

5. What times do the polls open and close?

The polls will be open on election day from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm standard time.

6. How can I access a sample ballot prior to November 6th?

Go to [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov). Find the space entitled "See Your Sample Ballot." Click on "View Your Ballot." Ballots can also be found at your county auditor's office and will be published in local newspapers the week before the election.

7. How can I review the ballot measures before I vote?

The 2012 Ballot Questions can be viewed at [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov). Copies have also been distributed to county auditor offices and libraries across the state.

8. Has my district changed due to the 2010 census?

Maps of all South Dakota legislative districts can be accessed at [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov). These maps were approved at the 2011 Special SD Legislative Session. Information can also be obtained from your local county auditor's office.

9. How can I follow the election results on November 6th?

Election results for all races and ballot measures will be posted beginning at 8:00 pm

CST on [Electionresults.sd.gov](http://Electionresults.sd.gov).

10. What is the deadline for absentee voting?

The county auditor must receive your application for an absentee ballot no later than 3 pm on Election Day.

11. When is the voter registration deadline?

Registration for the November 6th election closed on Monday, October 22nd.

12. I am registered to vote, but I've moved, and I didn't get my voter registration updated by the deadline. Can I still vote?

Yes, you will still be able to vote at your old polling place.

13. How do I absentee vote?

Go to [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov). In the "Absentee Voting" section, you can complete and print out an absentee application. Sign it and mail to your county auditor. Either have the form notarized or include a copy of your photo ID with your application. You may also go to your county auditor's office during business hours to vote.

## MidAmerican Energy assisting to restore power on East Coast

MidAmerican Energy Company announced earlier this week that it is doubling the number of employees that will assist with utility damage and power outages caused by Hurricane Sandy.

On Saturday, Oct. 27, a group of 116 people, which included 15 MidAmerican Energy employees, 50 contract lineworkers, and 51 contract tree clearance workers, departed Iowa and traveled to New York to provide assistance. The MidAmerican Energy team included 12 linemen, one supervisor, one safety employee, and one mechanic. The employees are based out of the Avoca, Council Bluffs, Fort Dodge, Red Oak, Sheldon, and Shenandoah, Iowa, service centers. The workers were dispatched to Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and are expected to provide emergency restoration service to areas between

Poughkeepsie and Albany, N.Y., depending on the storm's path.

The MidAmerican Energy crew leaving today consists of 12 linemen, one supervisor and one design technician. These employees are based out of the Des Moines, Council Bluffs, Iowa City, and Oskaloosa/Knoxville, Iowa, service centers. They also will be traveling to New York where they will receive further instructions regarding areas in need of utility restoration work.

The crews are expected to be gone for up to two weeks.

In addition to the 29 MidAmerican Energy employees, MidAmerican Energy has released more than 200 contract lineworkers and tree crew members to provide assistance to utility companies in the East.

"It is estimated that at least 20,000 utility workers will be

needed to help the eastern portion of the U.S. recover from Hurricane Sandy," said

Joe Moore, vice president, electric delivery, MidAmerican Energy. "Additional MidAmerican Energy employees and contracted crews may be released based on need."

MidAmerican Energy Company, Iowa's largest energy company, provides electric service to 732,000 customers and natural gas

service to 714,000 customers in Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska and South Dakota. It is headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa. Information about MidAmerican Energy is available on the company's website and Twitter, Facebook and YouTube pages, which can be accessed via [www.midamericanenergy.com](http://www.midamericanenergy.com).

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## OBITUARIES

### John Mueller

John C. Mueller, 57, of Vermillion passed away Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012 at the Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City, IA after a battle with ALS. John was born Nov. 5, 1954 in Milwaukee, WI to Dr. Joseph and Rosalie (Kainz) Mueller. He graduated from Marquette High School and attended Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee later graduating from the University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh with his psychology major.

John married Michele Hunt on June 8, 1985 in Sturgis, and recently retired as project manager with the Facilities Management Department at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

John is survived by his wife, Michele, and his son, Joey of Vermillion; two daughters, Rosalie (Craig) Lammers of Fordyce, NE and Margaret Mueller of Charleston, SC; two brothers, Tom (Faye) Mueller

and Jerry Mueller of Milwaukee, WI; three sisters, Suzanne (Bill) Lennon of Whitefish Bay, WI, Judy and Mary Mueller of Milwaukee; nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass was 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the St.

Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with burial following in the Fairview Cemetery, rural Vermillion. Visitation began at 5 p.m. Tuesday with a Rosary at 7 p.m. and a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. all at the church. [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com).

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