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The Vermillion High School Class of 1952 celebrated its 60th class reunion on Sept. 14-15. There were 18 class members attending the reunion, along with several spouses. On Friday night, they attended the homecoming football game in the DakotaDome and afterwards spent some time socializing at the Prairie Inn.

=On Saturday, a noon luncheon was held at the Spink Café and a Saturday evening banquet was held at the Valiant Vineyards in Vermillion. Marion Kryger served as MC and all classmates were asked to give an update of their lives since the last reunion. Some of our classmates were unable to attend because of health

reasons but wrote letters that were read at the reunion.
Letters and any updates were sent to everyone so they would feel a part of the gathering.

=Pictured are (front) Janet Hanson Gilbertson, Arlys Brown Lewis, Jane Walz Merrigan, Darlene Davis Bottolfson, Inez Allstrom Cooper, Pat Bernard Olson, Mary Joan Vanden Berg Kaiser, and Janice Gray Daggett. In back are Joe Sippel, Jack Donahue, Stan White, Lorraine Mockler Brunick, Beverly Beatty Swartz, Shirley Nord Bauer, Marion Kryger, Vern Merrigan and Melvin Walz. Not pictured are Jerry Reedy and Marvin Christenson.

Moore honored by South Dakota Library Association

Joyce Moore, Vermillion Public Library's youth services librarian, was awarded as the New Librarian of the Year at the South Dakota Library Association's annual conference on Oct. 4.

The award, given annually, is presented to someone in the first ten years in the profession.

Moore has been in her position for six years; she is responsible for

collections and programming for children and young adults, from birth through high school at VPL.

She was nominated by Jane Larson and Wendy Nilson.





Susan Osborn and Friends at Gayville Hall Oct. 27

The SD Friends of Traditional Music presents "Susan Osborn and Friends: A Musical Reunion" on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 8 p.m. at Gayville Hall in Gayville.

Osborn is an international star from Orcas Island, Washington, who cut her musical teeth in the 1970s in the South Dakota bands Blueberry Buckle, Rosewater, and Red Willow.

The concert reunites her with several accomplished bandmates from those bands - Kenny Putnam, Boyd Bristow, and Eddie Dunn - in addition to her longtime friend, guitarist Bill Lauf of Connecticut.

Osborn's rise to stardom began after she left South Dakota for New York City, where she became the lead singer of the Paul Winter Consort from 1978 to 1985, recording acclaimed albums and touring extensively throughout the United States and Europe.



In 1991, she traveled as a solo artist to Japan, where she became a star after recording an album of Japanese folk melodies with English lyrics that won the Japanese equivalent of the Grammy award. She has made over fifty trips to Japan, was the subject of a two-hour

Japanese TV special about her life, and has recorded a dozen more recordings for the Japanese market, including CDs of songs from Disney films and love songs from the 1960s, as well as a "best of Susan Osborn" CD.

Osborn has performed at the United Nations, the Winter Olympics, the Berlin Wall, and in The Hague, Kyoto, Hiroshima and post-9/11 New York at memorial and peace ceremonies. She performed with Skitch Henderson and the New York Pops Orchestra, with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, and has been heard in Toyota commercials and on film soundtracks.

Fiddler Kenny Putnam of Rapid City was a member of the Red Willow Band for six years and later toured and recorded with Roy Clark for over seven years, appearing on The Grand Ol' Opry, on TV's Hee Haw regularly, and on The Tonight Show and

many other programs. He has performed in 48 states, Canada, Bulgaria and the Soviet Union.

Boyd Bristow is a member of East of Westreville today but was a member of Blueberry Buckle when the band invited Osborn to join them in Sioux Falls in 1972 after she sang a few tunes with the band at a gig in Ames, IA. The rest is history. Bristow organized The Travelin' Band in Nashville in the 1980s, which covered the nation with Nashville singers on tour.

Bass player Eddie Dunn of Sioux City performs with the Eddie Dunn Trio, spins jazz records on KWIT radio in Sioux City, and played with the legendary South Dakota rock band Dry Mustard in the 1970s

Gayville Hall is at 502 Washington St. in Gayville. Call the Gayville Hall box office at (605) 267-2859 for ticket information.

Red Cross plans Holiday Mail for Heroes

Each year the American Red Cross provides assistance to more than 2 million service members and many of our nation's 24 million veterans.

The cards and personal messages, sent by tens of thousands of Americans, provide a welcome "touch of home" for our troops during the holiday season.

Each year cards are collected between October and early December and distributed at military installations, veteran's hospitals and in other locations.

There are several ways to be part of the Holiday Mail for Heroes program. In addition to sending cards on your own, you may want to start making plans to host card signing parties or card making parties. Every card received will be screened for hazardous materials by Pitney Bowes and then reviewed by Red Cross volunteers working around the country.

Please observe the following guidelines to ensure a quick reviewing process:

•Ensure that all cards are signed.
•Use generic salutations such as "Dear Service Member." Cards addressed to specific individuals cannot be delivered

through this program.
•Only cards are being accepted. Do not send or include letters.

•Do not include email or home addresses on the cards: the program is

not meant to foster pen pal relationships.
•Do not include inserts of any kind, including photos: these items will be removed during the reviewing process.

•Please refrain from choosing cards with glitter or using loose glitter as it can

aggravate health issues of ill and injured warriors.

•If you are mailing a large quantity of cards, please bundle them and place them in large mailing envelopes or flat rate postal shipping boxes. Each card does not need its own envelope, as envelopes will be removed from all cards before

All holiday greetings should be addressed and sent to:

Holiday Mail for Heroes

distribution.

P.O. Box 5456

Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456 The deadline for having cards to the

The deadline for having cards to the P.O. Box is Friday, Dec. 7. Holiday cards received after this date cannot be guaranteed delivery.







