Sharing the Dream plans trip to Guatemala

The Vermillion-based fair trade organization Sharing the Dream in Guatemala (STDG) will sponsor a "fair trade and indigenous cultures" trip to Guatemala Jan. 8-17, 2013. The trip will be led by Vermillion's Jerry Wilson, long-time Latin-American traveler and author of the travel book, "American Artery: A Pan-American Journey.'

An information session for interested persons will be held Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Sharing the Dream store, located at 10 W. Main St. in Vermillion.

Participants in the January trip will experience Guatemala City, the ancient Guatemalan capital of Antigua and several

villages in the picturesque Lake Atitlan region. The group will visit cooperatives where wood carvings, weavings and other crafts sold at the Sharing the Dream store are made by hand.

They will meet students who are sponsored by STDG scholarships and serve meals to elders who have access to nutritious food and health care thanks to STDG sponsors. They will cross Lake Atitlan in traditional cayuca canoes, tour the ruins of the ancient capital, enjoy traditional Guatemalan foods and much more.

The cost of the 10-day trip, \$1,100 plus airfare, includes food and lodging as well as transportation, guide and interpreter

services. Participants will need to be in good health, since the experience will require substantial walking, and because many Guatemalan facilities are not handicap accessible.

For more information, call Jerry Wilson at (605) 624-9279 or the Sharing the Dream office at ((605)624-6895.

Hay to be removed from state highway right of way

The South Dakota Department of Transportation requests the cooperation of all farmers and ranchers in removing processed hay from the highway right of

State regulations require that hay be removed from the right of way within 30 days of being processed, but no later than October 1.

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For more information, contact Jason Humphrey at (605) 773-3571.

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