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Historical Society Foundation bringing Modern Day Homesteader to Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. – The Modern Day Homesteader will sing about the life she lives at an outdoor concert in Pierre.

Miss “V” – The Gypsy Cowbelle will present a one-hour concert beginning at 7 p.m. CDT at the Capitol Lake Visitors Center on Thursday, June 30. People are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs or blankets.

Miss “V” lived on a remote ranch in Wyoming for 14 years, honing her homesteader skills such as haying and logging with horses, sewing clothes and tack on treadle machines, hunting and helping trail cattle through the mountains. Her program will incorporate music and her telling about her personal experiences as a modern-day homesteader.

A question-and-answer period with Miss “V” will follow the concert in which people can ask questions about the subject matter of the songs as well as her experiences on the homestead ranch. Miss “V” has also been a river guide, instrument builder, leather worker, film maker and recording artist. She is currently working on her sixth CD.

“Miss ‘V’ lives the life she sings about, sharing stories and songs about American culture and history coast to coast. Her concert is a fun way to connect to our pioneer heritage,” said Michael Lewis, president of the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation.

Miss “V” has previously presented her program at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre and performed at the Dakota Western Heritage Festival in Fort Pierre and Pierre.

“She’s been a real crowd pleaser every time she’s performed,” Lewis said.

The foundation is the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society. The foundation is sponsoring the program, with help from a grant from the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will take place inside the Capitol Lake Visitors Center.

Call (605) 773-6006 for more information about the program.

In another concert at the Capitol Lake Visitors Center involving the State Historical Society, the museum will host traditional music artists Bob and Sheila Everhart on

Friday, July 8, at 7 p.m. for “A History of Country Music.” That free event will also include ice cream from the South Dakota State University Dairy Barn.

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About the South Dakota State Historical Society

The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Education. The State Historical Society, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society’s world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.

About the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation

The South Dakota Historical Society Foundation is a private charitable nonprofit that seeks funding to assist the South Dakota State Historical Society in programming and projects to preserve South Dakota’s history and heritage for future generations.