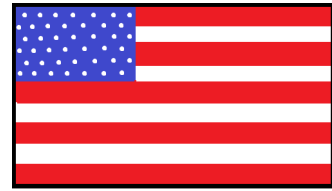


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### **Student historical research exhibited at film fest near Washington, DC**

**Washington, D.C. (May 28, 2015)** – A grassroots film fest featuring the work of students reporting from communities throughout the U.S. will be exhibiting at Annandale High School (AHS) in Annandale, Va. 4 p.m. Saturday June 6 for the American History Film Project (AHFP).

Ty Kvanvig, Teven Marshall and Lexi Rice of Mullen, Nebraska are three seventh grade students in the World History class of Mullen resident Kelly Garcia. Ty and Teven's video is a how-to guide to constructing a sod house in the fashion of plains pioneers. Lexi Rice's video is an interview concerning an infamous local crime that spurred a national investigation. Lexi is expected to attend the premier with teacher Kelly Garcia, who will represent her other students Ty and Teven. Their films are two of only four entries selected nationwide to be showcased at the exhibition.

Participating in the exhibition via Skype from Chicago is Mary Hilbrink of Cary, Illinois. Mary will be introducing her film on the origin of the Baby Ruth chocolate factory and headquarters in Cary.

Rahel Tecele, an Annandale High School senior, filmed an interview with historian Nikki McDonald of Pittsville, Va who was one of the first students to attend Annandale High School when it opened in the 1950s and the town was still rural. Her interview will be edited by AHS student Bailey Oliver.

The exhibition, which will take place on June 6, 2015 at 3:45 p.m. EST, will be hosted by AHFP and will meet at Annandale High School, located at 4700 Medford Drive Annandale, Va. 22003. The films will be showcased alongside others from different states across the United States.

According to Martha Barnes, the founder of AHFP, the American History Film Project is a national organization that seeks to help students develop a yearning to learn by providing a creative outlet to showcase the finest films made by students about their respective locations. The goal of the project is to teach students that they are an integral part of their community and history. **See <https://www.facebook.com/pages/American-History-Film-Project-Exhibition/132398160299263?fref=ts>**

Ty and Teven's video can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHHfkjQFb2E>

Lexi's video can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eWP1ADbdddg>

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