

Summer of Learning kicked off

In an effort to provide exceptional learning opportunities for the children at the Vucurevich Childcare Center, summer activities focusing on community involvement have been scheduled to provide real-world, hands-on involvement targeting service, science, fine arts and community.

Invitations for local organizations and businesses to demonstrate their professions to the children have been fielded with a spectacular response of the type of community involvement South Dakota is known for.

A week dedicated as "Salute to Service" was used to kick-off the summer activities. In commemoration of Memorial Day, a member of the South Dakota Army National Guard showed the children how to salute and how to stay Army Strong with push-ups, sit-ups, and running.

Representatives from the South Dakota Highway Patrol, Clay County Sheriff's Department, and Vermillion Police Department came to talk to the children about safety and the importance of calling 9-1-1.

One of the children was delighted to share, "You only call 9-1-1 when there is an emergency. You don't call 9-1-1



Children at the Vucurevich Childcare Center receive a tour of a fire truck brought to the center by members of the Vermillion Fire Department as the center kicks off its summer activities. Each class had an opportunity to see all the special equipment inside and around both the fire truck and ambulance. (Submitted photo)

if you break the top off your toothpaste; that's not an emergency."

The peace officers gave each of the children an opportunity to jump inside each of their patrol vehicles and see how lights change from blue to red.

The week was concluded with a visit from the Vermillion Fire Department

and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) who came to share about their friend Archibald, the fire detector, and his special skill to smell when he sleeps.

The children were fully engaged with the special, protective clothes firefighters wear when they respond to a fire. Each class had an

opportunity to see all the special equipment inside and around both the fire truck and ambulance. If the children's reaction to the sirens and lights as they said goodbye to their new found friends is any indication for how the summer will turn out, it will certainly be one to scream and cheer for.

Moore named interim director of Indian ed. for state

Keith Moore of Sioux Falls has been named the interim director of Indian education for the South Dakota Department of Education.

Moore has spent the majority of his career in the education field. From 2010 to 2012, Moore was the director of the federal Bureau of Indian Education, which oversees all federally operated BIE schools across the country. Prior to that, he served as chief diversity officer at the University of South Dakota, and from 2005 to 2009 as South Dakota's director of Indian education.

"Keith understands the issues surrounding the

education of our Native American youth," said Dr. Melody Schopp, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education.

"His expertise will be especially critical as we seek to close the achievement gap for our Native students."

Moore is a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. He is currently the director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in South Dakota. Moore holds a master's degree in secondary administration from South Dakota State University and a specialist degree in educational leadership from Montana State University.

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family was taxed on his assets.

"I got mad. I couldn't figure out how we had a law in this country that said because I had a tragedy in my family ... that all of a sudden I owed the federal government thousands and thousands of dollars," she said.

Noem was initially elected to the state legislature, and ran for assistant majority leader after two years.

"It was very scary to stand up in front of all (my) colleagues after only being there for two years and saying, 'I'm going to run for this position,'" she said.

It was another "nerve-racking" opportunity, Noem said.

"You find out what people really think about you," she said. "There's nothing more informative than putting your name on a ballot."

Noem was elected to Congress in 2010, a race she said she embarked upon because she thought there should be more "everyday people" in Washington.

"I realized that we don't necessarily need people who give good speeches. We don't

necessarily need people that know how to shake a lot of hands making the laws in this country," she said. "We need everyday normal people who are willing to stand up for what's right and what's wrong serving in those positions."

She encouraged all of this year's Girls Staters to take an active role in the political process, citing the most recent election tallies that found more than 50 percent of the vote came from women.

"It's not that women have totally different issues. ... It's just that we look at things differently," Noem said. "We have a different perspective, and if more than 50 percent of the people in this country who are placing the votes are women, we've got to have some women who represent their perspective."

Even if they do not run for office, Noem said, they can find other ways to serve.

"I think it's critically important that everybody be engaged in that entire process. ... We have a lot of things that we have to get done in this country, and we're going to have a lot of tough people step up to the plate and do the tough jobs to get it done, and I know that a lot of them are here in this room," she said.

Rolling Sidewalk Sunday School June 10-13

This summer the First United Methodist Church will have vacation Bible school leaders of its SideWalk Sunday School Program, which will be held June 10 through June 13, from 5-8 p.m., with a meal at 5:30 p.m.

Emma and Benjamin are the church's "guest performers/leaders" of its Sidewalk Sunday School.

This year the program is branching out and on a roll. The self-contained trailer will be the focal point of the week.

The first night it will run concurrent with the Welcome Table at 16 N. Dakota Street in the back parking lot. Come enjoy a free meal and stay for VBS kids. Kids K-6 are invited

or younger with a parent. Tuesday through Thursday night students will gather at Prentis Park under the north picnic shelter.

In case of inclement weather we'll meet back at First UMC upstairs where there is a large air-conditioned room. Fun and games as the children learn about God's all-inclusive love through story, drama, music, games and more.

Emma K. H. McKirdy is going into her senior year at Simpson College in Iowa as a music and piano performance major.

Emma enjoys roller blading and dancing in the rain, but more importantly, she loves

working in churches with children and youth or the music, or both,

Benjamin McIntyre Wilsey is a 2013 graduate from Black Hills State University with majors in sociology, human services, and American Indian studies.

Ben enjoys mountain biking, rock climbing, juggling, unicycling, and making balloon animals. He is very excited to work with many churches this summer and use some of his hobbies to make kids smile.

Vermillion's First UMC's Pastor Rick Pittenger said, "Vermillion has a unique opportunity next week, to experience God's love just as

Jesus sent his disciples out to the communities two by two to share the good news to all. Young people Emma and Ben bring a wealth of enthusiasm, talent and love of God and children that is infectious.

"This will be an amazing, exciting event that will blow people's misconceptions about church out of the water. I see it as a brilliant way to show God's love in a practical way. You will not be disappointed. I hope to see you there. Best of all it's free," Pittenger said.

For more information, go to vermillionumc.com or e-mail Pastor Rick at pulpittvumc@gmail.com.

FOR THE RECORD

Cases Disposed 5/24-30/2013

Geoffrey Scott Hurowitz, 2010 S. Dorthy Circle, Sioux Falls; Speeding on other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Tyler Dean Hummel, 449 N. Plum Street, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Aaron McNeely, 449 N. Plum, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Michael J. Donlin, 1008 Picotte St. #5, Yankton; Speeding on other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Dylan James Wingo, 813 Madison St., Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Barb Iacino, 1909 N. University Rd., Vermillion; Speeding on other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Laurie Ann Girard, 308 E. Main Street, Vermillion; Fail to stop or slow down for school bus, \$54.00 plus costs

Larry Wayne Mortensen, 1408 W. 71st St., Sioux Falls; County speeding, \$39.00 plus costs

Michael S. Girard, 104 Iowa Street, Wakonda; Speeding on other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Brandis Williams, 314 N. Dakota Street, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Lynn Kathryn Nelson, 1054 90th Ave., Pipestone, MN; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Gavin Gilbertson, 2021 Old Bridge Road, Vermillion; Certain operators required wear seat belts, \$25.00

James Edward Goeden, 31727 Meckling Rd., Vermillion; Passengers between 14-18 required to wear seat belts, \$25.00

Jonathan David Walker, 400 E. 13th Street #203, Vermillion; No drivers license, \$54.00 plus costs

Larry Dean Rederick, 310 Kansas St., Wakonda; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, \$204.00 plus costs

Christopher D. Mart, 623 Sharpe St., Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Brittney Schweigert, 6513 S. Santa Rosa Pl., Sioux Falls; Speeding on a state highway, \$39.00 plus costs

Gage Alan Peck, 21 E. Bloomingdale, Vermillion; Purchase/receive/consume/posses s tobacco under 18, \$29.00 plus costs

Hong Yin Yang, 7969 Bondesson, Omaha, NE; Speeding on other roadways,

\$59.00 plus costs
Erin L. Mathisen, 1608 Lois Circle, Atlantic, IA; Following too closely, \$54.00 plus costs

Jerry Kurtzhals, 210 Greenview #10, Yankton; Speeding on other roadways, \$54.00 plus costs

Shane Michael Gunter, 202 E. Clark Street, Vermillion; Urinating in public, \$104.00 plus costs

Kaleb Joseph Wurth, 630 5th Ave., Le Mars, IA; Urinating in public, \$104.00 plus costs

Joseph Michael Cannon, 1125 E. Cherry St., Vermillion;

Municipal speeding, \$39.00 plus costs

Dena Edwards, 107 S. University, Vermillion; Speeding on other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Patrick Edwards Kerr, 404 Division Street, Jefferson, SD; County speeding, \$65.00 plus costs

Abby Nicole Powell, 4520 E. 53rd Street #302, Sioux Falls; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Angela Dina Rodighiero, 1008 S. Crawford Road #3, Vermillion; Municipal speeding,

\$19.00 plus costs
Mitchell Joseph Sand, 1816 Vonnie St., Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

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