#### **08** Vermillion Plain Talk

# SD State Medical Alliance joins First Lady in infant mortality effort

The South Dakota State Medical Association Alliance (SDSMA Alliance) has raised \$16,000 for Cribs for Kids, a program promoted by First Lady Linda Daugaard to help reduce infant mortality.

"In order to reduce infant mortality, it is crucial to promote safe sleep practices," said Daugaard. "I am humbled that this much money was raised and that the fight against infant mortality has become a statewide effort."

The money raised is enough to purchase 200 safe sleep kits from Cribs for Kids.

Each kit includes a crib, a sheet with a safe sleep message, a pacifier, a sleep sack and an educational brochure on safesleep practices. The SDSMA Alliance is working with the state Department of Health to distribute the cribs to those

living in the alliance's 12 districts.

The statewide SDSMA Alliance first became involved with Cribs for Kids in November of 2012 when the first lady spoke to the Sioux Falls chapter about infant mortality and measures for prevention.

Following the presentation, the alliance partnered with the First Lady and pledged to raise money for Cribs for Kids.

"The South Dakota State Medical Association Alliance recognizes the concern for the high rate of infant mortality in the State of South Dakota and was honored to be asked by First Lady Linda Daugaard to work with Cribs for Kids project this year," said Grace Wellman, a member of the alliance. "Through our fundraising and awareness efforts, the SDSMA Alliance can help

make an impact on reducing infant mortality in South Dakota.'

According to Wellman, the group recently received a national award recognizing their contribution to Cribs for Kids.

The alliance was chosen out of 28 state entries to receive the AMA Alliance Health Awareness Promotion Award in Chicago on June 16.

After she became aware of the high infant mortality rate in South Dakota, Daugaard chaired the Governor's Task Force on Infant Mortality. The task force was established in 2011 and offered its recommendations to the governor in 2012. Early this year the task force reported significant improvements in areas such as prenatal care and safe sleep practices.

# AG to review officer involved in shooting

Attorney General Marty Jackley confirms that the Division of Criminal Investigation, at the request of the South Dakota Highway Patrol and the Pennington County Sheriff's Office, is investigating the officer involved shooting that occurred June 17.

The incident took place near South Dakota Highway 1416 and 164th Avenue in rural Pennington County. The suspect, Travis Will Ross, 43, has

been admitted to the hospital for gunshot wounds.

The incident began after a call to Emergency Services Communications Center of a possible intoxicated driver on Interstate 90. A Pennington County Sheriff's Office deputy located the vehicle and a pursuit ensued.

Shortly thereafter, a second Pennington County Sheriff's deputy and a South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper became involved in the pursuit. Spike strips were deployed and a felony stop was conducted.

The incident escalated when Ross produced a weapon, which resulted in Pennington County Deputies Robert Schoeberl and Jamin Hartland and South Dakota Highway Patrol Trooper Clavton Heinrich firing their duty weapons striking Ross.

Ross currently has an active warrant for a parole violation. He was paroled from a felony

DUI conviction on November 30, 2012, but listed as an absconder on March 27, 2013.

At the completion of the investigation, the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation will issue a case report and shooting summation to be reviewed by the Attorney General for a final determination on the officers' use of force.

The release of the summary report is anticipated within 30 days.

# REHEARSAL



Matt Cook, co-director of the Vermillion Community Theatre's upcoming performance of "X is for Zebra," instructs Tim Sereda on the proper way to fall while acting on stage. Tim and other youth from the Vermillion community will present the children's musical at the Vermillion High School Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Friday. Tickets are \$5 for those over the age of 5 and are available at the door. Matt and co-director Christine Pietz held workshops and rehearsals with local youth all week as they prepared for Friday's performance.

(Photo by David Lias)

## **CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S BRIEFING**

06/09/13 13:32 - A report was received that people were on a sandbar on the Missouri River and the caller was concerned. A deputy investigated and could see the people had a boat nearby and were not in distress.

06/09/13 15:50 - A deputy responded to a report of an injured deer south of Vermillion. The deer was no longer in the area.

06/09/13 16:27 – A report was received of a stray horse east of Vermillion. A deputy contacted the owner and informed her of the problem, which has been a repeated issue.

06/09/13 18:46 – A caller reported a vehicle slowing down near his residence and causing suspicion. A deputy investigated and the vehicle

accident in Irene. 06/11/13 00:03 – A request

was received for a check of a rural resident's welfare. The caller reported he was laying in his yard. A deputy responded and did not find the man there.

06/11/13 11:49 - A deputy responded to a report of a vehicle stuck on a minimum maintenance road and was blocking the road. The owner was contacted and asked to move the vehicle as soon as possible. The vehicle was moved later in the day.

06/11/13 12:01 – Å deputy encountered a man working on a horse trailer with a broken spring. The deputy assisted the man with getting the vehicle moved to a repair

contacted the owner, who was making arrangements to get pulled out.

06/12/13 08:23 – A rural resident reported theft of copper tubing and radiators from old cars on his property. The theft occurred sometime in the past year. The matter is under investigation.

06/12/13 09:54 - A deputy received a report that a woman was seeing her probation officer and was wanted in Minnehaha County. The deputy responded and arrested the woman for the warrant.

06/12/13 10:29 - Deputies arrested a wanted person in Vermillion after he violated the 24/7 Sobriety Program. He was transported to the jail.

06/12/13 14:52 – An inmate as transported from the jail to a dentist to have a tooth pulled and then he was returned to the jail.

man violated a protection order after she saw his car at a prohibited location. Upon investigation, it was learned that the man was not at the residence and there was no violation since the residence was not listed on the order. Someone else had the car.

06/12/13 22:16 – A man reported a news crew had entered his house and taken photos. A deputy investigated and found this had not happened.

06/13/13 01:17 – A rural resident reported she couldn't locate her son. A deputy investigated and found the teenager sleeping at a friend's house.

06/13/13 12:44 - A deputy responded to a report of a horse trailer and some

06/14/13 12:16 - A deputy responded to a rural residence after receiving a report of a child with her finger stuck in a spring on a mower. The child's mother was able to free the child and transported her to the hospital herself.

06/14/13 14:20 - A request was received from the brother of a rural resident who has not been seen for some time. The brother requested a welfare check. Officers responded and entered the home, finding the man deceased. The coroner was contacted. Investigation indicated the man had died of natural causes.

06/14/13 18:28 - A patient was transported from Irene to sacred heart Hospital for an evaluation and then to the Human Services Center in Yankton for a mental health committal.

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06/15/13 09:44 - A deputy transported an inmate from the Minnehaha County Jail to the Clay County Jail after the inmate was arrested on a Clay County warrant.

06/15/13 14:25 - A deputy received a report that a motorcycle was speeding toward Vermillion from Yankton. The deputy responded to the area but the motorcycle was not observed.

06/15/13 20:21 – A deputy responded to a 911 call from a residence north of Vermillion. The call was found to be an accidental dial.

06/15/13 21:38 – A deputy encountered a disabled vehicle on Highway 46. The driver was unable to fix the car so a tow truck was requested. Traffic control was provided until the car could be moved. Total Records: 32

was gone.

06/10/13 10:37 – A deputy checked on the welfare of a person who had been threatening suicide. The woman was not found to be an immediate threat. She is seeing a counselor. No hold was placed.

06/10/13 19:49 – A deputy investigated a minor noninjury accident at Clay County Park.

06/10/13 20:37 - A deputy investigated a non-injury

06/11/13 16:12 – A deputy transported a patient from the Sanford Emergency Room to the Human Services Center in Yankton for a mental health committal.

06/11/13 20:12 – A deputy mediated a child custody dispute. The matter was referred to each parent's lawyers.

06/12/13 07:13 – A caller reported a vehicle stuck on a minimum maintenance road. A deputy checked and

06/12/13 19:51 – A deputy responded to an anonymous complaint about a family dispute in Wakonda. Upon arrival he learned that there had been some ongoing disagreements but there had been no violence. The situation had calmed down and no action was necessary. 06/12/13 20:02 – A rural

resident made a report that a

S.D. Dept. of Transportation has developed a Tentative 2014-2017 Four-Year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Tentative STIP includes all the state sponsored transportation projects for this time period. Prior to final approval of the STIP by the Transportation Commission, public meetings will be held on the following dates and locations to receive public comment on the tentative program.

July 16, 2013 Ramada Convention Center	Aberdeen	7:00 PM
July 17, 2013 Ramkota Hotel	Sioux Falls	7:00 PM
July 18, 2013 MTI Tech. Center (1800 E. Spruce)	Mitchell	
July 23, 2013 Ramkota Hotel	Pierre	
July 24, 2013 Ramkota Hotel	Rapid City	7:00 PM
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06/13/13 14:49 - A deputy transported an inmate from the jail to a dentist visit and then returned him to the jail.

06/14/13 07:00 – A report was received of a runaway juvenile girl from Wakonda. The girl was later located in Beresford and returned to her home.

#### **STIP Public Meetings**

06/15/13 02:21 - A deputy transported a patient from the Sanford Emergency Room to



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