



### Sign of peace

Students and teachers at St. Agnes School gathered around the flag pole on Monday, Sept. 21, for International Peace Day. They joined together to recite the pledge of allegiance, pray for peace, and put out pinwheels they made for a sign of peace.

## Children learn more than handwriting at summer camp



Campers enjoy one of the many "hands-on" activities. Pictured are Deonte Wilson, Jacob Hirsch, Remington Weiland, Victoria Weiland, Shelby Pietrak, Luci Hudson, Austin Burcham, and Owen Dudley.

The Occupational Therapy Department at Sanford Vermillion hosted its first Handwriting Helpers Camp this past summer. Twenty-one children from the Vermillion area in grades 1 through 3 participated in the three week program.

The program was comprised of a variety of handwriting related activities including:

- Movement and strength.
- Manipulatives.
- Arts and crafts.
- Paper and pencil challenge tasks.

The younger children worked to refine their coordination and fine motor skills, while the older children enhanced their overall writing quality by focusing on proper letter formation, line placement and spacing.

"Great concept - made learning so fun. My daughter loved going each day."

"It is a wonderful thing to see some of the changes and how much confidence is gained through these new abilities."

"We want to thank you for all the wonderful things we have noticed since beginning the camp."

These are some of the many positive comments received from parents on post-camp surveys.

To learn more about Handwriting Helpers Camp or if you have concerns regarding the fine motor development of your child, contact the Rehabilitation Services Department at Sanford Vermillion at (605) 638-8330. Sanford Vermillion is a member of Sanford Health.

## State places order for first shipment of H1N1 vaccine

The state Department of Health has ordered its first batch of the new H1N1 vaccine and expects to receive the initial shipment the week of October 4. A state health official says only a small number of doses, about 5,000, will be in that first shipment but more doses will be ordered and shipped each week after that.

When the department receives that first shipment, it will turn around and distribute it to hospitals so they can begin vaccinating health care workers in their areas as a first line of defense against H1N1. As more doses come in each succeeding week, they will be targeted to other priority groups for vaccination - pregnant women, young children, parents and caregivers for infants younger than 6 months, and children with chronic health conditions. Vaccine will be offered to these target groups through department community health offices, private clinics, and community clinics.

"Health care workers are at high risk for the flu because of their close contact with infected people," said Secretary of Health Doneen Hollingsworth. "It's essential that they are among the first vaccinated so we can

assure a healthy workforce that's able to take care of the ill."

Hollingsworth said the vaccine will be targeted at those workers who have direct patient care contact. The initial shipment will be the nasal spray vaccine, which can only be given to healthy individuals between the ages of 2 and 49. It is not recommended for pregnant women.

Federal health officials expect 186 million doses of H1N1 vaccine in the United States by January 2010, a total well above the number of doses ever given during any normal flu season.

"There should be more than enough vaccine for everyone who wants it - we need to take care of the high risk groups first and the rest of us just need to be patient and wait until a little later in the season," said the Secretary. "Every flu season we're still promoting flu shots in December and even January because as long as the virus is circulating, it's never too late to get the shot and be protected. The situation is the same with the H1N1 virus."

Flu clinics will be listed on the department's Web site, <http://h1n1.sd.gov>.

## Vermillion, other communities, will work to recruit medical device companies

Ten communities across South Dakota, including Vermillion, are joining forces with the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) to bring more businesses to South Dakota.

Leaders from those communities and GOED officials will attend the Medical Design and Manufacturing (MD&M) trade show in Minneapolis Oct. 20-22.

"The state has been targeting medical device manufacturers for some time, and this show is a great way for us to showcase South Dakota's advantageous business climate and develop new leads," said Richard Benda, Secretary of the Department

of Tourism and State Development. "The MD&M show is among the top shows in the industry. Banding together to represent South Dakota as a unified entity has proved to be a very effective recruitment tool."

The effort is a result of the GOED's cooperative marketing program, which was put in place last year to increase business recruitment through collaboration between the state and its communities. The communities attending the show are: Aberdeen, Brookings, Mitchell, North Sioux City, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux

Falls, Vermillion, Watertown and Yankton. Also attending are representatives from the Lincoln and Minnehaha Economic Development Association.

"Though this cooperative strategy is relatively new, similar efforts at other trade shows have already proved to increase our results considerably," Benda said.

The Governor's Office of Economic Development is a division of the Department of Tourism and State Development. GOED's primary goal is to move South Dakota's economy forward through business development.

### HAPPENINGS AT THE W.H. OVER MUSEUM

On Oct. 25, the Friends of the W. H. Over Museum will sponsor their annual Pumpkin Carving Party at 2:30 p.m. Carving will take place in the Discovery Room and participants are asked to bring their own pumpkin for carving. Immediately following, at 3:30 p.m., there will be a chance for pumpkin carvers to trick and treat throughout the museum galleries. Board members will be present to see that there will be treats for everyone.

At 4 p.m., there will be a scarecrow contest - participants are asked to bring in scarecrows to compete for prizes in categories of the ugliest, the prettiest, the smallest, the biggest, etc. Everyone is guaranteed a prize even if we have to invent a category. Scarecrow judging will take place at 5 p.m. and immediately following, a soup and pie supper will be served. Bruce Gray and Friends will provide a variety of musical selections for diners' enjoyment. Festivities will finish up at approximately 6:45 p.m. Admission is free will for the meal and we encourage costume wearing.

Recently, the Over Museum has received some treasures for display. The Heikes family has gifted Kay Heikes' quilt of famous names for display

along with her intricately built and furnished dollhouse. Both of these should be ready for viewing by the Pumpkin Party Day. In addition, work to complete the Burr Broom Factory is nearing completion and we hope to be able to make a broom or two very soon. These contributions are from members and friends from Vermillion and are appreciated very much.

In November, the annual Veterans Day program will again take place on Wednesday, Nov. 11. We will have an appropriate display to honor those who have served in the armed forces. The Christmas festival is scheduled for Dec. 6 from 1 until 4:30 p.m. and many vendors have indicated they will be there; this includes our favorite lefse makers from Yankton. After the new year, artist Janet Jen-

son of Yankton will display her series of paintings of Spearfish Canyon in the fall months. Along with the display, the artist will present a gallery talk.

The Over Museum continues to host tours and two of the more recent included Red Hatters from Minnesota and 16 visitors in wheelchairs from the care center in Yankton. We welcome tours of all ages. Our Kids' Club has begun their year's activities and information is available at 677-5228. The museum is open daily, Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and 12 noon until 4 p.m. on Saturdays. We are closed on Sunday. Special openings and events can be arranged.

The Over Museum is the oldest museum in South Dakota and we welcome you to visit this treasure.

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