

Susan Osborn sings for Governor, First Lady urge flu vaccinations

Women in the Arts

Singer Susan Osborn will perform on Thursday, Oct. 18 at Washington Street Arts Center in Vermillion at 8 p.m. Women in the Arts Night will also feature a reception with refreshments at 6 p.m., and a poetry reading at 6:30 p.m.



where the serenity and silence of nature have colored the creation of numerous original songs, and the synergy of the island’s vital artistic community has inspired Osborn to refine her voice to even greater heights.

Osborn came to world prominence as lead singer of the Paul Winter Consort between 1978 and 1985, shining on such albums as “Common Ground,” “Missa Gaia,” and “Concert For the Earth.” She has performed all over the U.S. and throughout the world – at the United Nations, the Berlin Wall, the Nagano Winter Olympics, the Global Forum in Kyoto and the Hague, and for memorial and peace ceremonies at Hiroshima and Post-9/11 New York.

For the past two decades, Susan and her husband, artist/writer David Densmore, have lived on Orcas Island, WA

The evening will feature visual art by Nicole Geary and the poetry of Mary Blackburnet, Lindy Obach, Jenny Yang Cropp, Marcella Remund, Lee Ann Roripaugh and Norma Wilson. The event is sponsored by the University of South Dakota’s Women and Gender Studies Program as part of this year’s Biennial Women and Gender Conference with a theme of “Gender and Conflict.” Vermillion Area Arts Council is co-sponsoring the event, which is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.usd.edu/womensstudies.com.

Sanford Health celebrates role of primary care

During the week of Oct. 8-12 Sanford Health joins the rest of the nation in recognizing the important role primary care physicians and teams play in health care. Primary care teams provide a lifetime of care in the communities Sanford Health serves.

A primary care physician practices adult and family medicine and is your first stop for medical care.

“Primary care teams are essential to our mission of

health and healing at Sanford,” says Tim Tracy, CEO, Sanford Vermillion. “They are a first point of contact for someone with an undiagnosed health concern. They treat a variety of medical conditions and are there for annual checkups and exams. We couldn’t do what we do without them.”

As Sanford Health says “thank you” they invite the public to do the same, by making an appointment today.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard and First Lady Linda Daugaard rolled up their sleeves today to get vaccinated against the flu, and they urge all others to do the same.

“As new grandparents, we’ve learned that babies younger than six months are too young to get the flu vaccine but are at high risk for complications if they get sick with the flu,” the Governor said. “Grandparents should protect themselves and their infant grandchildren by getting vaccinated, and we encourage everyone else to do likewise.”

South Dakota has already confirmed four cases of influenza, all in children. Children account for a significant number of flu cases and hospitalizations each year

and also spread flu in communities. The state provides free flu vaccine for all kids from six months to 18 years of age.

Yearly flu vaccinations are recommended for everyone, but some groups are at higher risk for complications, including young infants. Pregnant women, people older than 50 and those with chronic medical conditions are also at higher risk.

The state Health Department says South Dakotans can help prevent spreading the flu by practicing common sense measures such as frequent hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home when ill. Learn more about flu prevention at flu.sd.gov



Chip Rombough, a registered nurse with the South Dakota Department of Health, gives Gov. Dennis Daugaard a flu shot. (Submitted photo)

Unemployment insurance information exchange made easier for employers

The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation has made information exchange for unemployment insurance (UI) requests easier for employers. Responses can now be submitted electronically through the State Information Data Exchange System (SIDES) E-Response system.

The SIDES E-Response website provides an efficient,

secure and standardized format for responses to UI claim notices. Previously, the only option was standard mail delivery.

“The new electronic system is a cost savings to both employers and taxpayers,” said State Labor and Regulation Secretary Pam Roberts. “It reduces benefit overpayments, reduces staff time and reduces paperwork.”

SIDES E-Response is especially helpful to those that operate in multiple states and handle a large volume of UI information requests. South Dakota employers may register for the system at www.sdjobs.org.

“I’m happy we have the opportunity to make interacting with government easier for businesses,” said Roberts. “This online automated process

makes sense.”

SIDES E-Response was developed in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor and state UI agencies. Forty-two states will be using SIDES E-Response by the end of 2012.

For information on other participating states, visit <http://info.uisides.org>

Presentation will discuss merits of a carbon tax

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m., USD Emeritus Economics Professor, Dennis Johnson, will demonstrate why a carbon tax reduces carbon emissions at a much lower cost to society than direct government regulation or even cap and trade. Direct government regulation (like CAFE standards for motor vehicles) reduces emissions at a cost several times higher than that of a carbon tax.

The talk will concentrate on the analysis that provides the reasons for preferring the tax on carbon to all alternatives.

The presentation will be at the W. H. Over Museum, 1110 Ratingen Strasse St. in Vermillion, directly east of the DakotaDome. The event is sponsored by the Living Rivers Group of the South Dakota Sierra Club.

Fall Fun & Games at library

If you’re looking for some exciting entertainment this fall, there will be an afternoon of fun and games in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20. Engage in mental stimulation by playing board games and putting jigsaw puzzles together.

Fun & Games provides the opportunity to learn or to show others how to play games from our extensive collection, while interacting with individuals of all ages.

Anyone ages 12 and up is invited to attend this activity. There will be a wide variety of challenging and interesting games and puzzles available. Extra games and puzzles are welcome. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

For more information, call the library at 677-7060 or e-mail vp1@sdln.net.

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Other terms and conditions apply to the Lifeline offering. For example, customers must apply for Lifeline, and applicants are required to provide at time of application proof of their participation in one of the qualifying programs or proof of their total annual household income and recertify lifeline eligibility on an annual basis. Lifeline is a government benefit program and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program. Also, as long as a qualified individual agrees to toll blocking, that individual is not required to pay a deposit prior to our service being offered. Toll blocking is offered to qualifying individuals without charge.

A complete set of terms for the Lifeline program is available at our customer service location, 5100 South Broadband Lane, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57108.

We encourage you to contact us if you believe you may qualify for these programs. Please contact us at (605) 965-9393, or visit us at 5100 South Broadband Lane, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57108. Our customer service representatives can work with you to answer any questions you may have.

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