

Flu Vaccination Clinic Slated For Vermillion HS

VERMILLION — Sanford Vermillion announces a flu vaccination clinic at the Vermillion High School Commons on Wednesday, Oct. 12, running from 4-7 p.m.

Vaccinations are being offered to school age children (K-12) who meet the vaccine qualifying criteria. This clinic utilizes free vaccine provided by the State of South Dakota for children age 6 months-18 years of age.

Two options will also be available for adults: flu vaccination for \$20 or flu mist for \$25. Sanford Health Plan and Medicare Part B clients may present your insurance card to cover the vaccine cost.

Vermillion PTA in partnership with Sanford Health Plan is also hosting a Children's Health Fair for students in grades 6-12. The health fair will be in the Vermillion High School Gymnasium in conjunction with the flu clinic and will include a variety of health-related topics including Zumba Fitness, SUPER foods taste testing, hydration station, UV safety and much more. The Children's Health Fair will also include prizes and drawings for fun giveaways.

Who should receive a flu shot?

Everyone who wants to reduce the risk of becoming ill with influenza or of transmitting it to others should get a flu shot. Certain groups are at higher risk and are strongly recommended to receive the vaccination:

- All children ages six months and up;
- Pregnant women and anyone who becomes pregnant during the flu season;
- People 50 years and older;
- Adults and children with certain chronic conditions;

To prevent transmission to high-risk populations, vaccination is also recommended for:

- Healthcare workers;
- Caregivers of children less than six months of age and adults over age 50;
- Adults and children who live with children less than six months of age;
- Adults and children who live with or care for persons with medical conditions that put them at higher risk for severe complications from influenza.

For more information about flu or flu vaccination, go to the CDC's Web site at www.cdc.gov/Features/FLU/.

Library Board Of Trustees To Meet Wednesday

The Yankton Community Library Board of Trustees will hold its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, in the library meeting room at 515 Walnut.

For further information, call 668-5275.

Share Your Reflections With The P&D

The Press & Dakotan will be publishing its annual "Pink Edition" on Monday, Oct. 17, to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

As part of the commemoration, we are seeking reflections from people whose lives have been touched by breast cancer, either from having fought the disease or by knowing someone who has. These reflections can be written, a voice recording or a video recording. The digital recordings will be posted on our website. Please keep the written comments to 400 words.

To submit your reflections, send them to: Pink Edition, Yankton Press & Dakotan, P.O. Box 56, Yankton, SD 57078; or to news@yankton.net. The entry deadline is Thursday, Oct. 13.

Reminder: Put Out Garbage Before 7 a.m.

The City of Yankton would like to remind residents to have their garbage placed by 7 a.m. on the day of their scheduled pickup.

Two 33-gallon containers with lids and handles are allowed per household.

Register For FEMA Disaster Assistance Now

PIERRE — People who might have flood-related damage this winter — such as from frost heave, sinkholes or soil settling — should register for disaster assistance now, before the deadline, disaster officials announced.

"You may not have any visible damage yet, but it could show up later," said State Coordinating Officer Kristi Turman of the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management. "If your home or business was near the floodwater or high water table, we encourage you to register now with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. If you wait until after the deadline, and then your basement walls crack or floor buckles, you could have a huge expense and it would be too late to register."

Homeowners and landlords whose buildings were in or near the high water are encouraged to register with FEMA before the Oct. 24 deadline, Turman said. Once they are registered, they may be eligible for aid if new damage caused by the flood develops. However, if they have not registered by Oct. 24, they will not be eligible for federal aid even if new damage develops.

Turman also encouraged homeowners and

landlords to fill out and turn in loan applications with the Small Business Administration by the SBA's deadline of October 24. Damage to basement floors or walls could cost more than FEMA grants would be able to pay. The SBA loans for home repairs can be for up to \$200,000 at interest rates as low as 2.563 percent, with terms up to 30 years. There is no cost to apply and SBA does not charge fees, points or closing costs. Applicants may apply online via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Those who fill out and return the loan forms by Oct. 24 will have plenty of time later to decide if they need or want the loan. Applicants may request an increase to their approved loan if they find additional disaster damage.

"Register now, even though you may not qualify for aid now," said FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer Gary Stanley. "Then you may be eligible for help later if you find new damage. You call back to our same phone line, give your registration number and tell us you have new damage, and we will take a look at it."

Frost heave results when the frost line is deep enough to be near groundwater and

form ice layers that lift the soil. Information about preventing damage from frost heave is available from North Dakota State University at <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/pubs/ageng/structu/ae1594.pdf>.

Homeowners, renters and business owners affected by the disaster can register for assistance by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362), TTY 800-462-7585, or by going online at www.disasterassistance.gov. The toll-free line will be in operation from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CDT seven days a week until further notice.

Persons affected by the floods can also apply for federal assistance through a web-enabled mobile device or Smartphone by going to m.fema.gov and following the link to apply online for federal assistance and other recovery help.

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling SBA at (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339.

Medicare Open Enrollment Period Dates Have Changed

PIERRE — The open enrollment period for Medicare Part D and Medicare Advantage plans are fast approaching and this year's enrollment period will be from Oct. 15-Dec. 7, 2011.

"One of the things we want people to know is that if they have a Medicare Advantage plan, the only time they can make changes to their plans is Oct. 15-Dec. 7, 2011," said Kim Malsam-Rysdon, secretary for the Department of Social Services. "All Medicare recipients should take this time to review their current plans with their spouse or other family members and consider whether a change in coverage is necessary for them."

The open enrollment period for Medicare Part D and Medicare Advantage plans runs from Oct. 15-Dec. 7, 2011. Part D offers prescription drug coverage for all people with Medicare, and allows recipients to choose between at least two prescription drug plans. Coverage includes both brand name and generic drugs.

Beginning Oct. 15, trained volunteers from the South Dakota Sen-

ior Health Information and Insurance Education Program (SHIINE) will offer free assistance to seniors seeking additional Medicare information.

SHIINE volunteers can help seniors compare plans, evaluate their current coverage and fill out paperwork. Seniors taking advantage of the free one-on-one counseling should bring their Medicare card and a current list of Medications. The volunteers will use this information to walk through an online evaluation that compares coverage options. This evaluation can also be accessed from home at www.medicare.gov.

For more information on SHIINE or to meet with a volunteer in your community, call 1-800-536-8197 or contact your Regional Coordinator:

- Eastern South Dakota: Tom Hoy at 605-333-3314 or SHIINE@cfag.org.
- Central South Dakota: Kathleen Nagle at 605-224-3212 or SHIINE@centralsd.org.
- Western South Dakota: Debbie Stangle at 605-342-8635 or SHIINE@westriversd.org.

SDDOT Unveils New Road-Condition Website

PIERRE — The South Dakota Department of Transportation has unveiled a new and improved road-condition reporting website.

Travelers who visit www.safetravelusa.com/sd will find a user-friendly map that shows road conditions, road construction, traffic cameras and features not previously available.

"Safety is the department's No. 1 priority. By providing travelers of South Dakota highways with the most up-to-date road and weather information, we are giving them the tools to make good travel decisions," said Darin Bergquist, state Transportation Secretary.

Improvements to SafeTravelUSA include features requested by the website's users, including a bolder map that can be zoomed to all state highways, overlaid weather display, and larger camera images. By choosing from several icons on the right side of the map, users can customize the map to their individual needs.

As another added feature, locations on SafeTravelUSA and on South Dakota's phone-based 511 system will be referenced to geographic landmarks instead of highway mileposts.

Bergquist said the goal is to have www.safetravelusa.com/sd recognized as a "must-check" information site for travelers in South Dakota.

"Whether a motorist wants the latest information on a winter storm, road conditions during flooding or simply a look where construction projects might affect travel, we want to www.safetravelusa.com/sd to provide that information clearly," he said.

OBITUARIES

Erna Cook

Erna E. Cook, age 95, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Thursday, October 6, 2011, at Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Dani Jo Ninke officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation with the family present is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 10, 2011 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are Terry Doering, Fletcher Stark, Calahan Stark, Thad Jensen, Nick Jensen, and Jess Paulsen.

Erna Evelyn Cook was born August 16, 1916 in Irene, South



Cook

Dakota, to Martin and Nicolette (Jacobsen) Westergaard. She grew up in rural Irene and attended Slowey Country School while working on the farm helping with the chores until her family moved to Oregon. She married Christian Paulsen on November 26, 1940 in Reno, Nevada. They lived in Oregon until moving to Yankton in August of 1948. Erna worked at Stupenagles in Yankton until 1968. She married Clifford Cook in 1967 in Rapid City, South Dakota. They moved out to their farm north of Yankton after their marriage where Erna helped Clifford with the chores. Clifford died in 1980. In 1989 Erna moved back into

Erna enjoyed sewing, crocheting, embroidering, reading, her flowers, and especially spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her happiest times where spent working on the farm.

Survivors include her three children: Mary (Roy) Doering of Yankton; Jens (Linda) Paulsen of Centerville, South Dakota; and Joyce (Randy) Jensen of Crook, South Dakota; 11 grandchildren: Kenneth (Penny) Stimpson, Timothy (Sharon) Hindsman, Donna (Scott) Hendrix, Teresa (Roger) Conn, Terry (Danielle) Doering, Tammy (Jake) Larson, Jess (Melissa) Paulsen, Lars (Bobbi) Paulsen, Tina (John) Hilt, Thad (Tonya) Jensen, and Nick Jensen; 29 great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; sister Maesy Barber of Salem, Oregon; two step children: Delores (Bob) Roach of Missouri and Larry Cook of

California; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clifford; two daughters, Verna Mae Hindsman and Carla Byrd; two sons in infancy, Joe and Christian; two brothers, Arnold and Carl Westergaard; and sister, Carrie Jacobsen.

To send an online sympathy message to the family visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Online condolences at: www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Gertrude Tjeerdsma

SPRINGFIELD — Gertrude Tjeerdsma, 86, of Springfield died Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, at Sanford Vermillion Hospital, Vermillion.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Emmanuel Reformed Church, Springfield. Burial is in the Emanuel Cemetery, rural Springfield.

Visitation will be at the church from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, with the family present from 6-7 p.m. followed by a Prayer Service at 7 p.m.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Springfield, is in charge of arrangements.

Edward Metter

Edward Metter, 65 of Yankton died Sunday afternoon, Oct. 9, 2011, from injuries sustained in an automobile/pedestrian accident.

Funeral services are pending under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

Wanda Hannahs

VERMILLION — Wanda Hannahs, 48, of Vermillion, SD passed away on Friday, October 7 at her home.

Wanda was born October 15, 1962 in Vermillion, SD to Lyle and June (Mille) Sherman. She attended school in Wakonda, SD and graduated in 1980. Following graduation she enrolled in Nettleton College and graduated with an Associate's degree in accounting.

Wanda married Daniel Swensen on August 7, 1982. Their daughter, Heather, was born on April 5, 1985. They later divorced and she remarried Tim Hannahs on December 17, 1993. With this union Wanda gained 2 step-daughters, Echo and Jenni. Tim and Wanda's daughter, Dana, was born April 17, 1991.

Wanda enjoyed driving motorcycles, camping, hunting and spending quality time with her family. After being involved in a tragic motor vehicle accident, Wanda spent many days volunteering her time to tell her story to many people including USD Physical and Occupational Therapy students. Wanda touched many hearts in the community with her warm and cheerful personality. She was always optimistic in trying to make the best of her situation.

She is survived by her husband Tim of Vermillion, two step-daughters: Echo Heinrich of Yankton, Jenni (Greg) Bates of Centerville, SD, and two daughters: Heather (Tyler) Anglin and Dana Hannahs (Justin Nelsen, Special friend) all of Vermillion. She is also survived by her mother June Sherman of Vermillion, and five sisters: Saundra (Cal) Rahn of Ponca, NE, Elaine (Skip) Johnson of Vermillion, Janice (Don) Lyso of Wakonda, Verlene (Richard) Olson of Irene, SD

and Verna Jean (Dick) Orr of Wakonda and six grandchildren: Mackenzie, Katie, Coral, Matthew, Cameron and Waylon.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother Stephen.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 11 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion with burial to follow in the Bluffview Cemetery in Vermillion.

Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 10 with a prayer service at 7:00 all at the church.

Visit hansenfuneralhome.com.

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Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Platte. A committal service will follow at the Platte City Cemetery.

Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the church, followed by a 7 p.m. prayer service.

Memorials in Duane's honor may be directed to: Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 427, Platte, SD 57369 or Platte City Cemetery Association, 37416 272nd Street, Platte, SD 57369.

Mount Funeral Home, Platte, is assisting with arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family through www.mountfuneralhome.com.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Platte. A committal service will follow at Bloomington Cemetery, rural Platte with military honors by Campbell-Timmerman American Legion Post No. 115 of Platte.

Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at Mount Funeral Home, Platte, with a 7 p.m. prayer service.

Memorials in Joe's honor may be directed to: Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 427, Platte, SD 57369 or American Cancer Society Relay for Life, 35732 270th Street, Platte, SD 57369. Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family through www.mountfuneralhome.com.

Duane Wilcox

PLATTE — Duane H. Wilcox, 79, of Platte, formerly of Lead, died Friday, Oct. 7, 2011, at the Platte Care Center.

Joseph Johnson

PLATTE — Joseph L. Johnson, 84, of Platte died Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, at the Platte Care Center.

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Our care and concern does not end with the funeral service. This week we remember with family and friends the anniversary of the deaths of:

Delores Klimisch
who passed away on
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This remembrance is brought to you free of charge. If you have a loved one you would like remembered, contact us at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory. Guiding and serving families with compassion and trust.

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Enter the Journey

Are you struggling with grief or loss or helping someone through dark times? Learn more about the grief process during this 4 session educational program.

Everyone Welcome!

No cost to attend.

Presented as a community service by:
Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton
Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington,
Coleridge and Crofton, NE.

Sessions will be held at:

4:00-5:30pm	6:30-8:00pm
The Learning Center at the Msgr. Werner Activities Center, Hartington, NE	Wintz & Ray Funeral Home 2901 Douglas Yankton, SD

Session Topics:

- Oct. 11 • Expectations on the Journey
- Oct. 18 • No formal session – we encourage people to attend the grief seminar presented by Alan Wolfelt to be held at the Avera Pavilion.
- Oct. 25 • Exploring the Grief
- Nov. 1 • Embracing the Uniqueness of Your Grief
- Nov. 8 • Experiencing Life Beyond

Presenter: Sheila Kramer, Aftercare Coordinator
Sheila is the aftercare coordinator for the Wintz Funeral Homes. She received her Master's Degree in School Counseling with an emphasis in Community Counseling and has over 21 years of counseling experience.

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