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COMMUNITY

Always remember



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Leta Wise Spirit (left) and Bobbi McGhee lead a group of family and friends on a suicide awareness walk. The walk took place Saturday morning along the bike path on S.D. Highway 1806 in memory of Wise Spirit's son, Fabian, who died in 2004.

Local family hopes to spark dialogue about suicide issue

By Travis Gulbrandson
 CAPITAL JOURNAL STAFF

FORT PIERRE — Suicide is the second-leading cause of death in South Dakota for people between the ages of 10 and 34, regardless of sex or race, according to statistics from the Suicide Prevention Resource Center.

No one knows or understands the loss from suicide better than Leta Wise Spirit, whose son, Fabian, committed suicide in Pierre three years ago.

In an effort to bring awareness and spark dialogue about suicide, Wise Spirit spear-

headed the Suicide Awareness Memorial Walk

"We wanted to bring awareness to the community because a lot of people have committed suicide in our community, but nobody talks about it," Wise Spirit said. "We wanted to let the community know that it is OK to talk about it, and that a family can heal. And I wanted to do it in memory of my son. He was a person who helped a lot of people in his life."

The walk was held near the United Sioux Tribes powwow arena Saturday, just before registration for the Lewis &

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The suicide awareness memorial walk was held near the United Sioux Tribes powwow arena Saturday, just before registration for the Lewis & Clark Traditional Exhibition Powwow. Fifteen people took part, many of them family members.

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Janice Moore and her husband Dave, both from Vivian, look at World War II-era artifacts at the bus-eum exhibit 'Behind Barbed Wire: Midwest POWs in Nazi Germany' Wednesday in Pierre.

Bus museum makes stop in Pierre

Traveling exhibit displays World War II history

By Crystal Lindell
 CAPITAL JOURNAL STAFF

PIERRE — On Valentine's Day, 1943, German forces captured about 1,800 men in the 34th Division in North Africa — many of those men were from South Dakota.

"They were marched through the desert to Tunis," said Michael Luick-Thrams, executive director of the TRACES Center for History

and Culture. "They were flown to Naples and then sent on box cars to Germany and they spent 2 years in German camps."

Luick-Thrams currently is traveling with the bus exhibit "Behind Barbed Wire: Midwest POWs in Nazi Germany," and it made a stop in Pierre Wednesday afternoon. The bus had drawings, clothing and pictures of men who were prison-

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AWARD

Local clinics to be honored for immunizations

Medical Associates Clinic, Sanford Clinic/Dakota Plains will be awarded for consistently maintaining immunization rates

By Travis Gulbrandson
 CAPITAL JOURNAL STAFF

PIERRE — Two Pierre clinics will be among a number of health care providers honored by the Department of Health for continuing efforts in child immunization.

Medical Associates Clinic, which will be receiving the Golden Syringe Award, and Sanford Clinic/Dakota Plains, which will be receiving an award for consistently maintaining immunization rates will be honored during an award luncheon Sept. 26 in Pierre.

"We know that clinics across South Dakota are working hard to reach these kids with life-saving vaccinations and we're

pleased to recognize them and the great job they're doing," Bonnie Jameson, disease prevention administrator for the Department of Health, said.

Representatives from both offices said they are glad to hear the news.

Brenda Fry, registered nurse for MAC, said the award shows that doctors and staff do a good job with following up and making sure children come in and get their immunizations.

"It shows that we care highly about the immunization rate of our children — generally that we care about the well-being and the health of the children

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NATION

Dems proposal runs into GOP resistance

By Anne Flaherty
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON — Democratic legislation to regulate troop combat tours in Iraq ran into stiff resistance in the Senate Wednesday from Republicans who said the military, not Congress, should manage deployments.

The proposal by Sen. Jim Webb, a former Navy secretary and Vietnam veteran, would require that troops be allowed as much time at home



Sen. Jim Webb Sen. John McCain

as they do deployed. Currently, Army soldiers spend about 15 months in combat and 12 months home.

One of several Democratic proposals intended to challenge President Bush on the Iraq war, Webb's bill was seen as having the best shot at achieving the 60 votes needed to advance. The bill attracted three dozen co-sponsors, including Republicans Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, Olympia Snowe of Maine and Gordon Smith of Oregon.

"You cannot continue to load on to 1 percent of our society all the burdens, all the sacrifices as we are doing. It's

wrong," Hagel told reporters at a Capitol Hill news conference.

But other Republicans said the bill would micromanage the military and potentially force a withdrawal of troops from Iraq.

Sen. John McCain, the top Republican on the Armed Services Committee and a Vietnam veteran, called the Webb bill a "backdoor method" of forcing troop withdrawals, which could spark chaos and genocide in the region.

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Weather

A TOASTY DAY
 High 90 | Low 57

Tonight: Mainly clear

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and breezy

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Honker 5k and 10k Road Race

Saturday, September 22nd

Race Day Registration:
 LaFrambois Island Picnic Shelter
 Sept. 22nd at 7:30 am - 8:30 am
 \$12.00 Entry Fee
 Races start 9:00 am

