Special Origami Peace Crane Donated to Historic Wendover Airfield

August 5 marked a sentimental ceremony, hosted by the Historic Wendover Airfield, where the family of Sadako Sasaki donated a rare origami crane to the former WWII bombing and gunnery training range.

Sadako Sasaki was a young Japanese girl known for surviving the blast of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, at the age of two. She was later diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Japanese folklore claims that if you fold 1,000 origami cranes—mystical creatures of Japanese culture—you will be granted a wish or eternal happiness. The cranes are also a symbol of peace and hope. Sadako folded more than 600 cranes before her death at the age of 12, in 1955.

Since Sadako’s passing, the family has ceremoniously donated the paper cranes she folded to various places of historical importance throughout the world. These cranes have been presented as tokens of international friendship and peace.

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Vaccination Information

Why Are Childhood Vaccines So Important?

It is always better to prevent a disease than to treat it after it occurs.

Diseases that used to be common in this country and around the world, including polio, measles, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), rubella (German measles), mumps, tetanus, rotavirus and Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) can now be prevented by vaccination. Thanks to a vaccine, one of the most terrible diseases in history—smallpox—no longer exists outside the laboratory. Over the years vaccines have prevented countless cases of disease and saved millions of lives.

Immunity Protects Us From Disease.

Immunity is the body’s way of preventing disease. Children are born with an immune system composed of cells, glands, organs, and fluids located throughout the body. The immune system recognizes germs that enter the body as “foreign invaders” (called antigens) and produces proteins called antibodies to fight them.

The first time a child is infected with a specific antigen (say measles virus), the immune system produces antibodies designed to fight it. This takes time... usually the immune system can’t work fast enough to prevent the antigen from causing disease, so the child still gets sick. However, the immune system “remembers” that antigen. If it ever enters the body again, even after many years, the immune system can produce antibodies fast enough to keep it from causing disease a second time. This protection is called immunity.

It would be nice if there were a way to give children immunity to a disease without their having to get sick first. In fact there is:

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Vaccinations Cont.

Vaccines contain the same antigens (or parts of antigens) that cause diseases. For example, measles vaccine contains measles virus. But the antigens in vaccines are either killed, or weakened to the point that they don’t cause disease. However, they are strong enough to make the immune system produce antibodies that lead to immunity. In other words, a vaccine is a safer substitute for a child’s first exposure to a disease. The child gets protection without having to get sick. Through vaccination, children can develop immunity without suffering from the actual diseases that vaccines prevent.

Diseases are becoming rare due to vaccinations.

It’s true, some diseases (like polio and diphtheria) are becoming very rare in the U.S. Of course, they are becoming rare largely because we have been vaccinating against them. But it is still reasonable to ask whether it’s really worthwhile to keep vaccinating.

It’s much like bailing out a boat with a slow leak. When we started bailing, the boat was filled with water. But we have been bailing fast and hard, and now it is almost dry. We could say, ”Good. The boat is dry now, so we can throw away the bucket and relax.” But the leak hasn’t stopped. Before long we’d notice a little water seeping in, and soon it might be back up to the same level as when we started.

Keep immunizing until disease is eliminated.

Unless we can ”stop the leak” (eliminate the disease), it is important to keep immunizing. Even if there are only a few cases of disease today, if we take away the protection given by vaccination, more and more people will become infected and will spread disease to others. Soon we will undo the progress we have made over the years.

What if we stopped vaccinating?

So what would happen if we stopped vaccinating here? Diseases that are almost unknown would stage a comeback. Before long we would see epidemics of diseases that are nearly under control today. More children would get sick and more would die.

We vaccinate to protect our future.

We don’t vaccinate just to protect our children. We also vaccinate to protect our grandchildren and their grandchildren. With one disease, smallpox, we ”stopped the leak” in the boat by eradicating the disease. Our children don’t have to get smallpox shots anymore because the disease no longer exists. Smallpox is now only a memory, and if we keep vaccinating against other diseases, the same will someday be true for them too. Vaccinations are one of the best ways to put an end to the serious effects of certain diseases.

Tooele County Health Department offers childhood and adult vaccinations. Most insurances plans are accepted. Vaccines are available for a low fee or no cost for those who qualify. Walk-in Immunization Clinics are held every Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Fridays 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Call (435) 277-2310, 2311, 2309, 2303 for more information or to check availability. Visit www.tooelehealth.org

The Town of Stockton held a dedication ceremony on September 9 at the town’s new Veterans’ Memorial Park, to honor their veterans.
Utah Motorsports Campus
New, fun ways to satisfy your need for speed

At the Utah Motorsports Campus (UMC) Kart Track, there is a brand-new fleet of 26 Righetti karts (24 single-seaters, 2 two-seaters) ready to race. These karts are a significant upgrade from the old karts, and will do around 45 mph. They provide a perfect opportunity for your friends and/or family to see who has the right stuff! Coming soon: Night Racing!

Also at the Kart Track are four new racing simulators. These are state-of-the-art SimExperience machines running full-motion SimVibe tactile feedback software and the same iRacing programs that professional drivers use to train, with three 50-inch video monitors per machine. These are the most advanced racing simulators available to the public in North America.

For off-roading fans, UMC has acquired a fleet of Polaris 570 Ace single-seat UTVs and built a special track for them on the Off Road Short Course. If you want to kick up a little dust and high-speed fun without driving to the mountains or Moab, this is the way to do it!

All of these options are available to both individuals and groups. For more information, visit www.UtahMotorsportsCampus.com or call 435-277-8000.

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Child Abuse Hotline
1-855-323-3237
*If you suspect that a child is being abused, state law requires that you must report the abuse to proper authorities.

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Tooele County has some of the most spectacular sunsets around. Photo credit: Chris Sloan
Upcoming Events

- Oct 9 – Columbus Day
- Oct 13-14 – Utah Honey Harvest Festival – Grantsville Clark Historic Farm
- Oct 27 – 7:00 pm – Down N Dirty Barrel Race – Deseret Peak Conference Center
- Oct 28 – 5:00 pm – Children’s Justice Center, Black Tie Blue Jeans Fundraiser – Utah Motorsports Campus
- Oct 20-21 – 10:00 am - 6:00 pm – Pumpkin Walk – Benson Gristmill
- Oct 30 – Happy Halloween
- Nov 7 – Election Day
- Nov 11 – Veteran’s Day (observed)
- Nov 23 – Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov 25 – Grantsville City Light Parade – Begins at dark
- Dec 2 – 10:00 am – Tooele County Chamber of Commerce Santa Parade – Tooele City

For a full list of Deseret Peak Complex’s calendar of events and activities: http://deseretpeakcomplex.com/calendar/

Origami Cont.

Sadako’s family, Tooele County representatives, joined by several Japanese media outlets, as well as local media station KUTV, gathered at Wendover’s Historic Airfield, where Sadako’s nephew presented the second-to-last origami crane to leadership of the Airfield museum.

Wendover Airfield is one of six sites in the United States to receive a gift from the Sasaki family. This gift is representative of peace and hope versus the angst and devastation of war between all people—not to be construed as an apology or condemnation of the WWII actions.

Thanksgiving
- Halloween
- Witches
- Yellow
- Brisk
- Pumpkin
- Turkey

Spices
- Orange
- Leaves
- Goblins
- Spooky
- Haunted
- Brown

Hay
- Ghost
- Owl
- Spider
- Cornstalks
- Pilgrims
- Candy

November 7
Election Day