

NPS Announces Weekend Events

Missouri National Recreational River, the only national park in the northeast Nebraska-southeast South Dakota area, offers a variety of programs for the whole family this weekend.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

• 7 p.m., Pierson Ranch Campground Amphitheater: "Native Plants, Native Uses" — The forest and prairie were the pantry and medicine chest of the American Indians and early settlers. A National Park Ranger shows samples and pictures of native plants and reveals how they were used for food, medicine, and ceremonial purposes.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

• 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Niobrara State Park: "Discover the Real Missouri River" — The Missouri National Recreational River Mobile Ranger Station will be set up in front of the Education and Resources Center for visitors to explore. In addition, rangers will offer demonstrations and activities including the Missouri River stream table. Kids can earn a Junior Ranger patch by completing activities. The program is free; state park admission fees apply.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

• 10 a.m.-noon: Lewis & Clark Visitor Center at Gavins Point Dam: "Night Bird!" — Discover the wonder of owls and their nighttime world. Dissect an owl pellet to find out what these silent hunters have been eating.

Avon Woman Arrested Following Chase

SIBLEY, Iowa — An Avon woman was arrested this week after leading police in Iowa on a high-speed chase.

According to KTVI-TV of Sioux City, Shelley Rae HighBear, 49, was arrested after she led a law enforcement officer on a chase through Sibley, Iowa, at approximately 10 p.m. Tuesday night.

The Osceola County Sheriff's Office said HighBear was approached by an officer in regards to a parking violation. The officer subsequently learned she was allegedly trespassing and violating a no-contact order.

HighBear allegedly got back into her vehicle and left the scene at high speed. She allegedly sped through Sibley before ending up in a ditch at Exit 40 of the Highway 60 northbound ramp.

She was not injured in the accident. She is currently being held in the Osceola County Jail.

HighBear has been charged with eluding, violation of no-contact order, trespassing, reckless driving and failure to obey five stop signs.

Jolene's Law Task Force To Meet Tues.

PIERRE — Jolene's Law Task Force will meet Tuesday, Aug. 5, in LCR 1 & 2 on the third floor of the State Capitol, at 10 a.m. (CDT).

The task force was established by Senate Bill 154 during the 2014 legislative session to study the impact of sexual abuse of children in South Dakota and to discuss recommendations to increase awareness and address the issue statewide. The task force will meet several times throughout the remainder of the year and will file a report to the full Legislature in January.

At the Aug. 5 meeting, the task force will hear reports from various state departments regarding the current laws and programs related to sexual abuse of children. The complete agenda will be available at the Legislative Research Council website: www.legis.sd.gov. The meeting is open to the public and public testimony will be heard in the afternoon.

Jolene's Law Task Force members include Sen. Deb Soholt (Sioux Falls), Rep. Peggy Gibson (Huron), Rep. Jenna Haggard (Sioux Falls), Sen. Alan Solano (Rapid City), Ms. Christine Bisek (Pierre), Mr. Cam Corey (Watertown), Ms. Daniele Dosch (Rapid City), Dr. Nancy Free (Sioux Falls), Ms. Ann Larsen (Pierre), Ms. Angela Lisburg (Pierre), Ms. Jolene Loetscher (Sioux Falls), Ms. TateWin Means (Pine Ridge), Ms. Hollie Strand (Rapid City), Ms. Virgena Wieseler (Pierre) and Ms. Colleen Winter (Pierre).

Michels Re-Elected To NLGA Leadership

PIERRE — South Dakota Lt. Gov. Matt Michels has once again been elected to serve on the leadership committee of the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA).

NLGA is the professional association working with officeholders who are first in line of succession to governors in all 50 states and U.S. territories.

"Serving on the NLGA Executive Committee has been a worthwhile experience," said Michels. "It has given me the opportunity to share South Dakota's point of view and learn about other states' initiatives. I am honored to have been elected again this year and look forward to continuing my service."

Michels will serve as treasurer on the NLGA Executive Committee. He was first chosen to join the committee in 2011, and he previously served as the Midwest region Republican representative.

The leadership committee meets about three times a year and charts the course of issues and training to be pursued by the nation's second-highest state officeholders. The committee also addresses issues of mutual concern to all members.

"Lt. Gov. Michels was nominated to this position by a bipartisan group of his peers," said NLGA Executive Director Julia Hurst. "His unanimous election among officials of both parties from every region of the country speaks to the high regard he is held in among his peers."

NLGA is a bi-partisan organization promoting regional collaborations and problem solving. Visit www.nlga.us for more information.

Omnibus Enabling Act Set Stage For November Statehood

On Nov. 2, 1889, Dakota Territory gave birth to two states — North Dakota and South Dakota — when President Benjamin Harrison signed two statehood proclamations.

Before signing, he instructed Secretary of State James Blaine to cover both proclamations under a sheet of paper. President Harrison signed both, and then shuffled them again so that no one, not even President Harrison, knew which proclamation was signed first.

Although President Harrison signed South Dakota into statehood, the twin states could not have been created without the passage of the Omnibus Enabling Act on Feb. 22, 1889.

After originally opposing statehood for the Dakotas, President Grover Cleveland signed the Enabling Act into law which provided the process whereby six states — South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Washington, Wyoming and Idaho — could become states in 1889 and 1890.

The most recent state to have entered the Union was Colorado in 1876. Democrats controlled the U.S. House of Representatives for most of the time between 1876 and 1888, and they didn't want new western states admitted for fear of them sending Republican senators and representatives to Washington, D. C.

When pro-statehood Benjamin Harrison won the Presidency in November of 1888,



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the lame duck Democrats passed the Enabling Act so they could get some credit for allowing the new states.

The act divided Dakota along the seventh standard parallel and required the equitable division of the territory's records and debts. It also required that the two new Dakotas set aside public lands for schools, public buildings and facilities.

On July 4, 1889, 75 delegates from southern Dakota Territory met in Germania

Hall in Sioux Falls and wrote a state constitution for the people to consider. Four years earlier, Congress had rejected a convention that attempted to declare "South Dakota" as a state. The 1889 convention used the earlier constitution as a basis for their new proposal.

On Oct. 1, 1889, the people approved the constitution for the new state of South Dakota by a vote of 70,131 to 3,267 and elected Dakota Territory Gov. Arthur

Mellette as South Dakota's first Governor.

To assure passage, two controversial issues — prohibition and the selection of a state capital city — were not included in the proposed constitution, but were separate ballot measures. Most Republican leaders were actively or passively for prohibition. The Democrats and the Sioux Falls Argus Leader were against it, claiming it would be a restriction of individual freedom and impossible to enforce. Voters approved prohibition and South Dakota was a "dry" state until prohibition was repealed in 1897.

Also on a separate vote, "Peerless Pierre" won the capital designation in 1889, but had to withstand two fierce challenges on the ballot from Huron in 1890 and Mitchell in 1904. Pierre won with expensive advertising campaigns. It took the city over 30 years to pay off its capital city fight debts of almost \$500,000.

South Dakotans struggled for many years before statehood became a reality. Over 40 bills had been introduced into Congress between 1871 and 1889 concerning statehood and the division of Dakota Territory. They all failed.

But, the people persevered. They didn't quit. When statehood was realized, it didn't matter to them which proclamation was signed first.

Yankton Teen Making A Difference In Childhood Obesity Fight

NEW YORK — The Alliance for a Healthier Generation has selected Patrick Binder, 17, of Yankton to serve a second year as a Youth Ambassador on its Youth Advisory Board.

Patrick, a senior at Yankton High School, was chosen based on his commitment to health and wellness in the Yankton community, helping to reverse the nation's childhood obesity epidemic. The Alliance for a Healthier Generation, founded by the American Heart Association and the Clinton Foundation, is one of the nation's leading non-profit organizations working to reduce the prevalence of childhood obesity and empowering kids to develop lifelong, healthy habits.

The Alliance's Youth Advisory Board distinguishes itself as one of the only youth-led advisory groups in the country focused on the issue of childhood obesity. Youth Ambassadors serve as thought-leaders to both the Alliance and external stakeholders, offering valuable perspectives on childhood obesity through internal conversations and major public speaking engagements across America.

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thought-leaders and public speakers, Youth Ambassadors develop a campaign to organize and activate their communities to support policies and programs to promote kids' health and wellness.

Over the past year, 17-year-old Patrick's greatest accomplishment in creating a healthier generation has been the completion of the empowerME4Life program, a healthy living curriculum, at his local Boys and Girls Club of America. For Patrick, the desire to help other youth in his community make healthy choices is deeply personal.

"When I was growing up, I constantly struggled with my weight," Patrick says. "I overcame that struggle through the help of other people who were living healthy lives and once I turned my life around, I made it my goal to assist others who

are going through the same struggle that I did."

Dr. Howell Wechsler, CEO of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, emphasizes the important role of the Youth Advisory Board. "The Alliance believes that young people must have a seat at the table with adults to address the childhood obesity epidemic. Our Youth Ambassadors are inspiring communities across the country to build healthier environments for their generation and many generations to come."

The fight against obesity requires contributions from kids, parents, schools, teachers, and communities. Visit Healthier-Generation.org to learn about the work of the Alliance's Youth Advisory Board and discover what you can do to inspire kids to live healthier and reverse the childhood obesity epidemic.

Backpacks Available For Low Income Families

The Contact Center of Yankton will be taking applications for low-income families needing help with school backpacks for their children for the coming school year.

Last year, 193 children were provided with a voucher for a backpack. Funding for this project is provided by local donations. This year, the Contact Center will be supplying backpacks again for grades K-8. Families must sign up their children by Aug. 19. They may sign up by coming in to the Contact office located in the County Government Center, lower level. Families must have an active SNAP card to be eligible.

Any donations to this project can be sent to the Contact Center, 321 W. Third St., Suite B02, Yankton, SD 57078.

Those needing help with school supplies can call ROCs-Rural Office of Community Services at 1-877-254-6110 for an application.

OBITUARIES

Mary Hovorka

Funeral mass for Mary Hovorka, 86, of Tyndall, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 2 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall with Father Leonard Kayser officiating. Kathy Koenig will be the organist. Burial will follow at St. Leo Catholic Cemetery. Casketbearers are Perry Delzer, Dave Hovorka, Jerry Hovorka, Ken Novak, Cathy Lucas, Ron Humpal, Carl Teply, and Dave Teply. Visitation will be held on Friday from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. There will be a 7 p.m. wake service on Friday evening at the church. Arrangements are being handled by Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Mary Agnes Hovorka was born on Wednesday, December 14, 1927 in Tyndall, South Dakota to Frank and Elizabeth (Vachta) Teply. After graduating from Tyndall High School in 1945, Mary was employed by the Tyndall Tribune & Register as a proof reader. On August 27, 1956, she was united in marriage to Lloyd Hovorka at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall. Together they farmed outside of Tyndall until 1981. Mary held various jobs throughout her life including positions with the



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S.D. Public Welfare Dept. in Tyndall & Lake Andes, Bon Homme County Selective Service Office, Secretary to Sr. Virginia at St. Michael Hospital, CR Industries in Springfield for 2 1/2 years, Freeman Co. in Yankton for 1 1/2 years, the Good Samaritan Home in Tyndall, Soukup & Thomas Museum in Tyndall and Mitchell, and Dakota Senior Meals in Tyndall. She also did housework for several families in Tyndall until her retirement. Mary served her community through her involvement with the Czech Heritage Association, Tyndall VFW Auxiliary, Tabor Legion Auxiliary, and as a 70 year member of the national Catholic Society of Foresters. She was also known for her love of dolls, crossword puzzles, neighborhood children, baking and for the loving care of her home and yard. Mary died Wednesday,

July 30, 2014 at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls having attained the age of 86 years, 7 months, and 16 days.

Mary is survived by her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Herman Hovorka, Cleadues (Margie) Hovorka, Irene Hovorka, Helen Hovorka, Richard (Sharleen) Hovorka, Geneva (Melvin) Delzer and 39 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lloyd in October 1988; parents Frank and Elizabeth Teply; brothers Joe (Mary), Henry (Rose), and Frank (Esther); sister Anne (James) Humpal, Jr.; two infant brothers; parents-in-law Ambrose and Emilia Hovorka; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Eleanor (Don) Kiehbauch, Mildred Hovorka, Lester (Connie) Hovorka, Willard and Alvin Hovorka, Loreen (Marvin) Novak and 10 nieces and nephews.

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Dorothy Pasco

Dorothy Ann Pasco, 77, of Yankton died unexpectedly, Wednesday, July 30, 2014, at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial of her cremated remains will be at a later date at the Garden of Memories Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, 2014 with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Russell Morrell

Russ Morrell died on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska on Friday, July 25, 2014.

Russ was born on May 23 1950 to Richard Morrell, Sr. and his wife Charlotte in St. Francis, KS. He married the love of his life, Sue (Morehouse) Morrell on July 30 1971. Russ and Sue made their lives in the rural communities of southeast South Dakota and lived on the Missouri River of the South Dakota plains. Russ committed his life in service to others as a coach and teacher for 40 years.

He is survived by his wife

Sue, his four children and spouses Charles (Jen), Mark (Jessica), Kevin (Heather) and Courtney (Mike), ten grandchildren, his father Richard, and brothers Rich (Larea) and Tom (Margaret).

The family will host a memorial to celebrate Russ' life on September 3, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Wagner Community School gym.

In lieu of flowers or gifts to the family, a scholarship fund has been established in Russ' honor.

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Margaret 'Peggy' Watson

Margaret A. "Peggy" Watson, 80, Olathe, KS, passed away July 15, 2014.

A funeral mass was held Thursday, July 24, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Olathe. Graveside services were held Friday, July 25, at

Calvary Cemetery, lot 10, Omaha, NE. Receptions was held following both the mass and graveside service.

Mrs. Watson was born September 25, 1933 in Volin, SD, daughter of John S. and Margaret (O'Donnell) Hauger. She taught school for 45 years, retiring from St. Gerald's Catholic School in Omaha. Mrs. Watson was a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Olathe, KS.

She is survived by her husband George Watson of Olathe; son Kevin Watson and wife Virginia of Olathe, KS; daughter Joy Cook and husband Tracy of Columbia, MO; sisters Barbara Healy and husband Joseph of Irene, SD and Sharon Andersen and husband Larry of Freeman, SD; and grandchildren Hannah, Abbie, Carlos, Maria and Ena.

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Private nonsectarian cemetery offering earth burial plots, mausoleum crypts and niches.

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