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Lake Area Camping Numbers Show Rise



Even though the summer season is over, people are still utilizing the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area for camping, as seen here this past weekend. Local park officials say camping numbers for the area were up overall from last year.

District Shows Overall Jump Of 2 Percent From 2014; Final Figures Still Being Tallied

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Campers came to the Yankton area in bigger droves than 2014 — and the final count isn't even in yet.

Shane Bertsch, District Park Supervisor at Lewis & Clark Recreation Area, told the Press & Dakotan that camping and visitation to area parks in the district between January and the end of August were up from 2014 for a number of reasons.

"As for the district overall, we're about 2 percent up (from 2014)," Bertsch said. "We had some really nice weekends, weather-wise. And our increase is definitely during the week, so I'd say we're having a few more people maybe staying a few more days when they come — more vacation-type stays than weekend getaways."

The numbers do not include September

"Overall, it was a real good summer in the campgrounds. People had a real good time and we didn't have a lot of problems."

SHANE BERTSCH

and Labor Day weekend.

According to Bertsch, the number of camping units (one camping unit is one night in a tent, camper or camping cabin) and visitors for each campground were:

* Lewis & Clark Recreation Area: 34,616 camping units (up 3 percent from 2014) with 714,858 visitors (up 6 percent from 2014).

* Pierson Ranch: 3,601 camping units (up 2 percent from 2014) with 49,994 visitors.

* Chief White Crane: 8,707 camping units (even with 2014) with 71,490 visitors.

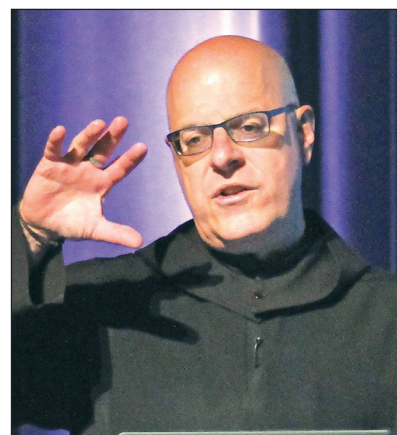
Overall visitation in the park district was 947,994, or about even with 2014.

He added that the state as a whole saw 255,943 camping units for an increase of 2 percent statewide.

While the numbers for September and Labor Day have yet to be assessed, Bertsch said he expects the upward trend to continue.

"We had a really strong Labor Day," he

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Fr. Michael Patella, chair of the Committee of Illumination and Text at St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota, addresses the Fall Benedictine Lecture at Mount Marty College Sunday night.

Benedictine Lecture

SJ Bible Celebrates Visualized Scripture

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The Bible is full of colorful descriptions of people and events, but the Saint John's Bible aims to visualize some of those stories.

The Saint John's Bible — commissioned by St. John's University and St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota and completed in 2011 — is the first hand-written and "hand-illuminated" Bible in five centuries and is currently spending a year at Mount Marty College. The Saint John's Bible was also the subject of discussion during the school's Fall Benedictine Lecture Sunday night.

Fr. Michael Patella, chair of the Committee of Illumination and Text at St. John's Abbey, was on hand to explain the process behind the Saint John's Bible and discuss each of the 15 images within.

"When the Committee of Illumination and Text was charged by the task force for the theological oversight of the Saint John's Bible, there was a great deal of excitement and energy," Patella said. "For me, as well as others, much of the thrill lay in the fact that

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Neb. Teen Suicides Jump This Year

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The number of teen suicides in Nebraska doubled to 14 last year, so counselors want to redouble their prevention efforts.

The Lincoln Journal Star reports suicide is the second leading cause of death among youths ages 15-24, and the third leading cause for those 10-14 years old.

Experts say suicide is a complex issue, but it is preventable.

"I think it's important that we get the message out that there is hope and there is help," said Dave Miers, who co-chairs the Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Coalition.

Last year, 40 young adults, ages 24 and younger, died of suicide.

Young people have different risk factors than adults because they are susceptible to bullying, said Don Belau, the other co-chair and a psychologist and associate dean at Doane College.

Belau said social media sites that teens frequent can reinforce suicidal thinking and feelings of isolation.

"Often youth are not terribly supportive in their messaging," he said. "You'll find that there's sometimes really a significant number of negative messages that the kids may have received."

Power Duo



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Kenny Kruse of Hartington, Nebraska, plays the flugelhorn to accompany a song emanating from a 1912 Wong & Son self-playing piano owned by Willard Zeeb of Menno (seated) at the Menno Pioneer Power Show Sunday. The annual celebration of farming heritage again attracted big crowds both Saturday and Sunday to see some farm equipment and practices from yesteryear.

Crash Kills Motorcyclist Escorting Veteran's Body

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — One motorcyclist died and three others were injured when a car crashed into a group of riders who were escorting a veteran's body home to Nebraska.

The Omaha World-Herald reports the crash happened Saturday afternoon on Interstate 80 near Atlantic, Iowa when about 125 motorcyclists and other vehicles were escorting Bill Henry's body to Nebraska.

The Iowa State Patrol said 81-year-old Donald Kerby of Des Moines struck the motorcycles when he changed lanes to avoid a trailer on the right shoulder. Thirty-eight-year-old Ryan Lossing of Omaha, Nebraska, died and three other riders were hurt.

The fatal crash echoed the events near Manassas, Virginia, that caused Henry's death earlier this month.

The 69-year-old Army veteran died Sept. 14, two weeks after suffering head injuries while helping provide a motorcycle escort for six West Coast veterans being transported to Arlington National Cemetery for burial.

Henry co-founded and helped lead the Nebraska chapter of the Missing in America Project. That group works with funeral homes to return unclaimed remains of veterans to family members and arrange for military burials.

"It's a very sad loss for us. It was bittersweet getting Bill home," said friend Larry Schaber, who founded the chapter with him.

Henry's wife Patty said he wanted to be buried in the Omaha National Cemetery, which is under construction, so his funeral and memorial service won't be held until that opens in the fall of 2016.

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