



March 2009 CARDINAL Pride

Spring In The Campground



down and do some camping this year.

For those of you who don't have campers, there is a section just for tents. If you don't have a tent, not to worry, we have one cabin and are looking to build a second cabin in the spring.

The campground will open the last weekend of March, weather permitting. We hope to see you at the campground this year!

It's that time of year to start thinking about opening the campground for another camping season. We are busy painting and cleaning the restrooms and doing all of the maintenance items that are hard to get done during camping season. We are also doing maintenance to the camping sites such as leveling the ground, seeding, trimming trees, and adding rock to the sites that need it.

This year we are doing some expanding to the east of the existing campground. We are adding 24 camping sites to bring the total number to 109. We hope to have them ready this spring so get your camper ready to go and bring it

South Sioux City Recycling

You may have noticed a few changes in South Sioux City's curbside recycling program. One change that has been made is in the vehicle that is being used for the pick up of your recyclables.

The City's contractor, Western Hauling, is using a "clean" garbage truck rather than using the standard recycling truck that citizens are used to seeing. This change was imple-

mented by the contractor as a cost saving measure. All recycled materials are being picked up utilizing this separate vehicle on the same schedule as your normal weekly garbage pick up. The items that you recycle are being utilized to conserve valuable resources and create usable paper and plastic products.

Citizens are to be commended for the recycling that they do and are encouraged to continue these recycling efforts.

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MARCH PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Hall Council Chambers – 1615 1st Avenue

City Council Meeting*: 9th & 23rd at 5:00 p.m.
 Community Development Agency: 11th & 25th at Noon
 Finance Committee*: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th at Noon
 Public Works Committee*: 2nd & 16th at 5:00 p.m.
 Design Commission: 5th & 19th at 8:30 a.m.
 Planning & Zoning Commission: 12th & 26th at 5:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office – 1021 E 6th Street

Parks & Recreation Board: 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

South Sioux City Library – 2121 Dakota Avenue

Library Board: 17th at 5:30 p.m.

*Meetings are broadcast live on Cable One Channel 12

March 2009 EnergyWise Tip: “Conserving (hot) water is EnergyWise.”

A necessary component of life, itself, water is undeniably a precious resource. As a primarily agricultural-based state, water is especially important to the quality of life in Nebraska, and all Nebraskans have a responsibility to use it wisely.

Using water – heating it and moving it to irrigate crops – also takes energy. Generally, there are three places many Nebraskans have an opportunity to conserve water, use energy efficiently and in the process save money. Those three places are in the home, on the yard, and in the field.

sprinkler system, if applicable, to operate when it’s raining. Be sure to water your lawn early in the morning before evaporation from the mid-day sun makes your efforts to get water to your thirsty lawn highly inefficient.

In the field

Technological advances in agriculture in the last decade or so have taken great steps forward in water and energy conservation. It’s a proven fact: Center pivot irrigation systems with low-pressure sprinklers lose less water to evaporation while precisely irrigating crops than

Activity	Gallons per Use	Activity	Gallons per Use
Clothes washing Top Loading	33 gallons	Automatic dishwashing	12 gallons
Clothes washing Front Loading	15 gallons	Preparing food	5 gallons
Conventional Shower Head	4.0 gallons per minute	Bathing	20 gallons
Low Flow Shower head	2.5 gallons per minute	Hand dishwashing	4 gallons

At Home

Many opportunities to conserve water and save money exist in the average home in Nebraska. Any water savings is beneficial, especially if you typically spend money to heat the water. After a look at the following data showing how much hot water is used in a typical household activity, two water- and energy-saving devices will clearly benefit the home: low-flow showerheads and a high-efficient horizontal front load clothes washer.

In the Yard

Overwatering lawns accounts for the waste of millions of gallons each year in Nebraska. Make sure water is applied efficiently to your lawn. Don’t allow your automatic

out-dated high-pressure systems do. Another advance – center pivots with drop sprinkler heads – only need to apply about half as much water as traditional gravity-flow irrigation systems to sufficiently irrigate crops.

For more information on steps you can take to conserve water and improve your energy efficiency, contact the city utility department. Lots of useful energy efficiency information is also available at <http://www.nppd.com>.

The City of South Sioux City wants you to get the most energy value for your money. It costs far less to save energy than it does to build a new power plant to generate additional power.

Hiring Soon for 2010 Census Jobs!

Help your community have a successful 2010 census

- * Earn competitive pay
- * Paid weekly
- * Flexible hours
- * Paid training - daytime hours or evening and weekend hours

Testing in South Sioux City weekly! Please call 1-866-861-2010 to schedule an appointment to take the test and apply for a job.

Daylight Saving Time
March 8, 2008
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Patti Boyle

Patti and her family moved to South Sioux in 1983. Patti owns Security Insurance in Sioux City, and has been a licensed insurance agent for over 30 years. She is married to Steve who is area sales manager for ADM Alliance Nutrition.

In the past Patti was a homeroom mother, Cub Scout leader, and chaperoned several field trips when her kids were young. She also accompanied South Sioux high school choir, show choir and solo contests. Patti has been a Sunday school superintendent, organist and directed the children's and adult choir for First Presbyterian Church. She has enjoyed playing for several

musicals at Sioux City Community theatre.

Recently she helped deliver Cardinal Baskets at Christmas time.

THANK YOU PATTI FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Currently she is part-time organist at her church and has been the accompanist for Choralation of Siouxland for the past 20 years. Patti says most rewarding now is the opportunity to be a volunteer for Hospice of Siouxland.

Patti and Steve have 2 children. A daughter Cindy who is the resource development director for the United Way in Sioux Falls and son Andy who will graduate from the University of Nebraska this spring with a journalism degree and will be heading to St. Petersburg, FL to intern.

In her free time, Patti enjoys golf, biking, fishing, gardening and most of all she likes to travel and spend time with family and friends.

If you know of anyone deserving this honor, please request a nomination form by calling Marge at 494-7503

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Short-Term Classes & Training in South Sioux City

Check out the non credit classes offered in March:

Computer Classes

Digital Photography	Mon., Mar. 2 & 9, 7-10 pm, \$20
Computer Skills for Seniors Level I	Fri., Mar. 6, 2-5 pm, \$25
Computer Skills for Seniors Level II	Fri., Mar. 13, 2-5 pm, \$25
MS Word 2007 Level I	Tues., Mar. 17 & 24, 5:30-8:30 pm, \$25
Computer Skills for Seniors Level III	Fri., Mar. 20, 2-5 pm, \$25
Introduction to Blogging	Tues., Mar. 31, 5:30-8:30 pm, \$20

Special Interest

Beginning Ballroom Dance Lessons	Sun., Mar. 1-Apr. 5, 4-5 pm, \$70
First Aid	Thurs., Mar. 5, 6-10 pm, \$19
Assisting Elderly Parents	Thurs., Mar. 5-Apr. 30, 7-8:30 pm, \$40
CPR	Sat., Mar. 7, 9 am-3 pm, \$25
Beginning Guitar Lessons-for any age	Sat., Mar. 7-Apr. 18, 10-11 am, \$52
Going Green-Energy Efficiency	Fri., Mar 13, 1-4 pm, \$10
Going Green-Energy Efficiency	Sat., Mar. 14 9am-12pm, \$10
Baby Boomer Trends, Challenges & Opportunities	Fri, Mar. 20, 1-4 pm, \$25

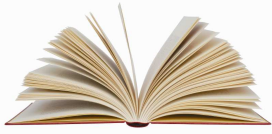
Complete non credit class listing available at: northeast.edu

SOUTH SIOUX CITY HOUSING SURVEY

The City of South Sioux City would appreciate your comments and ideas on housing needs in our community.

- (1) Do we need more affordable housing for senior citizens?
 yes no
- (2) Do we need to establish a 0% interest program for emergency needs such as: roof leaks, replacement or repair of heating units, cracked basements for low income households?
 yes no
- (3) Are you planning to move in the next 5 years; if so what is your preferred housing unit?
 An affordable apartment
 A condominium unit
 A smaller house
 An assisted living unit
 A larger house
 I do not plan to move
- (4) Does your home need more insulation?
 yes no
- (5) Do you need assistance for your utility bills?
 yes no
- (6) I am interested in knowing about:
 Utility bill assistance programs
 Property tax exemption for seniors
 Weatherization funds for my home

Surveys must be completed and submitted no later than March 31st. Complete this form as printed and return to City Hall, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776. The survey is also available online at www.southsiouxcity.org



Get Interactive @ your library™

Irish Evening in the Library

Friday March 27th at 7:00 p.m., the library will host Two Worlds Theatre with Claire Roche in an evening of drama and music.

Two Worlds Theatre and Claire Roche work together to share some of the ancient Irish stories with the modern world. Along with the drama and stories of Ireland, Claire plays the Irish harp, sings and leads the audience in singing-along to popular Irish tunes.

Two Worlds Theatre and Claire Roche come to the library from rural Northwest Ireland, near Murrigan's mountain and Car, where they host tours and give regular performances. They are in the United States on a limited tour this year.

There is no charge for this event, but a collection will be taken to cover some of their expenses (\$10 suggested donation).

Infant Story Time

Youth Services librarian, Laura Bass, provides infant story time for children 6 months to 18 months. Infant story time offers stories, music and activities to stimulate pre-reading development. Infant story time is offered on the first Friday of every month at 9:15 a.m.

Monday Night Story Time Themes

Monday night story time is going strong this spring. The themes for this month are:

- March 23rd - Music
- March 30th - Eileen Spinelli
- April 6th - Dinosaurs
- April 13th - Sports

Gardening Classes

The library will be offering two gardening programs on the first and third Mondays of April @ 6:30pm.

- April 6th - Del Hemsath will host a Container Gardening program.
- April 20th - Alice Hemsath will host a Gardening with Herbs program

Celebrate National Library Week April 12th—18th

The theme for this year's National Library Week is "Worlds Connect @Your Library™".

In honor of National Library Week, the library board of trustees will host the Chamber Coffee Hour, Friday April 17th. The chamber coffee begins at 10:00 a.m.

Meet Some Famous Librarians

Librarians come in all shapes, sizes and colors. The following is a list of librarians who became successful in other walks of life.

- Laura Bush (1946-), First Lady of the United States from 2001-2009.
- Lewis Carroll (1832-1898), author of *Through the Looking Glass*.
- Beverly Cleary (1916-), became a popular children's author.
- Benjamin Franklin (1705-1790), founding father of the United States.
- Philip Pullman (1946-), author of *The Golden Compass*.



Check out the New NebraskAccess Site
NebraskAccess has a new look and a new web address <http://nebraskaccess.ne.gov>.

The new NebraskAccess site integrates statewide subscription databases with the web resources selected by librarians. Topic headings lead users to both free and subscription resources.

The old NebraskAccess site will be located on our webpage, as well as the new NebraskAccess. The old site will be discontinued on June 30, 2009.

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes face adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."-Anne Bradstreet

Nebraska CHIP Program @ SSC Library

As part of National Library Week, the Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program will be at the library on Saturday April 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Nebraska
Child Identification Program

"The Nebraska Freemasons' Child Identification Program addresses the alarming fact that over 1,000,000 children are reported missing in the U.S. each year... The Masonic Chip Kit is the most comprehensive service of its kind anywhere. CHIP is provided at no charge to the public and all of the identifying items generated during CHIP are given to the child's family." - from www.gline.org.

South Sioux City Public Library is Your Interactive Information Center

The South Sioux City Public Library is your source for interactive information. We can be found online at www.southsiouxcity.org/library. From our website you can meet your research needs in using our database, read a book online, prepare for a Postal Services exam, as well as numerous other exams and download books from our Overdrive database.

We also have two blogs for your information. "Cardinal Opportunities at the South Sioux Public Library" is your source for information on coming events at the library. "Second Thoughts" answers your reference questions, provides you with the latest government information and offers tutorials on all things connected to the library.

We have also started a Twitter page www.twitter.com/ssclibrary. Sign-up and keep up on all the interesting things going on in the library. Get interactive @ the Library™



Honor a loved one with a gift or memorial to the South Sioux City Library Foundation.



From the Superintendent's Office

Calendar of Events March 2009



5 & 6	No School pre K—12 Winter Break
9	Board of Education Meeting at the High School Library, 5:00 p.m.
16	No School pre K—8 Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
17	K—8 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
20	No School—Pre k—12

FREE EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

For children ages birth through 5 years
of age

Thursday, March 26
9:00-1:00 & 4:00-7:00

Located at the First Lutheran Church
3601 Dakota Ave
South Sioux City
Enter through west door

The screen will include the areas of
overall development, speech/language,
motor, hearing & health.

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Community Schools and Educational
Service Unit #1. Questions or concerns
please call 402-412-2884

**Please allow at least one hour for the
screen, no appointment necessary.

Covington Program Encourages Families to Read Together

Covington students are really “Wild
about Reading” this year. The purpose
of the at-home reading program is to
increase personal reading time at home
and to encourage families to read to-
gether. Research shows the more stu-
dents read the more success they have
in school.

Students are provided with individual
and group incentives to encourage
reading at home. Some students have
received books, book charms, theme
related prizes, lunch with the principal,
and their picture in the paper. We have
also gone “live” with the zoo in their
penguin exhibit and had Wild Animal
Encounters bring kangaroos, owls,
skunks, and snakes to show our stu-
dents. The second part of our reading
program is a quest to earn a trip to the
Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo. The zoo
gives away free admission to the
school in Nebraska that reads the most
books during the months of December,
January, and February. Thus far, Cov-
ington students have read 29,005 books
at home and 18,650 books in school,
for an average of 134 books per child.
The winning school last year read 140
books per student. With two weeks left
to read, we are excited about our
chances!

Kindergarten Students 2009-2010

Round-up Dates
(For Parents)

03/31	Cardinal, 494-1662
04/20	Covington, 494-4238
04/02	Dakota City, 987-3363
04/23	EN Swett, 494-3501
03/31	Harney, 494-1446
03/31	Lewis & Clark, 494-1917

Kindergarten Visitation Dates*
(For Incoming Students)

04/03
04/23
04/06
04/27
04/08
04/09

Please bring:

- a certified copy of your child's
birth certificate.
- child's immunization records.

If you miss your school's Round-Up
date, please call your school.

A child must reach 5 years of age by
October 15, 2009 to enter Kindergarten
for the 2009-2010 school year.

*There will be no school for current
kindergarten students on their school's
visitation date.

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[HTTP://WWW.SSCCARDINALS.ORG](http://www.ssccardinals.org)**

