What's Happening at Newton Hills & **Good Earth State Parks**

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We've had some great weekends of programming so far at the parks this year, and we are not slowing down yet! Stop out to Newton Hills and Good Earth to see some of the different fun and educational activities we have to offer. We look forward to seeing you all out at the parks!

This weekend at Newton Hills we are talking about camouflage! Come find us in the amphitheater on Friday, June 12th at 8:30pm for our movie at the amphitheater. On Saturday morning at 10am look for us at the double shelters on Sargeant Creek Road for Can You *Spot Me?* program where we

will talk about the tactics different parts of the animal kingdom do to stay safe. At 1pm we will be in the amphitheater for Keeping Our Trees Happy where you can learn to care for your forests. Look for us at the interpretive shelter at the end of Sargeant Creek Road for Geocaching 101 at 3pm. We will guide you through the basics of this modern day treasure hunt. We have a limited number of GPS units to use so please bring one if you have it. At 5pm we will be hiding out down at the amphitheater again for *What's Bugging You*? We will do a craft and talk about insects and other things that just might be hiding out at Newton Hills. Don't forget to stop at the amphitheater one more time for a movie,

some popcorn, and freeze pops at 8:30pm. On Sunday, June 14th at 9am there will be a non-denominational worship service held at the amphitheater for all who wish to join.

It's a tree-tastic fun at Good Earth State Park at Blood Run! Join us for a fun weekend with our favorite silent giants....trees! Do you and your family enjoy scavenger hunts, hikes, and bingo? Come to Good Earth State Park for the Good Earth *Challenge*, family fun game that everyone will enjoy on Saturday June 12th at 11 am! Do you want to become more familiar with the trees that grace our landscape? Journey with a Naturalist to identify these towering giants in Tree Identification on June 12th at 4 pm. Do you

have some curious tikes who would enjoy a hike about trees? Join a Naturalist for a kid friendly hike about trees and finish with a fun craft in Terrific Trees, at 3 pm June 14th!

If you have any questions about the park or the programs for this coming weekend, do not hesitate to give us a call at (605) 987-2263 or email newtonhills@ state.sd.us. More info including an event schedule may also be found online at www. gfp.sd.gov. If you would like to receive weekly email updates on programming at the park, like us on Facebook, or send an email to newtonhills@state.sd.us. The staff at Newton Hills and Good Earth look forward to seeing you at the park this summer!

The Good Old Summertime – **Outdoors In South Dakota**

A column by Gov. Dennis Daugaard

When I was a young boy, I couldn't wait for summer. After nine months of school, June meant a break from studies and long, adventure-filled days outdoors in South Dakota.

Oh, sure, I still had work to do, just like most kids who grew up on the farms and in the small towns of South Dakota. I worked in the bean fields, did chores around the farm and helped in any other ways the family needed.

But when the work was done, I spent many warm, lazy days canoeing on the Big Sioux River, swimming and exploring the wooded areas along the river bottom. Summer also meant 4-H camp, a great opportunity to meet other young South Dakotans and share the activities and crafts of the 4-H program.

Once, on a family visit to the Black Hills, my sisters and I had the incredible experience of riding in a helicopter to view Mount Rushmore up close. I'll never forget that, just as I'll never forget the simpler times spent outdoors in our great state. I grew up with a respect and deep affection for South Dakota's outdoors.

Many things have changed in South Dakota since I was a youngster, but the outdoor opportunities remain. In fact, opportunities have greatly expanded. People of all ages have more choices for outdoor activities today than we ever did

when I was young. Think of all the bike paths in the communities, the swimming pools, the hiking adventures, the day camps and the summer recreation programs that invite boys and girls to get outside and get active.

More than that, think of all the facilities and recreation opportunities provided through the work of our Game, Fish and Parks Department. The department has upgraded and expanded trails, campgrounds, boating facilities and outdoor programs tremendously in recent years. If there's something you want to do outdoors, Game, Fish and Parks probably has a program for you. Whether you want the experience of spending time in a modern campground or fishing pond, or you just want to take your son or daughter for a walk on a nature trail, you can do it here in South Dakota.

To recognize what an abundance of opportunities we all have in South Dakota, I recently declared June as "Great Outdoors Month." It's a way to encourage each of our citizens to connect or re-connect with nature in a safe and healthy way. It's a celebration of the fun that's to be had outdoors here in South Dakota.

And, if you wish, you can still take a helicopter ride to see Mount Rushmore up close the way I did as a youngster.

There's a lot to do outdoors in South Dakota in the summer. Take advantage of the opportunities! Maybe we'll meet along the trails.



Heartland **Humane Society Partners with Downtown** Vermillion

Tickets are on sale for the fourth annual Heartland Humane Society Taste & Tour in downtown Vermillion.

The event will start at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, and will feature VIP passes to 10 businesses in Vermillion for food, drinks, raffles, shopping, live entertainment and more.

"Taste and Tour is one of our biggest fundraising events for Heartland Humane Society, and we are so excited to have so many great local businesses supporting this event," said Christa Kraig, shelter coordinator at Heartland Humane Society. "All proceeds will fund our operating costs for vet care and animal expenses."

Tickets can be purchased online at http://heartlandhumanesociety.net/events/ taste-and-tour-tickets/, or at the HHS shelter located at 3400 E. Highway 50 in Yankton, or at Nook 'n' Cranny in Vermillion. You can also purchase tickets by calling the shelter at 605.664.4244.

The event will include stops at Carey's Bar, Lumo Studios, Nook n' Cranny, Sharing the Dream, Pets Paw, The Varsity, Maloney Real Estate, Infinite Variety, Sara Bye Farmers Insurance Agency and Leo's Sports Bar and Grill. Wine and beer tasting, juices and waters, appetizers, Maki Rolls, sliders, games, a book signing by Matthew Moen, and music by The Clutch will all be included in the event. Each location offers a chance to win a raffle prize valued at \$100 or more.

For a full list of what is happening, visit http:// heartlandhumanesociety.net/ events/.

"This event is a chance to ensure more strays find permanent homes in 2015 and a chance to get everyone in the communities together for a great cause," Kranig said. "Our shelter runs 100 percent on private donations, and events like this are critical to our success. We hope if you have a love for pets that you will consider joining us."

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. at The Varsity. The night ends at 9:15 at The Varsity with raffle prizes, followed by two hours of live music from The Clutch.

Heartland Humane Society serves Yankton, Vermillion, and the surrounding area, protecting and enhancing the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people. For more information about HHS or the Taste & Tour, visit Heartland Humane Society online at www.heartlandhumanesociety.net.

Dakota **State Fall Honors List** Released

MADISON - A total of 409 full-time and list: 163 part-time students qualified for the President's Academic Honors list for the 2015 Spring Semester at Dakota State University (DSU) in Madison. the honors list: Mike Benton, The following area full-time students Vermillion Jessica Gifford. achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 to Vermillion Visit our Web site at www.broadcasteronline.com Terms: Cash or check accompanied by photo ID Not Responsible for Accidents

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