

LPADA Newsletter

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Letter From The President

We may be the only people in South Dakota to wish for hot dry weather so our excess water will leave the lake. It appears that has happened and the water continues to go down. It appears that we are down 20 plus inches and to make sure you can check the LPADAs web site for the exact amount (LPADA.org).

Also now would be a good time to start to get your spring sandbagging crew together for next spring. I am not telling you it is going to flood but if it does now is a much better time to plan than next March or April. I will give you an example of how well this work, my neighbor and I have put together a group of sandbaggers and in 2 years we have over 20,000 sandbags! That is a huge number and we have our own alert system and it works.

I have started to talk with area schools about enlisting the help of area students and every one of them is more than willing to support the idea. When we use the prisoners there is a cost and I believe that cost is somewhere over

\$2,000 per day. We can't afford this expense as a little over 4 days would be our annual budget. Now with that said if someone would like to start a flood fund to cover the cost of that expense there may be interest.

The annual meeting was changed up a little as we had a meal before the meeting and it sounds as if everyone enjoyed the change.

We didn't have the pancake feed this year but do plan on having it next year.

The day was very full as we had a golf tournament and access to the water toys at the camp as well as the feed and the annual meeting. We really need to thank Steve at the camp for allowing us to use the site plus he is a great host. If you see him thank him as he is a great asset to the lake.

In case you don't know Steve also groomed the public beach on high 81 and did a tremendous job, thank you Steve. A lot of our fundraising efforts are being put toward a handicapped dock on the lake.

This is a GFP project but we also need to invest in the project to move

it ahead. Bob Quigley has spearheaded this project and has been in contact with GFP and it appears that the high water is what is our stumbling block. We don't have blueprints or drawings yet again due to the high water but we are on the construction schedule for 2012 or 2013.

It appears they want to put the east side boat landing due to access even during low water. Thank you for all of your support.

Next year we hope to get back to a more routine schedule for events and activities such as the rummage sale, pancake feed, fun days, and others.

One thing that we need to stress is to clean up and help your neighbor do the same. The Estelline dump is open on Saturdays until 2 and also on two evenings and the cost is very reasonable. Or as a neighborhood you can get a large dumpster together and all of us can work together to clean.

— *Roger Starks - LPADA President*

“Clovis First”

In a short two more months our summer at the Lake Poinsett Recreational Area Visitor Center and museum will be wrapped up for this year. We hosted many people of all ages that came from near and far to learn about our past and the people

who left proof that they too walked this ground. Their footprints are faint now by the passing of time! It was very enjoyable to introduce the folks we met at the museum to the folks who were unknown to the world until their artifacts were found this spring

and summer. If you did not stop for a visit this summer you missed seeing hundreds of new finds that were made right here in May and June. Our heavy snowmelt and spring

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rains uncovered many pieces of the past. I always remind folks these were all made and used by real people right here to help them live off the land! If you had a task to do you made a tool or visited someone who could teach you how.

This year the old neighbors we met left some interesting and also puzzling things for us. I'll tell you readers about some of them. During May and June a total of four axes turned up for our eyes. Each is different in size and shape and show how axes evolved over time. The oldest is Mid Archaic and about 6,000 years old and the newest is only 1,000 to 1,500 years old. Many broken pottery pieces tell us the same story of evolution in technology in ceramics. Thickness, shape and decoration show the changes from 3,000 years ago up to pottery in use when the first fur traders appear here in the mid 1600's. Knives, points, scrapers, tool, drills and jewelry showed themselves to my eyes and now to visitors eyes at the museum! It's always a special feeling to know you are seeing the past and realize the last person to see or use that tool was that person who made those faint footprints!

Artifacts this year cover an amazing time-span. Some were used by the native on horseback. Others belonged to the people on foot who saw the buffalo when there were actually millions of them here on the High Paleo Indians hunting the huge mammoths and other now extinct animals. One hunter I met in June will always be one of my favorites? Why? The debate has raged for over 70 years as to who were the first people in North America. Clovis people held that title for most of the debate. In the last twenty years more and more that title has been questioned by new finds in both North and South America. Clovis points have nearly all dated from 12,000 to 12,400 years ago. New finds with older dates one by one have shipped away at the firmly held belief in recent years. More and more it looks like people were here 15,000 or more years ago in both North and South America. Now the challenge is to find Pre-Clovis tools. What would they look like? This brings us to June and that old hunter I met! Let's look at his spearpoint? It is fashioned by the flaking style used by the Paleo people. Is it like or similar to any known point type? No! Does it look like points that were in use 10,000 or 11,000 or 12,000 years when the Paleo people lived here?

No! More finds in the future may give us answers as to where this hunter belongs. Why is this old hunter now one of my favorites? He was very strong and likely deadly with his spear thrower. One day long ago he found a very large animal on what would become the Olson farm. He took his deadly aim and hurled his spear as hard as he could. What did he shoot at? We can't be sure was it a Mammoth or perhaps a huge Bison? His spear hit with such force an impact fracture sheared off the spear tip and a large sliver of stone down one face of the point. Did this large likely angry critter end up in a cooking fire? Can't tell! Did a good sized part of the old hunters spear imbed itself into a large shoulder bone or skull? Almost certainly! I would like to have been there that day but will have to settle for being the first person to hold his spear since the moment he threw it! An old hunter met a really old hunter that morning in June within sight of the shores of Lake Poinsett.

— Harlan Olson

3rd Annual LPADA Golf Tournament July 23, 2011

Thanks to all the golfers and sponsors. Also, we owe thanks to Ron at Lake Region Golf Course and the committee: John Top, Dennis Nemmers and Ginny Weeks and the lunch servers, Judy Nofziger, Donna Vardsveen and Korrie Wallin.

The tournament proceeds \$1,312.00 will go towards the Handicap Dock Project.

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