
OAHE CHAPEL NEWS

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Newsletter of the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society

Pierre, SD

New Sign Dedicated at Oahe Chapel on 50th Anniversary of the Oahe Dam

On August 17, 2012 the new interpretive sign for the Oahe Chapel was dedicated by Pierre Mayor Laurie Gill. The ceremony was held following the Oahe Dam 50th Anniversary Commemoration. The sign was researched and designed by Leigh Raderschadt as part of a Preserve America grant awarded to the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office. Both Paul Porter, Vice President of the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society, and Mayor Gill spoke at the dedication. Pictured below from left to right are Paul Porter, Leigh Raderschadt, and Mayor Gill.



Chapel Damaged by Hail

On June 9, 2012 a hail storm producing golf ball sized hail came through the Missouri River Valley and broke out three of the four north facing windows and screens at the Chapel. Reports of hail damage to Army Corps vehicles parked in the lot at the foot of the dam were also noted. The first wedding of the season was scheduled for the next Saturday, June 16. Paul Porter, with the help of Dan Brosz and Chris Nelson, scrambled all week to rebuild the damaged windows and screens. The windows were finished and installed on Friday, June 15, just in time for the ceremony the next day. Pictured on the left is Chris Nelson installing the refurbished window screens. On the right are the windows and screens nearing completion in the repair shop at the Cultural Heritage Center. In addition, Jim Glover replaced the storm-damaged cedar shingles on the roof and fixed the front steps in time for the 50th anniversary celebration at Oahe Dam. ❖



RENT THE CHAPEL

Call now to reserve the Oahe Chapel for your wedding, church service, family reunion, or other special event! The Chapel is available for rent year round at the cost of \$50. Members of the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society are eligible to rent the facility for a reduced rate of \$35. Events for 2012 are being booked now. To learn more, contact the South Dakota State Historical Society at (605) 773-3458. ❖

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The Oahe Chapel holds a unique place in local history. Restored to its 1914 appearance, the Chapel is still used for church services, intimate weddings, and special events. Your financial contribution is needed to assist the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society in maintaining this historic landmark for future generations. Show your support by returning the form below with your check.

Oahe Chapel Preservation Society Membership Form

Membership investment is for one year. Members will receive the annual Oahe Chapel News to keep up-to-date with current projects at the Oahe Chapel. Members are also eligible to rent the chapel at a reduced rate of \$35. Donations are tax deductible where allowed by law.

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