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**(Neb)-98th Birthday Celebration For Chadron State Park On Sat**

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**CHADRON STATE PARK** - Chadron State Park celebrates its 98th birthday this Saturday and Superintendent Gregg Galbraith says it will one of the biggest, if not the biggest, thanks to a pair of special activities.

The Chadron Kiwanis Club Regatta canoe race has been part of Fur Trade Days since its inception, but is now part of the birthday celebration. Registration begins at the park pond at 2:00.

Also changing dates to join the celebration is the Run For The Hills foot races, which includes 5k and 10k races plus a shorter fun run-walk, all over the rugged Pine Ridge terrain.

Run For The Hills was later in the summer last year with a 100-mile bike race on Anniversary Day, but the dates were changed this year to give more participants a chance to enjoy the other anniversary events.

Run For The Hills will start at 8:00 am at the turnoff in the park to the Black Hills Overlook. Registration and course information may be found at [pineridgetrailsraceseries.com](http://pineridgetrailsraceseries.com).

The newly-renovated Trading Post - with a new floor, new counters, and other features - will host a wide variety of displays and activities as well as a buffalo sloppy joe or hot dog lunch for 98-cents, while just outside will be live music, archery and pellet gun shooting plus nature and blacksmithing displays

Elsewhere in the park, there will be a classic car show on the baseball field, an opportunity for kids to dive for money at the park pool, free paddle boat rides on the pond, discounted horseback rides, and the Nebraska Game and Parks trailer housing taxidermy mounts confiscated because of game violations.

The 98th Anniversary Celebration this Saturday at Chadron State Park - Nebraska's first state park - is open to the public free of charge, but a Nebraska Park Entry Permit is required for vehicles.

Following is the schedule:

Run for the Hills races, 8 a.m.; Free paddle boat rides 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Free pellet gun shoot, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Classic car show, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Naturalist activities, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Buffalo sloppy joe and hot dog lunches, Noon- 2 p.m.; Live music by Cheap Date, Noon-2 p.m.; Free archery card shoot (with prizes) 1-3 p.m.; Kiwanis Regatta, 2 p.m. registration, 2:30 p.m. race; Dive for money at the pool (ages 14 and under), 5 p.m.