

JOHN A. GALE

Nebraska Secretary of State

P.O. Box 94608
State Capitol, Suite 2300
Lincoln, NE 68509-4608
Phone: (402) 471-2554
Fax: (402) 471-3237
www.sos.state.ne.gov

News Release

Feb. 15, 2008

Contact: Sharon Hambek
(402) 471-6044, sharon.hambek@sos.ne.gov

Please see the schedule below for the party or parties in your coverage area.

Nebraska Statehood Day birthday parties scheduled

LINCOLN – Some 3,000 students are expected to attend 10 Nebraska Statehood Day birthday parties throughout the state from Feb. 25-29.

Secretary of State John Gale, the NEBRASKAland Foundation and the Nebraska Humanities Council sponsor the parties.

The parties will be held in Grand Island, North Platte, Scottsbluff, Chadron, O'Neill, Norfolk, Nebraska City, Lincoln, Omaha and Boys Town.

Participating students will enjoy musical entertainment, sing-a-longs and people in historical costumes.

"The idea behind the parties is to provide fun in an educational setting," Gale said. "We want the kids to develop state pride and become good citizens."

Gale is scheduled to attend all the parties. He will appear in costume as the character "Cactus Jack," and entertainers Chris Sayre and David Seay will portray "Sodbuster Sam" and "Deadwood Dave," respectively.

The parties are geared for fourth-grade students because they study Nebraska history during the school year.

The parties are limited to classes that make reservations. To make reservations, contact Sharon Hambek at sharon.hambek@sos.ne.gov or (402) 471-6044.

The parties will observe the 141st anniversary of Nebraska becoming a state on March 1, 1867.

#

Schedule of parties

Grand Island: 9:30 a.m. Feb. 25, Stuhr Museum.

North Platte: 1:30 p.m. Feb. 25, McGahan Activity Center, McDaid Elementary School.

Scottsbluff: 9:30 a.m. (MST) Feb. 26, Cougar Palace, Western Nebraska Community College.

Chadron: 1:30 p.m. (MST) Feb. 26, Student Center, Chadron State College.

O'Neill: 9:30 a.m. Feb. 27, O'Neill Elementary School.

Norfolk: 1:30 p.m. Feb. 27, Lifelong Learning Center, Northeast Community College.

Nebraska City: 9:30 a.m. Feb. 28, gymnasium, Nebraska City High School.

Lincoln: 1:30 p.m. Feb. 28, Champions Club, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Omaha: 9:30 a.m. Feb. 29, Durham Western Heritage Museum.

Boys Town: 1 p.m. Feb. 29, Palrang Field House.

#