

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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### **Fort Ransom Sodbuster Days Sept. 7-8**

North Dakota Lieutenant Governor Drew Wrigley is helping recognize the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sodbuster Days taking place at Fort Ransom State Park on Sept. 7-8.

Sodbuster Days give visitors a glimpse of how the state's settlers brought in the crops and celebrated a successful growing season. Wrigley appears at the event on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Sunne Farm, giving a speech thanking the Fort Ransom Sodbuster Association for their dedication to the event for the past 30 years.

On Saturday and Sunday the Fort Ransom Sodbuster Association will be demonstrating: horse-powered field work, blacksmithing, wire stretching, rope making, wheelwright, woodworking, spinning and much, much more. The Sunne House will be open along with the cook car, summer kitchen, log cabin and Sodbuster Building. On Saturday there is the pie auction, old fashioned meatball dinner, quilt auction, live old-time music, Cavalry performance and a Military Ball during the evening. On Sunday, there's breakfast starting at 7 a.m., a National Anthem cannon volley, church services, parade, a performance by the Norwegian Troll Dancers and much more.

The daily park fee is waived, but a \$7 fee will be charged per person with children ages 12 and under admitted free. There are events specifically for the kids both days including games, crafts and a watermelon seed spitting contest.

The event is sponsored by the Fort Ransom Sodbuster Association and North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department. Information on Fort Ransom Sodbuster Days can be found on the internet at <http://www.ransomcountynd.com> or by calling 701-973-4331. For more on Fort Ransom State Park go to <http://www.parkrec.nd.gov>.