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DATA SHEET

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC *****
Wylie Park Pavilion

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: None *Map shows location off US 281*
CITY, TOWN: Aberdeen *SD* VICINITY OF: _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 1
STATE: South Dakota CODE: 46 COUNTY: Brown CODE: 013

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: City of Aberdeen
STREET & NUMBER: Municipal Building
CITY, TOWN: Aberdeen VICINITY OF: _____ STATE: South Dakota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: No legal description can be located.
STREET & NUMBER: _____
CITY, TOWN: _____ STATE: _____

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: South Dakota Historic Sites Survey
DATE: 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Historical Preservation Center
CITY, TOWN: Vermillion STATE: South Dakota

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

As close as can be determined Wylie Park Pavilion was constructed about 1917 for use as a summer recreational facility. The exterior sides were covered with shingles which were dark brown in color. Most of the original shingles are still on the structure. In the interior of the building was a large maple dance floor, a stage for musicians, and a viewer's gallery. In the interior the rafters and beams remained exposed.

The Pavilion has a dominant hip with gable roof to which are attached a smaller gable roof and two hip-roofed additions (c. 1927) with exposed rafters present at the eaves. Most of the openings are rectangular in shape and are double hung; however they vary in size. They are also clustered in fives, threes and twos; some modillion division. There are also several shuttered openings, probably used for concessions. There are five ways of entering the structure and the door type used is four paneled. Several of the openings utilize double doors.

In 1927 small additions were made to the north and south ends of the building.

At the present time the building's physical appearance remains much the same as it was when it was originally constructed, although the exterior sides and roof have deteriorated quite rapidly over the past decade due to lack of maintenance.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Group Activities

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Wylie Park Pavilion is an architecturally significant structure. It is representative of many similar structures which once stood in communities all across South Dakota. Such buildings were the focus of area-wide gatherings for dances, concerts, chautauquas, and organizational affairs. The tradition of such park related programs lasted from South Dakota's settlement through the 1920's and 1930's. To the knowledge of the Brown County Museum and Historical Society, the only building that remains in South Dakota to commemorate that experience is the Wylie Park Pavilion.

In the Aberdeen area the Wylie Park Pavilion was particularly noted for the public dances that were held in the building from the time of its construction down through the 1940's. Some well-known and not-so-well-known musicians--including a young Lawrence Welk in 1936--played the Pavilion for the dance crowds. For many years the public dances at the Pavilion were under the sponsorship of the local American Legion Post. These dances were a sharp reflection of the musical popular culture of an era that has long past.

Although the Pavilion was best known for its public dances, other activities were also carried on there over the years. It was the location for political gatherings, club outings, and various group activities. It continues to get minimal summer use by groups, including use by the Girl Scouts, but its condition has become so run-down that it is no longer a pleasant meeting site. It is the hope of the Brown County Museum and Historical Society, as well as many other local groups, that the City of Aberdeen will implement a renovation program for the Pavilion which will restore it to something akin to its original condition and provide for adaptive uses for it which will once again make it a focal point for summer activities for the people of the community and the surrounding region.

The Brown County Museum and Historical Society believes that the Wylie Park Pavilion is a historic structure of such significance that it warrants inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and therefore recommends it for consideration for placement in that listing.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

None

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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 UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Dr. Russell O. Brock, Jr., President
 ORGANIZATION Brown County Museum and Historical Society DATE 1976
 STREET & NUMBER 21 South Main TELEPHONE
 CITY OR TOWN Aberdeen STATE South Dakota

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE John J. Little
 TITLE Director/Historical Preservation Center DATE 6/23/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ATTEST: <u>Charles A. [Signature]</u>	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE <u>1/24/78</u>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	