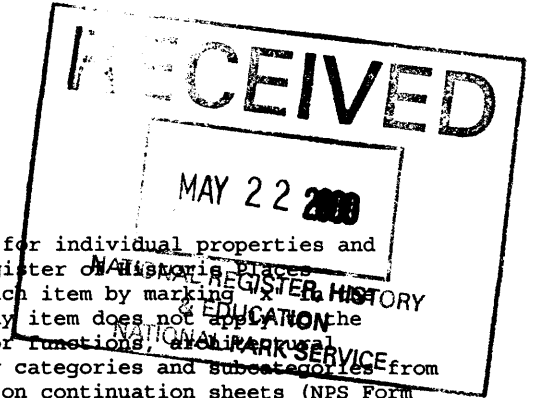


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, enter only categories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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1. Name of Property

historic name Alpena Bathhouse and Swimming Pool

other names/site number N/A

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2. Location

street & number corner of Fifth and Main not for publication N/A
city or town Alpena vicinity N/A
state South Dakota code SD county Jerauld code 073 zip code 57312

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide x locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jay D. Vogt
Signature of certifying official

05-16-2000
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

Name of Property Alpena Bathhouse and Pool
Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941 (MPDF)

County and State Jerauld Co., SD

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4. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register _____
 See continuation sheet _____
 determined eligible for the National Register _____
 See continuation sheet. _____
 determined not eligible for the National Register _____
 removed from the National Register _____

Other (explain):

Edson H. Beal
Signature of Keeper

6/22/00
Date of Action

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5. Classification
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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
<u>1</u>	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941

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County and State Jerauld Co., SD

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6. Function or Use
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:

Sub:

RECREATION AND CULTURE

sports facility

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:

Sub:

RECREATION AND CULTURE

sports facility

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: WPA Rustic

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation CONCRETE
roof ASPHALT
walls STONE: rubble-stone
other METAL

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

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Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941 (MPDF)

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

B removed from its original location.

C a birthplace or a grave.

D a cemetery.

E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

F a commemorative property.

G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL HISTORY

ECONOMICS

ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance 1934 -1941

Significant Dates 1934
1935

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Works Progress Administration

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8. Cont'd.
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Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Name of repository: South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	14	550314	4892157	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

Map Alpena

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) **See Continuation Sheet**

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) **See Continuation Sheet**

Name of Property Alpena Bathhouse and Pool County and State Jerauld Co., SD
Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941 (MPDF)

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Megan D. Eades date April 2000
street & number 1039 Magnolia Street telephone (912) 746-6510
city or town Macon state GA zip code 31201

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Additional Documentation
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name City of Alpena c/o Mrs. Cindy Peterson, Treasurer
street & number 395th Avenue telephone (605) 849-3515
city or town Alpena state South Dakota zip code 57312

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Jerauld County, SD
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VII: ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Alpena Bathhouse and swimming pool is located on a large lot at the corner of Main Street and Fifth Street in Alpena, South Dakota. No street address was assigned to the property, but it is approximately one block southeast of the High School.

The property consists of a small, rectangular shaped building with rubble-stone cladding, concrete foundation, and asphalt/composite shingles. The side gabled roof was originally covered with wood shingles which were replaced in recent years with the more inexpensive asphalt material. Indigenous rock, referred to as "niggerheads" in a 1983 local history publication (Jayce Webb, Alpena Centennial Flashbacks, 1883-1983) are cemented in place with a concrete mortar and show little or no signs of deterioration.

The rear elevation faces the large water-tower that lies south of the bathhouse. This elevation is pierced by two single windows filled by painted metal bars. Originally designed for ventilation, the openings were not designed to function as typical windows and were simply closed during the off-season with hinged wood panels located on the interior wall.

The facade faces north and is fronted by the swimming pool. Two entrances, placed opposite of the two openings on the rear elevation, provide access to the building's interior. The plain wood doors open to the separate changing rooms for men and women. This elevation also features a small, boarded opening which is centered between the two doors and probably served as window for viewing and ventilation. A small, metal plaque is located at the northeast end of the facade designating the bathhouse as a project completed by the Works Progress Administration in 1935.

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DESCRIPTION, Cont'd.

The building is located on a large lot near the Alpena High School and surrounded by open field adjacent to the park and High School grounds. An in-ground swimming pool constructed of poured, reinforced concrete is surrounded by concrete decking. The pool area is enclosed by a metal chain-link fence that borders three sides and is attached at each end of the bathhouse. Two stone arches with chain-link gates (one on each side of the building) connect the fence to the bathhouse.

The interior consists of a rectangular plan divided into separate areas for males and females. Each changing area has an open room with benches for changing, a toilet, and a shower stall. A smaller room serves as storage and space for lifeguard equipment. All interior surfaces, including the floor, walls, and ceiling are poured concrete, which is in keeping with the building's utilitarian design, but the material required little maintenance and would not be damaged by water.

The Bathhouse and Swimming Pool are intact and rare examples of Depression era recreational properties. Both the pool and the building are representative of WPA style construction and retain their original materials, setting, and design.

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VIII. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bathhouse and Swimming Pool in Alpena, South Dakota is historically significant for its association with social history and economics in Alpena and South Dakota during the Great Depression. As a Federal Relief project, the property is significant because it is directly associated with federal programs designed to provide work for unemployed segments of the population and to supplement the depressed economy of many rural communities.

Prior to the economic crisis of the early 1930s, little or no federal funding was available for community-based construction activity. The Federal Emergency Relief Agency instituted programs that filtered money for improvement projects through various agencies. The projects, approved and executed by organizations such as the Civilian Works Association (CWA), Public Works Administration (PWA), Works Progress Administration (WPA), and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), also contributed to the substantial increase in the number of public-related construction projects and community improvements. As a result of federal funding and local labor, a vast proportion of communities in South Dakota erected public buildings and recreational facilities that promoted pride and local support during the economic crisis.

Within the context of the Multiple Property Listing, *Federal Relief Projects in South Dakota, 1929-1941*, this property is notable as an individual property type (Swimming Pools and Bathhouses) under the category of Social and Recreational Facilities. The multiple property listing stipulates that, in addition to other areas of significance, "due to the scarcity of surviving swimming pools constructed under the auspices of federal relief programs, intact

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pools should be considered automatically eligible for the National Register." In addition, some leniency should be granted for moderate loss of integrity due to maintenance. Since both the pool and bathhouse are in very good condition, they are also noteworthy as a rare resource generated by New Deal era programs.

The Alpena Bathhouse and Pool is also locally significant in the areas of recreation/entertainment and community planning/development for its contribution the community at large. As with all WPA, CWA, and PWA projects, the pool was public property intended to enhance the social and recreational activities in Alpena.

Historical Background and Significance:

The small town of Alpena is located in Jerauld County, in the southeastern part of South Dakota. Primarily an agricultural area, there is little industry or substantial commercial development within Alpena or the county as a whole. Alpena was incorporated in 1890 with a combined population (town and township) of 422 residents. In its early years, the town enjoyed the distinction of being the only town in the county with railroad connections to other areas of the state.

Population and prosperity declined toward the end of the nineteenth century during the first depression, but the town experienced an increase in new residents and better economic climate in the early 1900s. Brick buildings replaced earlier frame structures, and the community established several churches, a school, and social organizations. At the onset of the Great Depression, Alpena

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SIGNIFICANCE, Cont'd.

suffered from the droughts, grasshopper plagues, and bank closings that occurred throughout the state. Like other small communities across the nation, Alpena did benefit from New Deal legislation and work projects. In addition to the construction of the swimming pool and bathhouse in 1934-35, the WPA also built new roads and repaired existing ones, erected gutters, and built a new recreation building.

In terms of architectural merit, the Alpena pool and bathhouse are eligible for listing because they incorporate the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, and method of construction. Both the pool and house are representative of WPA projects in their design, materials, and construction. As a rule, in-ground pools built during this period were rectangular-shaped structures built of reinforced concrete with poured concrete decking. Unlike pools built in later decades that incorporated tile or fiberglass liners, the concrete pools constructed by the CWA and WPA were generally utilitarian and inexpensive. The Alpena pool was built in 1934 then modified in the 1950s to correct drainage problems incurred by the original design. Aside from this alteration, the pool retains all the features associated with its period of construction.

The bathhouse, like the pool, is indicative of the period and organization responsible for its existence. Built of indigenous materials, the stone bathhouse is stylistically categorized as "WPA Rustic" in keeping with the agencies preference for natural building materials and simple architectural design. The rectangular, central-block plan, which in some cases included

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SIGNIFICANCE, Cont'd.

smaller wings on each side of the primary building, was also a characteristic feature of CWA, WPA, and CCC buildings. The Alpena bathhouse is architecturally significant not only for its stone construction and typical plan, but also for the intact interior that retains the original room configuration and facilities.

The Alpena Bathhouse and Pool are significant to our understanding and appreciation of the role of federal relief programs to both local communities and the nation as a whole. Properties such as this are the physical embodiment of a unique and unprecedented period in history and the efforts on both the federal and local level to improve community facilities.

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VIII. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is located on outlot 5, block 5 in Refums Addition, Alpena, South Dakota.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the Alpena Bathhouse and Pool.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Megan D. Eades
September 1999
Alpena Bathhouse and Swimming Pool
Alpena, South Dakota

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Bathhouse, rear view

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Bathhouse and pool, facade view

