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## Female Veterans Open House Slated For Yankton

The Sioux Falls VA Health Care System invites women veterans to gather to meet other women veterans and learn more about available women's health care services.

An Yankton-area Women Veterans Open House will be held at the Yankton Community Library, Wednesday, April 6.

All women who have served in the military or who are currently serving are encouraged to stop at the open house between 3-6 p.m. to receive health care information, learn about changes for women veterans, and enjoy dessert.

Charlotte McGrath, Women Veteran Program Manager at Sioux Falls VA Medical Center, will be available to share information about women's health. In addition, a VA representative will also be on hand to discuss eligibility. Women veterans who are not currently enrolled for VA benefits are encouraged to bring their DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," to begin the process of enrolling to receive VA health care.

## RIVER

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in a steady decline. Yet we continue with the same priorities that we have for the past 67 years."

Navigation continues as a high priority on river usage despite its declining use, Smith said.

"We are supporting an industry (navigation) that never materialized. We are subsidizing a failed industry," he said. "We have been trying hard to keep the river managed as a ditch."

The policies also create problems for power plants, which affects electric costs, Smith said. "All because they need to maintain a channel for navigation purposes," he said.

Even with recognition of reduced barge tonnage, the current navigation figures are still misleading, said Howard Paul of Canton, technical coordinator for the Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition (MSAC).

"We are looking at 10 million tons a year for navigation and barge traffic, and 9 million of it is for sand and gravel that is hauled off shore," he said.

Even navigation supporters at one meeting were not making the Missouri River a priority, Paul said.

"During an MRAPS meeting in Worthington, Minn., last fall, people were talking not about navigation on the Missouri River but on the need for a flow below St. Louis, Mo., to maintain navigation on the Mississippi River," he said.

MSAC doesn't comment on the Corps' annual operating plan (AOP) or its authorized purposes, Paul said. However, MSAC — which held its annual meeting last week in Niobrara, Neb. — does push for greater priority on sediment, he said.

"As sediment accumulates in the reservoirs, it uses up space which could be used to store water," he said. "That means that space is lost to store water to be used in a beneficial manner."

Each year, the reservoirs accumulate 89,700 acre-feet of sediment, according to the Corps' AOP, Paul said. That means a total storage loss of 5,139,200 acre-feet to sediment since the dams went into operation. That is enough loss to store the water from a flood 100 miles long, 10 miles wide with an average depth of 8 feet.

"As each dam fills with sediment, that lost space is volume that could be used for supplying water to domestic water systems," he said.

Each acre-foot of water serves about nine people with 100 gallons of water per person per day for an entire year, Paul said. At 89,700 acre-feet of sediment accumulation each year, the amount of water storage lost could provide that 100 gallons per person per day for an entire year for 801,918 people.

Lewis and Clark Lake loses 2,600 acre-feet per year to sediment, Paul said. That would provide the water supply to 23,244 people each year. The loss is cumulative, he said, meaning a lost supply for 46,488 people during the second year and so on.

"The world is fast running short

of potable water. Big business will get its hands on it and control it. Water supplies are now commonly piped hundreds of miles," Paul said. "We cannot ignore this loss of storage. We must act now to even begin to stop this lost storage. We cannot afford to take another 50 years to act."

Sediment wasn't the only concern raised at the Sioux City meeting. Increasing erosion was cited by Jim Peterson of Vermillion, representing the Missouri River Bank Stabilization Association.

The bank erosion has become particularly acute below Gavins Point Dam, Peterson said. He cited current river use practices and the actions taken by federal agencies. Other priorities outweigh bank stabilization, he said.

The Sioux City meeting marked the fourth in a series of seven scheduled meetings in the Missouri River basin, said Mark Harberg, MRAPS project manager for the Corps' Omaha District.

The Corps also met this week with the Yankton Sioux Tribe and the White Swan community, Harberg said. The tribes, as sovereign nations, represent an important part of the MRAPS process, he said.

The tribes were represented on the committee determining the scope of the MRAPS study, Harberg said. Tribal members are now learning more about the summary report, he said.

The tribes have been supportive of the MRAPS study and of being included in the process, said Cathy Warren, a Native American consultation specialist for the Corps' Omaha District.

"We have 29 different tribes, each with different issues and concerns," she said. "This has been a good opportunity for them to hear the presentation."

However, MRAPS' future could end quickly, as the process currently operates on financial life support.

Congress has authorized \$25 million for the five-year study, and the Corps has received \$7.3 million so far, Harberg said. The project has received no funding during fiscal year 2011, and the Corps has used some remaining funds to keep MRAPS going, he said.

The current continuing resolution for operating the government runs out next week. If additional funding is not received, the MRAPS process will become dormant, Corps officials said.

Despite such uncertainty, Smith said he believes the MRAPS study will continue. The timeline may be extended to seven years given the funding issues, he said.

"I am optimistic that the remaining funding will be found for MRAPS," he said. "The (remaining) \$17 million may be scaled back, but they will continue the process of information gathering, detection and analysis. It's beneficial for the process to go forward."

The stakes are too high for the process to fail, Smith said.

"I want to see the dollars invested in the best way, not fruitlessly wasted on policies set 67 years ago," he said. "I hope everyone contacts their senators and congressmen about this."

Feedback on the process may be submitted online through April 30 at <http://www.mraps.org>.

## Youth Expo Set For YMS

The 2011 Youth Outdoor Expo will be held April 9-10 at the Yankton Middle School, located at 21st and Mulberry. It runs from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. both days.

This event will include indoor and outdoor interactive displays. Activities are scheduled to include archery, an inflatable obstacle course, search and rescue, no-trace camping, lashing and rope bridge, compasses and maps, tent building and campsites, Dutch oven cooking, utensil-less cooking, a bloodhound demonstration, beck saw, canoeing lessons and flags.

Entities involved with the Expo include the National Field Archery Association; the BASS Club; National Guard; the Department of Game, Fish and Parks; the South Dakota Highway Patrol; the U.S. Geological Survey; multiple emergency services; the Lewis and Clark Dutch Oven Services; Gavins Point Fish Hatchery; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; the Boy Scouts of America; and the Dakota Territory Girl Scouts.

For more information, visit the Youth Outdoor Expo page on Facebook.

## 'Becoming An Outdoors Woman' Workshop Set For Ponca State Park

PONCA, Neb. — The Nebraska Game and Parks will conduct its annual "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" Workshop on April 8-10 at Ponca State Park.

This workshop is designed to provide women with some of the "start-up" skills and knowledge to participate in a variety of outdoor activities including: outdoor cooking, shooting sports, fishing, and general outdoor enjoyment.

Participating women will be lodging at the park's 2-bedroom cabins. Instructors/mentors will be on-site throughout the weekend to guide participating women through a variety of hands-on activities. Women need to bring all-weather clothing and toiletries.

Activities include beginning muzzle-loading, archery, Dutch-oven cooking, fly-fishing, an introduction to botany, bird-watching, and "How to Fry Fish."

The minimum age limit for this event will be 18 years of age and the maximum number of workshop participants will be 28 women.

BOW is for women who want to learn, in a friendly environment, various skills so they may become active outdoor participants.

Women interested in attending must pre-register by visiting [NebraskaBOW.com](http://NebraskaBOW.com) or calling Peggy Kapeller at (402) 471-5482.

## MENNO

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"It's a good thing," he said about the program. "It brings some dollars back to local communities and these organizations that need funding. We're an agricultural community, and if we don't promote agriculture, our small community is going to dry up and there won't be anything left."

The America's Farmers Grow Communities program is part of the Monsanto Fund's commitment to highlighting the contributions farmers make to society by helping them grow their local communities. It started by awarding 179 counties in Iowa, Missouri and Arkansas and has grown to cover 1,204 counties in 38 states. More than 60,000 farmers have participated in the program.

For more information, visit [www.growcommunities.com](http://www.growcommunities.com).

## OBITUARIES

### John Boerema

VERMILLION — John Boerema, 85, of Vermillion, SD, formerly of Yankton, SD, passed away Thursday, March 31, 2011, at the Wakonda Heritage Manor.



Boerema

John was born December 7, 1925, in Desmet, South Dakota, to Jake and Alice (Riepmann) Boerema. He married Delores

Thornton on November 3, 1957, in Yankton South Dakota. They then moved to Vermillion where he spent more than 50 years in the community. During his time in Vermillion John, who was a tireless and steadfast worker, was a meat inspector for Dean Packing until the effects of a childhood battle with polio caused him to retire. John was a devoted family man who loved spending time with his children and grandchildren as well as spending time on the water with a fishing pole in his hand.

John is survived by his daughter, Lisa (Joe) Brown of Piedmont, SD; his son, Larry (Patty) Boerema of Yankton, SD; and his sisters, Gertrude (Jim) Tichy of Meckling, SD, Alice (Eddie) Ellis of Yankton, SD, and Edna Hensley of Santa Clara, CA; his grandchildren, Michael and Brittany Boerema, and Christopher and Kayla Brown.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jake and Alice Boerema; his brother, Ike Boerema; and his wife, Delores (Thornton) Boerema.

The memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the service, on Monday, April 4, 2011, at the Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion.

Placement of the cremated remains will be at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion.

Condolences can be posted online at [www.koberfuneralhome.com](http://www.koberfuneralhome.com).

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### Deborah Flemming

Deborah Flemming, age 59 of Yankton passed away on Friday (April 1, 2011) at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Arrangements are pending under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

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## REGION DIGEST

### Relay For Life Meeting Monday Night

A Relay for Life Information/Team Captain meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, April 4, at Yesterday's Café in Yankton.

This meeting is a opportunity to learn more about the 2011 event and get ideas for your team fundraisers.

If you are unable to attend, but want more information, contact Darla Gullikson at 668-8850.

### Yankton After-Prom Tickets On Sale April 5

Yankton's after-prom party offers teens a safe, substance-free way to continue the prom festivities long past curfew. This year's event, "Moonlight Masquerade," is scheduled to begin following Yankton High School's prom on Saturday, April 30.

Tickets can be purchased from Sara at the high school's attendance office starting Tuesday, April 5. The first 200 ticketholders will be eligible for the stage games, with prizes in the \$20 to \$25 range. (Tickets will be available at the door, too, but the price will be \$15.)

The after-prom party offers the kids free food and all kinds of activities, from a photo booth with costumes to a fortune teller and a hypnotist. Aside from the stage games, there are 18 game booths available to everyone in attendance, from skee ball to putt putt golf, with prizes like college R-shirts, flip-flops, movies and more. All Yankton High School juniors and seniors present at the end of the night will be eligible for some really big prizes, like flat screens and iPod docks.

Volunteers are still needed for setup and takedown. If you're interested in helping, contact Angie at 668-1854.

### Shannon Trail Promoters To Meet April 5

CROFTON, Neb. — The Shannon Trail Promoters will meet on Tuesday, April 5, at Wiebelhaus Recreation in Crofton, Neb. Dinner is at 6:30 and the Meeting is at 7:15 p.m.

### Mission Hill Cemetery Association To Meet

MISSION HILL — The annual meeting of the Mission Hill Cemetery Association will be at 7 p.m. April 5, at the Gary Smith farm 2 1/2 miles north of Mission Hill.

For more information contact Dan Devine, Secretary, 665-2389.

### Landowner Information Meeting Slated

NELIGH, Neb. — The Northeast Nebraska Weed Management Area, in conjunction with the Upper Elkhorn NRD and the Nebraska Environmental Trust, is hosting a free landowner's workshop on Tuesday, April 5, in Neligh, Neb. It will be held in the Antelope County Courthouse's lower level meeting room.

"What To Watch For — What To Expect" will be an informative event designed especially for landowners and operators who may have weed issues as a result of flooding.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with rolls and coffee and the program concludes by 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Topics to be covered include a discussion of all noxious weeds on Nebraska's list, re-vegetation planning, cost-share availability, bank stabilization and the new permit needed when spraying over water.

Contact the Northeast Nebraska RC&D office in Plainview at 402-582-4866 or at [northeastrcd@plvwelco.net](mailto:northeastrcd@plvwelco.net) for more information.

### Severe Weather Awareness Training Set

LESTERVILLE — A severe weather awareness training sponsored by Bon Homme and Yankton counties will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Lesterville Community Center. The public is invited to attend.

### Yankton County EMS Class Offered April 9

The Yankton County EMS will be conducting a Child C.A.R.E. class for all individuals who take care of children, on Saturday, April 9, running from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The class includes Prevention, First Aid, American Heart Association Child and Infant CPR and choking procedures.

The class will be held at the Yankton County EMS Training Center, 805 Capital Street. Pre-registration is required. Register by April 7. Class size is a minimum of 4. To register, call 668-9033.

### Retired Teachers Association Meeting Set

The Yankton Area Retired Teachers Association will meet for lunch and program at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Elks Lodge, 504 West 27th St.

The program is "Update on Cancer Treatments," presented by Dr. Michael Peterson, Radiation Oncologist, at the Avera Cancer Center.

Everyone interested in education is invited to attend. Reservations for lunch are required. Call 664-5864 or email [mkratz@iw.net](mailto:mkratz@iw.net) to make a reservation.

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