

Missouri River Cleanup, Rendezvous Slated May 2

The annual Missouri River Cleanup and Missouri River Rendezvous will take place on Saturday, May 2 along the Missouri National Recreational River. The National Park Service is seeking volunteers for the cleanup. They will meet at Riverside Park boat ramp picnic shelter at 8 a.m. for registration, coffee and doughnuts. All volunteers will be issued official T-shirts. Boats from the National Park Service and partner agencies will transport volunteers to and from cleanup sites along the river. The cleanup will end at noon with a lunch of bratwursts, chips and cold drinks.

The second annual Mis-

souri River Rendezvous will also take place. Everyone is invited to Riverside Park in Yankton May 2 for the Rendezvous. It is a family friendly event with a variety of free presentations, including archery, live fish, various hunting groups, boats, campers and a canoe/kayak race, or also visit the Missouri National Recreational River Mobile Ranger Station along with 35 other outdoor activities. The highlight of the rendezvous will be a historical

Photographical presentation by Dave Rambow of Pipestone, Minnesota, the Sioux City Sgt. Floyd Honor Guard and a Native American presentation by Osni Ponca

Heduska Society of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Niobrara, Nebraska. Concessions will be available from the Boy Scouts of America.

Volunteers should wear clothing appropriate for the weather and sturdy, closed-toe shoes. Sunscreen and insect repellent are recommended; bring gloves or gloves will be provided. Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

More information is available at www.nps.gov/mnrr or by contacting Park Ranger Dugan Smith by phone at: 605-665-0209 Ext: 28 or by e-mail: Dugan_Smith@nps.gov.

Spotlight Competition



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Academy of Dance Company dancers competed at the Spotlight Competition in Omaha on March 13-15. We are extremely proud that, as a studio, we received the "Sportsman-ship Award." All of our competition dancers performed wonderfully! We are excited to share that the Spanish Dance was chosen as a "People's Choice Award" nominee for the Spotlight Dance Cup. The performance will be featured on the Industry Dance Awards (IDA) website and is in the running to be selected as a Top 5 Finalist. The IDA "People's Choice Award" will be determined by a popular vote which will take place online June 15-29. The award will be announced at the Industry Dance Awards and Cancer Benefit Show on August 15 in Hollywood, California. You may view the Spanish performance at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DoeE4dBhMco&feature=em-share_video_user. Please join us in congratulating all of our amazing Academy of Dance Company members!

SD DAV To Hold Annual Department Convention

SIOUX FALLS — Members of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) from the state of South Dakota will hold their 76th annual Department Convention May 1-3 at the Holiday Inn City Centre, 100 W. 8th St. in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

More than 100 DAV members — including many disabled veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan — are expected to attend.

All veterans are invited to a Veterans Town Hall Meeting on Friday, May 1, at 3 p.m. to question Congressional Delegates' Staff, VA Directors, and Veterans Employment Representatives.

The convention is DAV Department of South Dakota's 76th gathering and DAV Department of South Dakota's members will be recognized for their service and sacrifice to our great country — "America" and state of South Dakota. Commander Helen Parr stated, "Thank you for your continued commitment and dedication in service to those who have sacrificed so much to preserve and protect our ideals and way of life."

According to Helen Parr, DAV Department of South Dakota Commander, conven-

tion business sessions will include adoption of resolutions to be submitted to the DAV's National Convention to be held in Denver Aug. 8-12 at the Sheraton Denver Downtown. Several of these resolutions are expected to concentrate on improvements in the rights and benefits earned by some 3 million veterans disabled in wartime service to their country.

This convention's highlight will be a banquet held on Saturday, May 2, at 7 p.m., at which time the featured speakers will be DAV Assistant National Service Director Justin B. Hart of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, and DAV Auxiliary 2nd Jr. Vice Commander William C. Johniken of Lufkin, Texas.

Election of new DAV state-level officers for the coming year will be held Sunday, May 3.

The DAV Department of South Dakota has ordered five 2015 Ford vehicles (3 Ford Flex AWD 7-Passenger, 1 Ford Flex 4x2 7-Passenger, and 1 Ford Transit 12-Passenger). The new vehicles will be for Aberdeen, Ft. Meade, Mitchell, Mobridge and Yankton, to be delivered in June.

The total cost of the vehicles is \$143,988.24 with an individual donor providing

\$16,000 (Yankton), American Legion Parker-Browder Post No. 4 providing \$16,000 (Mobridge), DAV Mitchell Chapter No. 7 providing \$13,800.00, DAV Swanson-O'Connor Chapter No. 13 of Aberdeen providing \$16,000, DAV Pierre Chapter No. 18 providing \$31,466.68, and the DAV Columbia Trust providing a grant of \$50,721.56. The DAV thanks all who have donated for the purchase of the vehicles, which will provide free rides for Veterans to the VA Health Care Systems and VA Clinics in the Aberdeen, Ft. Meade, Mitchell, Mobridge and Yankton areas.

Now in its 95th year, DAV empowers veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. It is dedicated to a single purpose: fulfilling our promises to the men and women who served. DAV does this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life. DAV, a non-profit organization with 1.2 million members, was founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932. Learn more at www.dav.org.

Golden Age Games Applications Sought By VA

The VA is currently accepting applications from veterans who are interested in competing in the 2015 National Veterans Golden Age Games. Applications can be completed online at www.veteransgold-enagegames.va.gov and will be accepted through May 15.

Veterans ages 55 and older who are enrolled for VA care are eligible to participate. These games will take place in Omaha Aug. 8-12, and nearly 800 athletes are expected to compete.

The event encourages participants to make physical activity a central part of their lives and supports VA's comprehensive recreation and rehabilitation therapy programs. Competitive events include air rifle, badminton, bowling, cycling, dominoes, field, golf, horseshoes, nine ball, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis and track.

Yankton County Republicans To Meet

The Yankton County Republicans will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 4, at the party headquarters at 314 Walnut, Yankton.

Any interested Republican may attend and may invite friends.

MVCA Open House Set Tonight

Missouri Valley Christian Academy will have an open house tonight (Thursday) beginning at 5:30 p.m. with an informative program at 6 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

Yankton Cribbage Club Meets Monday

The next gathering of the Yankton Cribbage Club season will be on Monday, May 4, with registration at 6:30 p.m. at the Yankton VFW, 209 Cedar.

Each person will play nine full games of cribbage with a \$5 entry fee, and 100 percent payback.

All interested cribbage players 18 and older are invited to attend. For more information, send an e-mail to sportsk-kyntl450.com/.



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Library To Host Class For Preschool Parents

The Yankton Community Library is hosting Arlyne Brim, retired educator, for an evening of information and hands-on activities designed for parents of preschoolers who want to develop skills and a love of reading in their children. The class is during Children's Book Week on Monday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the library, 515 Walnut Street.

Brim has a Master's degree in Curriculum and Design and taught in kindergarten through third grade before retiring from teaching. She continues to use her teaching skills as she and her husband watch their grandchildren. She puts into the practice the ideas and activities she is sharing during this session at the library.

"As a kindergarten teacher, I observed children coming in with the verbal skills

of a 3-year-old. Sometimes they didn't know the names of shapes or colors. They'd never held a book or been read to. These little ones were already starting out behind. There's no reason for this because, as parents, we can provide a warm, nurturing environment with fun activities to help our children build the foundation for literacy," states Ms. Brim. "The ideas I have to share are research-based, and have been tested in the

classroom and with my grandchildren. What motivates me is seeing the joy of little ones when they hear a story or put their first scribbles to paper or communicate something they are excited about."

This program is open to the public and registration is not required. Early literacy materials will be given as door prizes. Direct questions to youth services librarian Joyce Moore at 605-668-5276.

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ON THIS DATE

75 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, April 30, 1940

- There are likely to be some "unexpected illnesses" and "urgent business trips" in the lake regions tomorrow, for the South Dakota fishing season opens in full swing and the annual exodus of busy businessmen starts.

- Yankton high school's "B" track squad gets its first and possibly only major competition of the 1940 season tomorrow afternoon when Coach George Nielsen takes 17 tracksters to campaign in the Tri-County conference track and field meet at Vermillion on Inman field.

50 YEARS AGO

Friday, April 30, 1965

- A full contingent of Yankton Buck track and field competitors embark for Sioux Falls tomorrow for competition in the annual Howard Wood Dakota Relays.

- The United States pressed its Western Hemisphere allies today to take up immediately the task of saving lives and restoring peace and order in the revolt-torn Dominican Republic.

25 YEARS AGO

Monday, April 30, 1990

- The United States and Panama are using the occasion of President Guillermo Endara's first official visit as leader of Panama to sign three agreements aimed at fighting drug trafficking.

- An alternative school will prevent at-risk students in the Yankton School District from dropping out, the program's coordinator said.

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